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### **B.G.S GAZETTE**

BRODERICK GILLAWARNA SCHOOL

#### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

#### **CALENDAR**

#### Wed 17th December

Last day of school

**Tues 27th January** 

Staff Development day

Wed 28th January 2015

Students return

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

That time is here when we say "goodbye" to another year at Broderick Gillawarna School. We acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our staff and parent community in supporting students to achieve the very best they can. We farewell our year 12 students and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

What a great night was had by all in celebration of their school journey! We also farewell Marcus Diaz and Idris Weaver who are both moving to new school settings in 2015. Good luck to both! You will be missed.

A reminder that school finishes next Wednesday, 17th December and returns Wednesday, 28th January, 2015. Please note that Tuesday is Staff Development Day.

Could all parents and caregivers ensure that you utilize the photos sent home of your child's teacher and aid for 2015 to prepare them for their return to school. This assists with a smooth transition to their new class after a lengthy break.

It is with great sadness that I leave this school that has been my home for the past 13 years but take with me the fondest of memories that will remain with me forever. I am so proud of this school and what it stands for and I know that those who go ahead of me in leading the school will endeavour to carry on the remarkable work done here and will continue to support students in reaching their goals, so important to their future independence.

I sincerely thank all my staff for their unending dedication to student learning and for their professionalism when facing often challenging times that can arise in a school for students with special needs.

I also thank you, the parent community and the P&C for your support of my leadership and for your commitment to your children's education.

Wendy Milburn will be relieving Principal in 2015. You will have an opportunity to meet her in your child's, Parent Teacher meetings.

I will miss you all!!!

Karen McDonell

#### SENIOR PARKES SNAPSHOT



Senior Parke participates in Travel Training every Tuesday. We have used a range of public transport such as buses, trains and the light rail to visit Circular Quay, Darling Harbour, Hyde Park and Macarthur Square. During travel training we practice purchasing our own train tickets from the ticket machine. We have also been learning how to use the ticket gates. When at our destination we enjoy eating our lunch, looking at things in the community and buying some items from the shops. We then make our way back on the train and go back to school.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL GOMERSALL SNAPSHOT

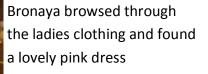
Middle School Gomersall ventured into the Menai Market Place on Thursday 13th November, 2014.

We all boarded the bus and headed for Menai Market Place. Once there we moved off the bus and headed into the shopping centre.

It was nice and cool in there and a lot of people were doing their shopping.

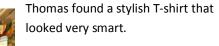
We walked as a group through the centre looking at all the shops. We stopped and looked at toys, books, jewellery and clothes. We made our way into Big W.





Hiam thought the weather might change and was looking at the umbrellas.





Robert took quite a while to find a pair of shoes he liked.



Bronaya and Thomas paid the cashier and collect the change. The staff were so friendly.



Bronaya made sure all of the rubbish was placed into the bin.



Hamoudi perused the magazines.



What a wonderful time we had out and about in the community.

### Dear Parents,

If your child is not returning to school on the Wednesday the 28th January 2015, please advise the school before

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