Welcome to Week 3! Whatever happened to weeks 1 and 2 ??!!!

It was great to see so many parents join us last night for our Parent Information Night. Thank you to all our fabulous parents for the support you give us in the education of your children. If you were not able to make it last night, I know that class teachers have notes about their class routines if you would like to keep up with what is going on at school. And as always, if there is anything you would like to talk about, please make an appointment to come and talk with me.

Special Religious Instruction classes commence on Monday 15 February. Special Education in Ethics classes will also be commence then, too, for students from years 1 to 6. Please make sure you have notified the school in writing as to the class you would like your child to attend. Students not enrolled in either of these classes will be supervised in the library.

Don’t forget the P&C AGM is on next week in the school library at 6.30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to become more involved and more informed and assist us with the management of this great school.

Students travelling to and from school via bus will now need to have an OPAL card. These can be obtained by applying online at Transport for NSW. Most bus drivers are happily allowing students to travel without them for another week but after that time they will insist students present their OPAL cards.

A full assessment of the trees in the school grounds was made yesterday by APEX Tree & Garden Experts. As soon as I have received the report, I will be able to update you on any work that is required to manage the trees in the school.

Diana Aitken
Assembly 5/2/16

K/1A Merit Awards
Star of the Week
All of Kindy
Charlie

1/2T Merit Awards
Star of the Week
Jack Bladwell, Amelie Dupre
Jack Freeman

3/4S Merit Awards
Star of the Week
Lewis Lubimowski, Kate Agnew, John Bottomley

5/6I Merit Awards
Star of the Week
Samara Barrett, Kayla Huang
Ruben Bissett

Tidy Bag Award
1/2

Birthdays
Edie Di Dato, James Young
Leo Walsh, Zoe Weddin
Maya Glenn

Brooklyn P&C Association Annual General Meeting,
Wednesday 17 February 2016, at 6:30pm in the school library

The Brooklyn P&C Association is an active group of parents committed to supporting the school and improving opportunities for all our children. P&C is an excellent way to meet other parents, learn more about what is going on in the school, and help make our school a great place for our children. We encourage all parents to come along. Everyone is welcome.

All office bearer positions are declared vacant and therefore elections will take place for the following positions: President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Minutes Secretary and Treasurer. Only P&C financial members will be eligible to stand for a position and vote.

PLEASE NOTE: This year, many on our committee will be standing down. This is due to rules regarding three years in one position and for other reasons. So for the school to have a P&C, others will need to put their hands up for the jobs. The meetings are only on a Wednesday night as that is what worked for last year’s committee– the new committee can set a new day and time that will work best for them. So don’t worry if you can’t make a Wednesday night, this can be changed and if you can’t make the AGM but want to be involved or have any questions please email Di Bowles at dibowles26@gmail.com. See you there!

STUDENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORMS

Over the next couple of days you will receive a Student Confidential Information Form for your child. Please check and sign that the emergency information on the front of the form is correct and also complete the permission form on the reverse. It is imperative that this form is returned to the office as soon as possible so that our records are up to date. Should your contact details change throughout the year, please send through a note or email immediately to update them with the office.
Music at Brooklyn

Time to learn an instrument! Brooklyn School has a fantastic extracurricular music program run after school (and some lunch times). Dedicated and professional tutors come weekly to teach the kids a range of instruments. If you are interested please get in touch with tutors directly:

**Piano/keyboard** - Rowena Davey - 0415 083 568 or rowiedavey39@gmail.com (Mon, Thurs)
**Brass** - Rose Foster - 0420 466 821 or fosterrose18@gmail.com (Tues)
**Guitar** - Paul Lacey - 0431 385 216 or pall02@optusnet.com.au ONE SPACE AVAILABLE on Wednesday!
**Reed and percussion** - Steve Fitzmaurice - 0411 150 590 or sfitzmaurice@hotmail.com (Tues/Thurs)

And welcome our new tutor for flute (recommended by Rosalie who can no longer teach at Brooklyn)
**Flute** - Meg Collis - 0478 930 025 or m3ggiecollis@gmail.com (day yet to be confirmed)

Lessons are $30/half hour and are a term commitment. Many instruments are available for term hire ($50) contact either catherinepigneguy@yahoo.com or jodi.thiessen@gmail.com

For all parents with kids already enrolled in music please note all correspondence such as missed lessons, changes or concerns should be made directly with tutors.

**BAND**
We are so lucky to have Steve as our band leader, he writes some fun and familiar music for the kids so everyone can join regardless of their level. They must be enrolled in music classes to join the band, it’s $80 a term or $150 a semester if paid in term 1. Practice is every Thursday morning at 8am. Come along and check it out.

HEAD LICE

Back to school for another year and unfortunately this often means the start of the head lice season too. We see an increase in the number of head lice cases in the February to March period, particularly amongst school aged children.

Head lice are extremely contagious. Early treatment is recommended to kill head lice and their eggs and to limit school and family contamination.

95% of lice are transmitted through close head to head contact and by sharing objects such as hats, hair brushes, head bands, pillows and towels.

Ensure that you and your household is protected from head lice this season by taking the necessary preventative steps to keep head lice away;

Below are 4 crucial steps to keep your school head lice free:

- Avoid sharing clothing, especially hats, ribbons, head bands and helmets
- Discourage children from playing with each other’s hair
- Don’t share brushes, combs, towels and pillows
- Keep long hair plaited or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other kids

The above tips will help limit the outbreak of head lice at your school. For further information click download the KP24 head lice fact sheet here.
Hi everyone!

Welcome back to Kids Club for another year! Hope you all had a great holiday J

I would like to welcome our new kindy kids to kids club – Max, Amelia, Nico-Blue and Elizabeth and also welcome to Kate from year 4.

Kids Club is open Monday-Friday 7am-9am BSC (at HRCC) and 3-6pm ASC (in kids club room) if you wish to enrol your child/ren please ring HRCC on 9985-7362 or come see Anna in the kids club room!

This week we will be celebrating Chinese new year, shrove Tuesday, (pancake day!) and valentines day!

All bookings must be made by calling HRCC on 9985-7362, or on the kids club mobile 0434 889 572

Looking forward to a great 2016! Anna

FAB PANCAKE DAY – FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY – $2.00

Come along and buy a beautifully made Pancake on Friday 19 February.

This year FAB will again be raising money to donate a goat or a heifer to a developing nation through the charity TEAR. All proceeds from Pancake Day will go towards this cause.

If you would like to donate a pancake mix, or help out on the day please text Annette on 0408 659 575.

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.brooklynsofc.com.au