Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to another great year at Brooklyn Public School!!

I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday break and that you have spent some lovely times with family and friends. It is a very special time of the year.

It certainly has been an eventful break for us here at Brooklyn. You will all know of the terrifying storm that hit the area a couple of weeks ago and have witnessed some of the damage. The school grounds were scattered with debris from trees which is still a cause for concern regarding the safety of everyone using the area. Tree loppers have been engaged to tidy up some of the branches that have come down but more work still needs to be carried out. A full assessment of the trees in the school is to be completed in the next two weeks and all necessary pruning and tree removal will be scheduled asap!

We congratulate two of our teachers, Mrs Lauren Williams and Mrs Laura Combes, on their new teaching engagements for 2016. As students move on to high school and families make decisions to choose other school options, this means our enrolments can change. When enrolments drop in schools, teacher entitlements are affected. This year, it is likely we will not reach the numbers we need to staff five classes. Mrs Williams and Mrs Combes, therefore, have been seeking full-time employment as a result of the change in student numbers. Lauren will be moving on to Cessnock West Public School and Laura has a position at Mt Colah Public School. We wish them both the very best and know that they will be valuable members of their new school contexts.

All things considered, it’s been a great start to the year, lots of things going on and many more to look forward to!

Diana Aitken

Important Dates

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**P & C NEWS**

All new parents are warmly invited to our TISSUE AND TEARS morning tea on Monday. Stay for a coffee and a chat after the morning assembly.

The AGM for P&C will be held on Wednesday February 17 at 6:30pm. It will be great to have as many people as possible come along.

**YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP CAMP**

Next year there will be something new for our year 6 students. All students will be attending our Leadership Camp to be held at Gibberagong Education Centre at Bobbin Head. Mark the dates in your calendar. More information and notes will go home at the beginning of first term. This will be a great way for Grade 6 to start year.

**F.A.B. RESUMES**

WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

**MOONEY MOONEY STORYTIME ...**

Resumes next Monday
At Mooney School

All toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers are welcome.

10:00am—12:00pm

Sponsored by Gosford city Library

**BROOKLYN UNITED SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATION AND PRE-SEASON TRAINING**

Registrations for the 2016 Soccer Season are now open. Family discount available for two or more players.

To register go to www.myfootballclub.com.au

The Pre-Season training and Registration sessions are on:

March 9th & March 16th

4:30pm – 7:00pm

All welcome.

Online registrations close Sunday March 6th 2016.

More information available on the website:

www.brooklynsoccer.org.au

**BAR ISLAND LANDCARE**

When: 4 February 2016
Time: 8.15am – 2pm
Meet: Derrubin Reserve, Mooney Mooney

Please book in by using this link http://www.trybooking.com/KEKC

Morning tea provided, BYO lunch & plenty of water
We have tools but if you have your own pouch please bring it along

As usual this trip will depend on the weather, the Island can get very hot in the afternoon so we maybe bail out earlier than 2pm

Look forward to seeing you on the river