Principal’s Report

Another week goes by and here we are in Week 4!!

I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Iles and Mrs Aselford for accompanying our year 6 students on the Leadership Camp last week. The students were such great representatives of our school and their behaviour noticed by all staff involved. Well done year 6! I know they have learned some valuable skills and attitudes that will benefit them as they help to lead the students in our school.

The P&C Annual General Meeting is this evening and it would be great to see some new faces and old faces as well! It will be held in the school library and commences at 6.30pm. Hope to see you there!

Trees have been pruned and removed where necessary after the recent storm activity and this means there are some mounds of mulch lying around the school. If you would be able to help spread the mulch around the area under the camphor laurel, that would be fantastic! Please let me know if you would be available and we can arrange a suitable time.

We have just about finalised Semester 1 costs to students and so School Fee invoices will be distributed this week. Please indicate on the note that comes home which payment option you would like to choose and return this information to the office. With the new finance system due to be in place later this year, we are encouraging payments to be made promptly and, where possible, in advance! Thank you.

As students travel on public transport to and from school, they are representing our school. Student behaviour needs to reflect school expectations at all times. It is important that our students are reminded that when they are in their school uniform, but outside the grounds, they are showing the community the pride we have for our school. Whilst children are waiting for bus and ferry connections, please remind them that this is a time to demonstrate the positive attitude we have towards each other and our school.

Our school reward system is undergoing a few little changes which you will start to notice. The students have designed a new ‘key’ award that can be given out to students when they are seen demonstrating any of the HIP key expectations. Student Of The Week and Merit Certificates given out at K-6 assemblies are now specific to Brooklyn Public School.

Last week you would have received a Confidential Student Information Form 2016 for your child. It is imperative that we have your correct contact details on hand. If you have not returned the form could you please do so by this Friday.

Hope to see you this evening.

Diana Aitken

Important Dates

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**From the Library Shelves**

All children have their library session each Wednesday. Books are borrowed for one week and if the children would like to borrow a book for a longer period, the book needs to be returned to the library for renewal. Kindergarten borrow two books for the first term to develop a routine of borrowing and returning. Years 1-6 are able to borrow up to four books.

**Books need to be carried in a clearly named library bag.**

Once books have been kept for longer than two weeks without being renewed, they are overdue and reminder notes will be given to children. In the unfortunate event a book is unable to be found, a note will be sent home with the cost to replace the book. We are fortunate to have a wonderful selection on our library shelves and we need to take care of these resources. We ask Brooklyn School families for co-operation in developing a safe place where library books are kept at home, preferably in a library bag and a system where the child is responsible for returning the library books on library day.

Parents are always welcome to visit the library and select books to borrow and read at home with their children.

Margaret Bull  
Teacher Librarian

Anna Jones  
Library Assistant

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**FAB PANCAKE DAY – FRI DAY 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.

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**FLUTE @ Brooklyn**

We have scored a FANTASTIC new flute teacher - her name is Meg Collis, she's studying teaching at the Conservatorium in Sydney, and has extensive experience with small people.

Lessons will be after school on Thursdays in one of the classrooms (the same day as band, so the kids only have to remember their instruments on one day!) BUT there are only four places available. Best to register your interest straight away...

Contact Jodi on 0413999107 or Catherine by text on 0414998507 for more information.

Further Creative Arts Program information and terms and conditions are included in this newsletter.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday March 2, 23 and 30.

If you require uniforms at other times, please compete a form which is available at the school office. Please include the correct money if possible. Your order will be filled and given to your child.

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**WELCOME PICNIC**

Everyone is cordially invited to our picnic at Brooklyn Baths on Friday 19th February. It is a great time to welcome new families to our school community and for everyone to catch up. BYO picnic rug, swimmers, towel and picnic food. We meet down there straight after school.