Principal’s Report

Week 2 already and we’re off to a flying start!

Even though there have been a few changes this year, everyone is settling in nicely. It is wonderful to be back in our classrooms and inspiring the students to be the best they can be. Parents and Carers, I hope you are all coping with being back in school routines!

As part of our role as educators, we have a responsibility to encourage the students to live healthy lifestyles. We would very much value your support by making sure your children have water to drink at school and healthy food items for morning tea and lunch. We are a Crunch & Sip school which means that in the morning, students are given the opportunity to stop and have some fruit or vegetables and sip on some water. Teachers usually choose a time that fits in with the teaching and learning that is going on in the classroom.

Next Tuesday evening is our Parent Information Night. This is a time where you can meet your child’s teacher, find out about class routines and talk about some changes to our homework policy. It is a great time to connect with other parents of children in the class and find out good ways to support your child’s education. The evening will start at 5pm in the school library.

This year, all students in Year 6 will be attending a Leadership Camp at Gibberagong, Bobbin Head. This will be a fantastic time for the students to work together to learn what makes a great leader. The Year 6 students will be away next Wednesday and Thursday.

The office is going to be a very busy place this year as we undertake training and implementation of a new computer system, LMBR (Learning Management and Business Reform) designed to assist schools in the everyday management of people and finances. There will be some staffing changes and new routines, so please bear with us!

Invoices for Semester 1 School Fees will be sent home next week. They will include the School Contribution, Book Pack costs and excursion costs. Books for the students in Years 3 – 6 will be purchased for them and this cost added to the school fee notice. This year we would appreciate it if you could indicate how you would like to pay your fees as this will help us as we make up budgets for the year.

Just a reminder about school attendance; if your child is away from school due to illness or for important reasons that can be justified, please make sure you email the school or send a note with your child when they return to school. It is a legal requirement that your child attends school every day unless there are justifiable reasons for their absence.

Congratulations to all those fabulous swimmers who got in the pool and had a go last week at the Swimming Carnival! Ribbons will be handed out this week and results finalised with regard to students who have reached the Zone Swimming Carnival. Well done everyone!

The 2016 Confidential Forms will be sent home within the next week. Please make sure all details are up to date and that you have signed all necessary consents. Medical information also needs to be updated. It is vital that the school is always able to make contact with someone in an emergency and that we can communicate with parents and carers about any needs students may have.

All for now
Diana Aitken

Important Dates

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Brooklyn Public School

Term 1 Week 1

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. You are able to join the P&C prior to the voting.

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

Update for all Schools using Parent Online Payment

I am pleased to advise that POP is now user friendly on mobile devices.

Behind the scenes Westpac has been working on an upgrade to the Parent Online Payment webpage attached to the school’s website. In the past using the “$ Make a payment” page through a mobile device or tablet has not been as easy as on a computer. Now, automatically, when parents click on this page, via a mobile device, they will be able to complete the online form with ease.

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SCHOLASTICS BOOK CLUB

For those of you who don’t know Jennifer Lush runs the school Scholastic Book Club. Catalogues come out twice a term, and you child can purchase any items listed. Payment and orders can be made online or written orders and the correct money should be handed into the office.

A new options has been introduced whereby parents can buy the books as a gift for the child and it will arrive separately packaged.

Book Club is a great way to get your child excited about reading… and ...for all purchases the school receives a percentage reward which is used for sourcing extra resources for the school.

Look out for the latest catalogue which will be distributed today.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The Angler’s Restaurant will continue to provide lunches every day of the week. The prices have not changed so please refer to the menu in the school office or on our website. Children need to place their orders in the Lunch Orders box before the morning assembly.

The Brooklyn Tuck Shop also provides lunches every Thursday and Friday. Orders need to be placed online the night before on the website: thebrooklyntuckshop.com.au.
A MESSAGE FROM TRANSDEV

Student Opal cards have now replaced the old student passes and most have now been sent from the Transport for NSW processing facility to your students. As your local bus operator, we are keen to work together to ensure a smooth transition to the new system for your students and their families. For more information on Opal, visit transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131 500. Meanwhile, please note that your latest bus timetables for your school are available on our website for download now.

Please feel free to copy this link in your materials to students or parents - so that they can always access our latest timetables to assist them with their transport options from/to your school:
www.transdevnsw.com.au
 δ From the ‘Timetables’ menu, simply select the appropriate school or route to download the latest timetables.

Should you have any questions about our services, please refer to our website, or contact us on 02 8700 0555. We look forward to working with you for a safe 2016.

Kind regards,
On behalf of the Transdev NSW Bus Team,
Steve Babbage
School Transport Coordinator

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Students who had a bus pass in 2015 and are eligible for travel in 2016 should have received a Opal card last week. Other eligible students, including new applicants and students changing school or campuses, updating their personal details, or going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7, who have already applied or who still need to apply, will have their School Opal cards posted to their home address in the first two weeks of term one 2016. Opal Cards are being distributed as they arrive at school.

Students who have been approved to travel on more than one operator or to more than one home address, for example where there is shared parental responsibility, should only receive a single Opal Card.

Students who are eligible for an Opal Card and have not already one should apply online at transportnsw.info/school-students

To report a lost, stolen or damaged School Opal Card, customers should phone 131 500 or visit transprtnsw.info/school-students

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking operates every Wednesday. It is a great way to introduce your child to the idea of saving. Please see Anna Jones in the library (Wednesday only) for more information.

STUDENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORMS

Over the next couple of days you will receive 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.
MOONEY MOONEY STORYTIME ...

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
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm
All welcome.

Online registrations close Sunday March 6th 2016.
More information available on the website:
www.brooklynsoccer.org.au

OUR FIRST MORNING ASSEMBLY FOR 2016