PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

STOP PRESS: This week is Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week: The theme this year is ‘Let’s Walk the Talk’. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. [http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/](http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/) has more information.

Link Up: Believe you may be Aboriginal and you would like to find / locate your family? Try [http://www.linkupnsw.org.au/](http://www.linkupnsw.org.au/).

Congratulations Brooke Avenue PS Art Club: 1st prize in the Gosford Art Gallery Reconciliation Art Competition. Thanks to Ms de Mestre for her encouragement and support. Her commitment to our children is a winner as well!!

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Kerry Wellham
Principal
National Consistent Collection of Data on school students with a disability:

Recently, a letter was sent home to each family detailing the rationale and process for this valuable data collection. All data that will be collected has previously been provided to the school. This information will help in future planning to further assist students who require adjustments to their learning. The data collection will have no direct impact on any child and they will not be involved in any testing or interview process. No individual or school will be identified. If you DO NOT want your child to be counted in the data collection, please return the slip which was attached to the note sent home last week by Friday 30th May.

Biggest Morning Tea: Thanks to our generous P&C for their donations. Together, with donations from staff, we raised over $500 for cancer research!

Goal Setting Meetings: If you have not had your meeting yet, ring the school to make an appointment. Every child deserves this opportunity. Some classes have reached 100% already! Looking forward to all of our children having goals to lead them in achieving success in 2014.

House Points for Friday Sport Week 3 saw the commencement of our House Points for Sport. Each Friday, class teachers will award 3 points, 2 points and 1 point for students in their class who demonstrate the following attributes:

- Initiative
- Teamwork
- Uniform
- Sportsmanship
- Fair play

These points go towards the house that each student represents, with the results being collated and displayed in the library on specially made basketball hoops.

Each Monday morning assembly the winning sport house for the previous week is announced. Our school mascot (seagull) is awarded to the house captains, who then place it in their respective basketball hoop (nest) for the duration of the week. What house is your child in?

Bradman = Yellow
Freeman = Red
Fraser = Green
Perkins = Blue/Purple

The winning house for Weeks 3 and 4 was Perkins.

Our APP: It is free. We are up to 227 members. This means that nearly 200 families have still not downloaded. It is certainly an easier way of keeping up to date. Unsure what to do? There is an instruction sheet at school. Ask at the school office.

Community Partnership Noticeboard: Remember our Community Partnership Worker, Sue Turner is available for parents or carers to access. Sue is located in the Counsellor’s room every Monday, and can help families with referrals to community organisations that assist in the health and wellbeing of families and child development.

2014 National Titles: Congratulations to Mackenzie L and Emily L who were very successful at their very first National Titles for Drill dance. They came 3rd and 4th in the Thematic Dance section. Well done girls!!
P&C: Now on Tuesday mornings – next meeting is Tuesday 17th June at 9:15am. Join us - all welcome.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015: Our enrolment packs for Kindergarten 2015 are now available from the front office.

Grandparent and Carers Morning Tea: We are hosting an Information Morning Tea for grandparents and carers who are caring for children on Wednesday 11th June, 9:15am till 10:30am in the school hall.

Information will be available on a variety of Community Services available that can assist grandparents and carers in raising children. Services supporting this event include: Saver Plus/ Smith Family, Samaritans, the Meeting Place/ Compass Housing, Central Coast Family Support, Killarney Vale Village Central, Horizons, grandparents’ support groups, Cynthia St Neighborhood Centre and BAPS P&C.

To pick up a flyer, please see the office.
Sue Turner ~ Community Partnership Worker

“Look Out” for our Brooke Ave Reading Detectives

Canberra: Please return all permission and medical information notes to the school ASAP to assist with organization. All outstanding monies must be paid in full by Friday 30th of May 2014. Thank you
Stage 3 Team

Medical Information: Recently notes were sent home to each child who is identified on our records as having a medical condition. To provide the best of care for each student, these notes need to be returned to the school urgently. Thank you for your co-operation

Book Club: Book Club is organised through the Library. Order forms are sent out twice a term on Monday and are usually due back on the Friday. It is important to have orders back on the day specified to try to ensure availability of items and delivery. Issue 4 has been sent to classes and is due back on Friday, 6th June. Late orders will not be accepted, as this has led to many delivery confusions in past issues. Orders should be returned in an envelope with the child’s name and class clearly written on the order form.

Envelopes are to be placed in the white postbox in office foyer.

Asthma Inhalers: The Asthma Foundation have advised that all students are to keep their inhalers with them at all times therefore inhalers have been returned to the students from the office. Please ensure your child’s asthma plan is presented to the school office.

Proud Moments: I would like to share a letter I received from one of our parents.

“I thought you would like to hear a little story that happened yesterday at the zone cross-country. My son Shannon was competing on the 8 – 9 boys race as was another child, Ashton.

During the race, Shannon tripped over a rock and twisted his ankle. He was still on the ground when Ashton ran past. Ashton stopped turned around and ran back to Shannon, helping him up to his feet. Ashton put his arm around Shannon and started walking with him. With no regard and worry about winning the race, I feel that Ashton showed the true meaning of a great sportsmanship. I am very proud of Ashton and thought that you would and might like to share my view on this.

We all congratulate to Ashton, he is the winner in all of our books!”
Kerry Wellham