Principal’s Report

It is with much sadness that I begin my message this week. On behalf of the school community, I would like to offer our thoughts and prayers to Sophie Gaibor and her family as they grieve the very tragic loss of her father in a helicopter crash on the weekend. It was confirmed yesterday that John Davis, who was travelling with two good friends, died as the helicopter they were travelling in came down in rugged countryside in the Hunter Valley region. A very close family has lost a very special person. We are thinking of you and your family at this sad time, Sophie.

Our fabulous fundraising committee excelled themselves Saturday night with the staging of the very successful Hot Summer Night at the Estuary. Over 80 guests enjoyed a night of great food and exceptional musical delights! We are hopeful that this may become a regular event on our school calendar!

Today we will assemble for our very important Remembrance Day service in the park. The new statue will be unveiled and a very special presentation of an official armed service issue bugle will be made to our bandmaster, Mr Steve Fitzmaurice.

This week the Year 5 and 6 students will enjoy their Toastmasters Dinner at The Anglers’ Rest. Please come and join us if you are free.

This week our Year 5 students will present their speeches to the school community in an effort to convince the student body that they are just the right person for the School Captain leadership role. I wish them all the best as they deliver their speeches and share their passion for leading the students in this wonderful school.

On Friday we will be visited by some of the boys from Normanhurst Boys High School who will present their acting and writing talents. We are so fortunate to have access to local high schools that are keen to share their skills with us and enhance the education of our students.

Next week our Year 5 and 6 students will travel to Bar Island with council educators and learn more about our rich local history. We thank Catherine Pigneguy and David Bolton for making arrangements for our students to access this educational experience.

A note will come home with your child this week to request a response to the Parent Information Night to be held next Wednesday evening from 6.00pm. Our fabulous P&C members will be providing a light supper and will need to know numbers for catering purposes. Some of our wonderful teaching staff will be presenting on the evening and shedding light on the fantastic new directions in which education is taking us!

If, for some reason, your child will not be returning to Brooklyn Public School in 2016, could you please notify the school office in writing? It is important that we have very accurate numbers as we endeavour to allocate students to classes for the new year.

Thank you

Diana Aitken

Important Dates

- Nov 12: Toastmasters Dinner (years 5/6)
- Nov 13: Visit from Normanhurst Boys
- Nov 14: Theatre in the Park (community event)
- Nov 17: Bar Island Excursion (years 5/6)
- Nov 18: Parent Information Evening
- Nov 30: Swim Scheme (years 2-5)
- Scripture Service
- Dec 2: FAB party /Farewell to Kenny
- Dec 9: E.O.T.A. (9:30am)
- Concert (5:30pm)
- Dec 10: Year 6 Graduation
- Dec 11: The Big GIG (6:15pm)
- Dec 14: C.A.R.E.S. (year 5/6)
- Dec 16: Last Day Of Term 4
- Dec 20: Christmas Carols @ Mooney Chapel
- 2016
- Jan 28: Years 1-6 return to school
- Feb 1: Kindergarten start
**Assembly 6/11/15**

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**DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM DEPLOYMENT**

This is a very busy and exciting time for the Administration staff at Brooklyn Public School as the pre-deployment activities have commenced this term for the new and advanced computer system for school administration in NSW.

As you can imagine the enormity of a project like this, there will be times when we may not be able to give you answers immediately but we will endeavour to assist you as best as we can during this time. This is normally a very busy term for administration but now with training, data preparation and conferences to attend regarding the deployment of the new system we are extremely busy. Please bear with us while we prepare for the deployment, which will be in June 2016.

During this time there will be some new faces in the office and these ladies will be assisting us with our workload. Please make these ladies feel welcome. They are experienced in other schools and will endeavour to assist you with your day to day enquiries as promptly as possible.

Regards

Deb & Annette

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**From the P & C Desk**

**Cold Spring Southerly**

Thanks to the many people that came to celebrate a Hot Summer Night despite the white caps in the “gut”! The evening was a huge success. The venue and food was generously provided by Estuary Restaurant which enabled the P &C to raise almost $3000 on the night. We were entertained by the Glendenning band and the tall one, Catherine Pigneguy! What a talented family! Most of those who came on the night were tearing up the dance floor. We heard many people talk about how amazing the view is despite the weather. A huge thanks goes to Sue Hanson for her diligent ticket selling efforts and to Lissy for helping to organise the event.

**Hornsby BBQ**

If all adds up. Despite almost having to cancel, the sausage sizzle still went ahead with the Council BBQ at the Hornsby Mall. A huge thanks goes out to everyone that put their hand up to help out– Nicola and Tom, Sophie, Angie, Morvan, Julia, Jane and Chris, Skye, Michelle, Alan and Natalie, Jo, Andre and Lissy. With all of these wonderful parents we were ale to raise over $1000.

Don’t forget to come on November 18th for the parent information night and hear about the new National Curriculum. This is your chance to ask questions about how education is evolving.