

# B.G.S. Gazzette

BRODERICK GILLAWARNA SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

### CALENDAR

#### Friday 21st February

Grenfell Assembly Item

#### Tuesday 25th February

P&amp;C Meeting

#### Wednesday 26th February

Grand Opening of

Outdoor Bowling Alley

Welcome back to the 2014 school year and term 1. I would like to firstly thank my Executive staff for stepping up so efficiently during my leave and to all staff for their ongoing support of students during those first weeks of the new school year.

I would also like to take time to welcome our new students and parents to our school. We will be holding parent teacher meetings from next week for our new students and from week 7 for all other students. Please expect a call from our Relieving Deputy Principal to organize suitable times and days for these meetings to occur. This is a very important part of your child's academic program and during this time there will be a consultation between the teacher and parent/caregiver to decide priority outcomes and SMART goals for each child for 2014.

Invitations have gone out for a new parent workshop to be held here at school on Wednesday, March 12th from 10.00am until 11.00am. Please come along and meet our executive team, our School Councillor and take some time to meet and chat with other new parents. Tea, coffee, cold drinks and cake provided. There will also be a demonstration of the Interactive Whiteboard and the Ipad as utilized in classrooms. (The invitation provides greater detail of what will be presented).

A very big welcome to our music therapist, Josh Oshlack. He will be supporting our students through the use of music as therapy each Thursday throughout term1. If you or any member of your family would like to attend a session, please contact the school and we will be happy to assist you.

Look out for further installments of our PROLOGU02GO workshops! They were very popular last year and we will ensure that, if needed, workshops will be repeated.

Thank you to all those who were able to attend last year's Presentation Day. It was a great success! What a wonderful celebration of student achievement!!

Also, thank you to all who assisted to support community excursions and our AASC program. We will be seeking volunteers from our parent community to support students in class and the community during semester 1. Please give some thought to supporting our students through their academic program.

Wishing everyone a great start to 2014 and please do not hesitate to call if there is anything we can do to support you and your family or if you just need a question answered. We are more than happy to help. See you all at our parent/teacher sessions in a few weeks.

Regards,

Karen McDonell  
Principal



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## CLASS ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES

Every week a class is asked to perform an item on stage at assembly. Below are the dates each class are performing for Term 1. Parents, Caregivers, families and friends are invited to watch their child perform. Assembly commences at 9.30am.

21/02/2014	28/02/2014	07/03/2014	14/03/2014	21/03/2014	28/03/2014	04/04/2014	11/04/2014
Primary Grenfell	Middle Gomersall	Middle Castelino	Senior Barrett	Junior Pauschmann	Senior Parke	Primary Cartledge	Primary Akuete

## VISITORS

Visiting Parents & Caregivers are required to make themselves known at the School Office before picking up students early or arriving late to school to obtain an early/late release note.

All Visitors, Parents and Caregivers are required to sign in and out at the Office at all times. This Directive is from the Department Of Education and Communities for the Safety of all Students, Staff and Visitors.

If you would like to talk to your child's Teacher, or visit the classroom, please ring or visit the Office to make an appointment. Teachers are always happy to make an appointment to see parents about any concerns they may have. You are always welcome at our School.

We appreciate your co operation on this matter.

## P & C NEWS

Parents & Citizens Association meeting will be held in the School Staffroom on Tuesday the 25th February at 9.30am. All are welcome.

## VOLUNTEERS

Expression of Interest is going out to Parents, Caregivers and friends who would like to volunteer at Broderick Gillawarna School.

If you are interested in volunteering at our school please visit the School Office to obtain paperwork to fill out. All volunteers are required by law to apply online for a Working With Children number allowing them to work with children. Please visit [www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au)

When we have a list of interested volunteers, the School will conduct a Volunteer Induction Workshop.

We look forward to seeing you volunteering at our school soon.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest are being taken for Parents and Caregivers to become a members of The School Finance Committee.

The position is voluntary and will be for the term of 1 Semester then rotating to another Parent or Caregiver for another Semester and so on.

Please send your expression of interest to the School Office.



## SENIOR ELLEM & SENIOR WHITMEE SNAPSHOT

Senior Ellem and Senior Whitmee classes have had a busy start to the year with work experience, travel training, swimming programs, t-ball at Field of Dreams and Senior Hospitality Programs commencing.





## MUSIC THERAPY

Music Therapy Sessions have begun at school. They occur every 2nd Thursday.

Josh Oshlach from Rhythm Village comes in to the school and works with the students for music therapy sessions. Students are

The therapy sessions are generously funded through The Variety Club and Charter Hall.



## IGA REVESBY DONATION

A very big thank you to the staff of IGA Revesby who kindly donated \$2400 raised for our students.

We ask all our parents, families and friends to consider shopping at IGA Revesby to thank them for their very generous donation.



**MyTime***supporting parents of  
children with disabilities*

***Koorana Child and Family Services introduces their Bankstown  
My Time parent support program for Term 1, 2014:***

**Term 1 Calendar:**

<b>12th Feb</b>	<i>Connecting with parents: A chance to connect</i>
<b>19th Feb</b>	<i>Responding to your Child's Behaviour (Part 1)</i>
<b>26th Feb</b>	<i>Responding to your Child's Behaviour (Part 2)</i>
<b>5th Mar</b>	<i>Learning Through Play</i>
<b>12th Mar</b>	<i>Getting the Most out of Early Intervention</i>
<b>19th Mar</b>	<i>Managing Anger &amp; Stress</i>
<b>26th Mar</b>	<i>Getting the Most out of Preschool</i>
<b>2nd April</b>	<i>Transition to School</i>

**WHERE:** **Punchbowl Uniting Church,  
15 The Broadway Punchbowl**

**WHEN:** **10:00am– 12:00 noon, Weekly on Wednesdays**

**CONTACT:** **Koorana Family Support Team on 9704 7631**

***Child Care and Interpreters are always available and  
Morning Tea provided.***







Please NOTE: This is an Announcement ONLY, Your Ticket invite to follow closer to event.

## MAGIC MANIA December 20<sup>th</sup> 2014

### FREE TICKETS

Dear Sir / Madam,

It is with great pleasure to announce that we have booked the State Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park, again this year for Magic Mania on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Show times to be announced later.

Of course, this is a **FREE** show for the members of your organisation and the show is as for the youngest and oldest of us. We would like to see a record number in attendance this year and as I am sure you know, the more the merrier.

Imagine entering into an energy-charged room filled with laughter and excitement – a room soon to be full of music, bright lights, dancing, clowns, magicians, illusionists and acrobats. The lights go down and you hold your breath. You close your eyes in anticipation of the excitement that will follow. You can feel the others in the crowd waiting in anticipation.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, WELCOME TO MAGIC MANIA!"

Could you please pencil this date in your calendar so that all your members can enjoy the great event.

We will be in touch later in the year to find out how many tickets you may require for which show time.

Regards,

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