Hi everyone

Well here we are at Week 5! How on earth did that happen??

You will have noticed the absence of our GA’s shed which was removed on the weekend. We now have a very large area in which to install our long awaited playground equipment. We need only to have the space excavated and the surface prepared which means it is only weeks away until our new equipment arrives. Very exciting! The new storage room is near completion and the grounds are certainly taking on a whole new look!

Last week many of the students were involved in the Raw Art lessons which were conducted by visiting art specialists. The students created some amazing artworks which I hope you have had a look at. The artists will return next week for classes 2/3T and 5/6A.

We also had a visit last week from Professor Maths. He came along with a fantastic selection of hands on activities for the students to enjoy. They had a lot of fun and were challenged to apply their mathematical skills to some tricky problems and puzzles.

The choir are attending many rehearsals this term as they prepare for their important engagements. I thank Mrs Sistrom for her commitment to making sure the girls and boys are in top voice for their gigs!

The students in years 5 and 6 will commence the Toastmasters program on Wednesday. This is a great opportunity for the students to practise all those skills that are important for delivering a speech to an audience. I thank Mr and Mrs Neary for continuing with the program this year.

There is much excitement in years 5 and 6 as we near the departure date for our Canberra excursion! We will be heading south in Week 9 for three days. It is a packed itinerary and it is going to be a very special time. Payment for the camp is due and if you would like to discuss a suitable payment plan, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

I have been noticing that there is a large amount of lost property being left in the playground. It makes it very difficult to find owners when there are no names on the things we pick up. Could you please take a little bit of time to put your child’s name on all their belongings and clothing so we can return them to you? It is a shame to not be able to return items to their owners. After a period of time, we do need to dispose of items.

All for now
Diana Aitken

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**Important Dates**

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From the Library Shelves

The next few weeks will be busy for all schools including Brooklyn PS.

The Children’s Book Council NSW will announce the books judged to be the best from the 2015 Short List during Book Week (August 21 to August 28).

The Brooklyn P&C have generously helped with the purchase of the books. The children are being introduced to the books during their library sessions and teachers are using the books in their classrooms this term. The books will be on display at our library book fair on Wednesday 16th September and will be available for student borrowing from Term 4.

Important dates for the diary

Wednesday 26 August
9.30am- Book Character Parade to celebrate Book Week
The library monitors are asking all students to dress up as a character from a book that they have enjoyed reading. A note will be sent home with library bags this week.

Thursday 27 August
Belinda Landsberry, author and illustrator of the picture book Anzac Ted will visit our school to work with students and to talk about her book.

Wednesday 16 September from 12.00pm
We will celebrate the end of the term with Grandparents Day, our annual Book Fair, classroom visits and End of Term Assembly.

Margaret Bull & Anna Jones

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ENJOYING RAW ART
COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

LEGO EXHIBITION—September 5, 2015 9am—2pm
Berowra Uniting Church, Alan Road, Berowra
Exhibition is for all ages. Competition is open to all preschool and primary school aged kids. Entries due Friday Night
Www.berowra.unitingchurch.org.au/lego

AGHS MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA
Our Music Department will be holding our annual school Musicale evening on Wednesday 26th August at 7pm. This evening will feature performances from our Music 1 and Music 2 HSC students. In addition to this, our school ensembles will also be performing (Junior Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Concert band, Wind Ensemble and Stage band). We would love to invite the wider community, particularly our local primary school students, to attend this event. Tickets will be available at the door at a cost of $5 per ticket. (Asquith Girls High School)

Parenting Anxious Children - Seminar for Parents—August 20 at 10am
Seminar at Hillview Community Health Centre—Turramurra. RSVP 9485 6155—cost $10

OXFAM Trailwalker: Yes, we’re doing it again…
You may have heard that the OXFAM trailwalk is on again on Friday 28 August.
Brooklyn P&C were asked to run a food stall at the start at Parsley Bay as a fundraiser.

So, we need your help.
It’s a huge event involving 2400 walkers who walk 100km from Brooklyn to Mosman within a 48 hour period… you may have participated or know someone who has??

The first wave of walkers start at 7am and there are 3 more waves on the hour until 10am.
We will serve breakfast at Parsley Bay including:
- BBQ: bacon/sausage & egg rolls
- Muffins and other baked items
- Fruit (bananas)

We are asking for assistance in the following areas:
Over the next 2 weeks:
1. Contact businesses to ask for donations. Past success has come from approaching businesses in person, leaving them with a letter and asking them to pledge on the spot and arrange pick-up. We have a list of businesses that have donated in the past: mostly bakeries that are able to give what’s left at end of day.
   Alternatively this could be done by phone and email.
2. Collection of pledged goods usually the Thursday afternoon or evening
3. Organise a FLOAT (money for change)
4. Baking: volunteers to bake muffins (of their own choice)
5. Set up stall and BBQ on Thursday evening at Parsley Bay - OXFAM will provide marquees and 2 tables. We will need to set up lights & BBQ
6. Stall Serving: Attend stall on Friday morning: in shifts (3 people per shift)
7. BBQ cooking : in shifts (3 people per shift)
8. Packing up @ 10am

Please contact Sally (s_neary@optusnet.com.au 0412 910 107) to advise how you can assist.
Last year we netted around $1500 and aim for the same or more this year: for which we will require some manpower. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Sally (on behalf of P&C)
Learn to Sail in Brooklyn
Do you want your child to be more independent, to know more about the water, physics, and be involved in a sport that is in Brooklyn with no away games - all, whilst having fun?
Come join us at Learn to Sail at Deadhorse Bay
Season Dates: Mid-September – Easter with a short Christmas break.
Learn to Sail:
- Saturday morning—9am -11am
- For children (generally 8 -13 years) and who love being on the water.
- Supervision and activities provided by YA accredited club members.
- Learn about sailing safely.
Race Training:
For children who can sail around a basic course and want to go racing
Membership for season starts at $165.00.
Our club website has comprehensive information—please have a look at:
Web: www.hornsbysailing.com
Email: hornsbysailing@gmail.com
Max Bowles, year 4, says, “Sailing is Awesome!!! You get to sail a boat by yourself (and with your partner), have fun with friends and spend a day on the water.”