Principal’s Report

It was great to see a number of new faces at the P&C AGM last week. It is always good to be able to spread the word about all the fabulous things that our parent community have been doing! We managed to fill the secretary and treasurer positions at the AGM and that means we now just need to finalise the president and vice president positions. We are all extremely busy people with very important lives to coordinate... but we do need a few more hands to go up! The roles of president and vice president are very well supported by the other office bearers and together we make a formidable team! Please come and talk to me if you would like to know how your skills would be perfect for the job!!

It was fantastic to be able to all join together last week to help Aunty Shirl celebrate her birthday. There are not too many schools around in which the whole school can walk down the street and sing happy birthday to one of their favourite community members on their front lawn!!! Happy birthday Aunty Shirl!

As promised, school fee invoices have been sent home this week. This is an extremely busy semester so you will notice that there are many resources and programs itemised. If you do have any questions about the fees, please do make a time to come and see me. As mentioned elsewhere, the P&C help to subsidise our student excursion costs which we are very grateful for.

There are a couple of very exciting educational programs that are happening this term. In week 8 we will be visited by the Jelly Beans music company who will be running music programs with all students. Each class will be exploring a different musical theme. At the end of the term, years 2, 3 and 4 will be heading off to Glen Street Theatre to see the production of ‘Mr Stink’, a story by David Walliams. What a treat to see a live performance! Other productions are booked for kindergarten, year 1 and the year 5 and 6 students. We are a cultured bunch!!!

This week the library monitors are off to the city to visit the State Library. We do get around! It’s a great day into the city and we thank Mrs Bull and Mrs Jones for being so keen to make sure our students get to see such wonderful buildings and their significance to our lives.

You may be aware that one of our kindergarten students, James Payne, was very unwell over the holidays and has needed surgery and some serious ongoing medical treatment. It is so encouraging to hear how well mum and dad are coping with this new world that they have entered! We are hoping that James will be joining us soon at Brooklyn and we can’t wait to see him! Staff and students will be informed as to the best way we can support him at school so he will thrive like all the other students in our care.

Please bear with us with regard to the Special Ethics Education classes that are to be offered at school. Coordinators are finalising teachers and classes and classes will be operating as soon as possible.

And another week passes us by!

Diana Aitken

Important Dates

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From the Library Shelves

It was wonderful to see all those class boxes sitting on the library verandah last Wednesday as children returned their library books in their library bags.

We really do have a great variety of books to interest all our students and we welcome suggestions of titles to add to the shelves.

Our most recent addition includes several fishing magazines.

We do ask that all children bring along their own clearly named library bag each Wednesday in order to borrow their books.

Margaret Bull
Anna Jones

P & C EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Thursday March 3—7:00pm in the School Library—ALL WELCOME

The good news is that we have two terrific volunteers for the P&C Executive Committee, but unfortunately we still need a President and two Vice Presidents.  P&C is a great way to meet people, get involved in what’s happening at the school and because you are working as a team (with the executive and other school parents), the work load is shared.

If you are interested in taking up a position or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Di Bowles on 0439 857 199 or email on dibowles26@gmail.com

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 pal02@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.
FOR SALE

One flagpole—used but in good working order.
$300 ono  Contact the school office.

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 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm
All welcome.
Online registrations close Sunday March 6th 2016.
More information available on the website:
www.brooklynsoccer.org.au

A big thank you to the school community for supporting Pancake Day and our efforts to raise money to buy a cow for a developing nation. We raised $214.40 !!!
A heifer (purchased through the charity TEAR) costs $300 so we are thrilled to be so close to our target.

A special thanks to the mums who cooked and the grade 6 FAB helpers who serviced.

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