Principal’s Report

This now means that we are halfway through the term! Where did that time go?

On Thursday night this week, there will be a special P&C meeting in the school library where we are looking forward to finalising our office bearers. Please come along and find out how you can join with our wonderful school community to support the great educational opportunities your children enjoy at Brooklyn Public School.

This week, two new COMMBOX TV screens were installed in the library and 1/KA classroom. These are state of the art interactive computer screens that will offer us many more options as we integrate technology into our teaching and learning. We will be in-serviced by company representatives to ensure the most effective use of this technology tool.

A new footpath has been completed that joins the administration block to the demountable classrooms. Now teachers, students and visitors can avoid the dusty, and sometimes very muddy, walk to classrooms! It is the brainchild of Mr Iles and so it will fondly be referred to as ‘Iles Way’!

There has been a lot of lost property left lying around the school and it does make the grounds look a little untidy. Could you please make sure your child’s lunch containers are clearly marked with permanent labelling? Don’t forget that the children need to bring a drink bottle to school each day. Thank you.

Thank you to those families that have promptly responded to school fee invoices that were sent home last week. It is very helpful for us to know how you intend to pay, so please return the slip to the school to indicate your preference.

Supervision of children as they transfer to the bus from the ferry continues to be of concern to many parents. It is important that families who choose to make use of the ferry and bus services arrange for supervision of their children. Primary aged students should, ideally, be in the company of an adult as they travel to and from school. This is not always easy to ensure. I will be travelling down to Brooklyn on Thursday morning, to view for myself, the issues of supervision and the safety of students as they transfer to and from the bus and ferry. Hopefully, we can establish some routines that will help to keep our students safe as they are out and about.

We wish our swimmers all the best at the Zone Swimming Carnival next week and know that they will do us proud! It is impressive to think that even though we might be small in numbers, we are big on talent in the pool!!

Next Friday, we will be holding a Crazy Hair Day fundraising event. We would like to help raise funds for cancer research as we keep in mind our young James Payne and his family as they deal with their day to day challenges.

All for now
Diana Aitken

P & C EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
Thursday March 3—7:00pm
in the School Library
ALL WELCOME

Important Dates
Mar 3 EXTRAORDINARY P&C MEETING
Mar 5 AGHS/ ABHS Enrichment Test
Mar 8 Stewart House Clothing Collection
Mar 9 Zone Swimming Carnival
Mar 11 Crazy Hair Day
Mar 14 Jelly Bean Incursion
Mar 21 Harmony Day
Mar 24 Hat Parade
Mar 25-28 Easter Public Holidays
Mar 30 Uniform Shop Open 8:45—9:30am
April 6 Uniform Shop Open 8:45—9:30am
April 8 Last Day of Term 1
April 27 First Day of Term 2
STATE LIBRARY VISIT

Last Thursday, year 6 Library Monitors visited the State library and the Mitchell Library.

Facts:
1. Did you know that the Library has more art than the Art Gallery?
2. How many books do you think we can borrow at the State Library? NONE!!
3. The most expensive book the Library is $12,000,000.
4. For some of the very old books such as the Diaries from the First Fleet, you have to wear gloves to look at them.
5. In the Library there are 6,000,000 items in total.
6. The smallest book is about the size of your pinky finger nail.
7. There is a room dedicated to William Shakespeare.
8. In April this year there is a festival to mark the 300th anniversary of the poet’s death in April 1916.

(Inês Powell, Amelia Townsend, Tori Mussett, Laura O’Hehir, Bethany Rayner)

Hi everyone!

Half way through the term already! Our new kindies are settling in well at kids club with the bigger kids helping to show them the way!

We have been busy doing cooking activities and crafts! Our fave craft so far being tye dye art we did on baby wipes! They turned out great!

On behalf of HRCC I would like to say a big thank you to Cash and Tex for donating their “sand digger” to them, the kids are loving it, and are digging lots of holes in the sandpit!

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

Thanks, Anna

STEWART HOUSE

Svetlana had an unhappy childhood. She was brought up in housing commission in Liverpool. In 1965, when she was 11 years old she went to Stewart House on the recommendation of her school Principal. “Those two weeks were the happiest days of my childhood” she said. “I could finally relax and just be a child. I saw there could be joy and music and that you could play games, and every morning we would wake to the sound of waves on the beach below”. Svetlana went on to say “Stewart House changed my life. It showed me that life didn’t have to be the way it was, that there could be sunnier ways of living”. (SMH 2011)

Stewart House was founded in 1931 and has helped almost 150,000 children. It needs your support to continue to be able to help children such as Svetlana. Collection bags went out today, please show your support by filling them with clothes that are in good condition and are clean, and returning them to the school by March 8. We will also be selling HIGH BOUNCE BALLS in the coming weeks. All proceeds go directly to Stewart House.
**Brooklyn Health Centre’s Bake Sale, Plant Sale and Pop-up Café**

Sunday March 6th
9:00 am—2:00 pm

All proceeds go to help the Heath Centre buy much needed medical equipment. Plants and baked goods donations gratefully accepted prior to or on the day.

See you there.

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**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**
**MARCH 6TH**

Bags and gloves are all organised for this year's Clean Up Australia to be held at Deerubun Boat Ramp on Sunday 6th March. The meeting time is 8.30 at the ramp.

the web address is [http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au)

Our site name is Deerubun Clean up

All welcome and you can either log onto the site to add your name or turn up on the day. See you there.

Site Co-ordinator Maree. Phone 0400-788890

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**BROOKLYN PLAYGROUND**

**THURSDAYS 9:15—11:15am**

BADEN POWELL HALL

**ALL WELCOME**

MORE INFO: MICHELLE 0448 465 607

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**BROOKLYN SOCCER**

**Pre Season Training**

March 9th & 16th

4:30pm—7:00pm

All Welcome

Registrations accepted on the day.

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**BUSH CARE @ BAR ISLAND**

Join us for a day on the lovely Hawkesbury for Bushcare at Bar Island
We have 2 days booked come along for one or both
Tuesday 15 March 2016 & Wednesday 13 April 2016

Bookings are essential and can be made via the following Trybookings link
[http://www.trybooking.com/KQMO](http://www.trybooking.com/KQMO)

Morning tea supplied, BYO lunch & water
Looking forward to seeing you