Principal’s Report

Here we are at Week 3 already and so much has been happening! It is definitely shaping up to be a big term!! Last week the school choir did us proud, yet again, at the Hornsby District Music Festival. They have been such wonderful representatives of our school at these occasions and we thank all members for their commitment. Thank you, again, to Mrs Sistrom and Mrs Broome for the time and energy they have given to make sure the choir is always at its best!

The Extraordinary Science Fair, held last Thursday, was an enormous success! We are so fortunate to be able to invite experts in the field to join us on the day and to share their passion and knowledge for all things scientific! The students’ experiments were very impressive and it was easy to see that a lot of thought and time went into their display. I know the judges were very impressed with the way that students were able to explain their experiments and speak very knowingly about the topic they chose to investigate. Cannot wait till the next one!!

Please make sure you have the date on your calendar for our ‘Hot Summer Night’ dinner dance at the Estuary! It is going to be an absolutely fabulous evening so please be quick to pick up some tickets so you don’t miss out! More information later in the newsletter.

This is the time of the year that local high schools invite year 5 students to attend the High School Experience Day. Forms have gone home with students with information about these days so please make sure that you have returned information to the office. We will then let the schools know the names of students that will be attending.

I have spoken at times about the many changes that are occurring in education and it truly is an exciting time to be at school! One of the important reforms has been the updating of curriculum documents to cater for the type of teaching and learning we need to deliver in order to ensure our students will be prepared for the world in which they will work and live. Four new syllabus documents have been written, to date, with two more in the pipeline. Teachers have spent a great deal of professional learning time looking at these documents and exploring the new content and objectives for 21st century learning. I believe it is vital that parents and carers are aware of what these new directions are and how education is changing. Please come along to our Parent Information Night which will be held on Wednesday 18 November from 6.00pm in the library.

As expected, our new playground equipment is a huge hit with everyone! We are currently monitoring the students on the equipment and staggering play times if required. Please note that the equipment will not be supervised after 3.00pm and so it is an out of bounds area at that time. The equipment is only to be used when a teacher is supervising.

Recently there have been some changes made to student attendance policies in the Department of Education. If you plan to travel within school term dates, it is important that you complete application forms that are available from the school office. Applications to travel outside school holiday times will now require travel documents to be presented.

Please make sure you keep those calendars up to date! There’s a lot going on!!

All for now
Diana Aitken

Important Dates

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CANBERRA EXCURSION
Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20.00 Per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards the cost. The rebate was paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

From the Library Shelves
Thank you to Brooklyn PS families and especially grandparents who visited and supported our Book Fair at the end of Term 3.

A great collection of books has been donated to support children living in detention centres as well as our school library.

A huge thank you to Anna Jones, our school’s library assistant in preparing the new resources for borrowing.

Reminder:
Years KS, 1/2I, 2/3T & 5/6A have their library sessions each Wednesday.
Year 4/5W has a library session each Thursday morning.

We hope parents enjoy some of the wonderful library books that children borrow each week. Parents are always welcome to visit the library and we appreciate support with the weekly care and return of library resources.

CITYRAIL NOTICE
Sydney Trains is undertaking maintenance work between Cowan Station and Hawkesbury River Station from Saturday 24th October to Sunday 25th October, 2015.

CAN YOU SEW?
The library is in need of some extra cushions. We have the material but we need someone to sew them up. Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
The FAB kids are collecting items that will be sent off to needy children around the world. We are doing this through Samaritan’s Purse—Operation Christmas Child. We would love donations of new items such as:

Caps, t-shirts, soft toys, carry bags, stickers, craft kits, school supplies, (exercise books, pencils / case, sharpeners, erasers, chalk), tennis balls, skipping ropes, marbles, wind up torches, face washers, toothbrushes, combs, scrunchies, hair clips, etc

The gifts donated need to be able to fit in a shoe box and please only give new items.

Saturday 24th October: Hornsby Mall BBQ Fundraiser
Make sure you email your class rep and tell them your availability for the day. We need as many helpers as possible. Remember the shifts are only 2 hours long.

BROOKLYN SCHOOL TRAINING BAND
Come and join the Brooklyn School training band!
All levels and all instruments accepted.
Rehearsals are every Tuesday at lunchtime …..
Contact Steve for more details on sfitzmaurice@hotmail.com or 0411 150 590
Brooklyn Public School invites you to:

**Hot Summer Night**

Estuary Restaurant
Saturday November 7th
6:00pm-11:00pm
Dress- Smart Summer Casual

Live music for you to dance the night away!

Includes a bountiful variety of canapés, dessert and a drink upon arrival

Tickets $50pp available at the School office or The Anglers Rest
All proceeds go to our school!

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**Organization**

BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOL

**Funds for:**

BPS P&C FUNDRAISING

**Contact:**

PAMELLE 0433 143 890  kateleamygriffin@gmail.com

**Booking Payment Method:**

*Sorry, no $1000 cash deposits*

**Terms & Conditions:**

$50.00 and receive a framed 10"x15" portrait

**Dates:**

Saturday 7th November 1pm-12:00am

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**Craft Group**

Last Thursday of the month, 18:00 - 20:00

Starts 29 October at The Brooklyn Tuckshop

Bring along your crafty project (or not, if you're looking for inspiration or are a complete newbie) and enjoy an evening of friendship, new skills and cake.

Everyone is welcome.

Full details: thebrooklyntuckshop.com.au/events

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**The Cowan Twilight Market & Rush Hour**

Cowan Public School is hosting

a Twilight Market in the school grounds

**on Friday 23rd October 2015**

**Please come along...we invite you, your family and friends to attend!**

This unique fundraiser will commence at 5pm

5pm-5.30pm—Viewing / 5.30-6.30pm—Selling

To raise money to fund our

5th Cowan Brooklyn Children’s Writers’ Festival in 2016.

There will be an extensive range of items for sale from professional stall-holders, live music, scrumptious food, raffles and a silent auction.

(Raffles & silent auction drawn after 6.30pm—Café & BBQ finish at 7pm)
SCIENCE FAIR 2015