

B.G.S GAZZETTE

BRODERICK GILLAWARNA SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

CALENDAR

Wednesday 9th April

Easter Egg Hunt & Hat Parade

Friday 11th April

Primary Akuete Assembly
performance

Last day of school

Tuesday 29th April

**Students return to
school**

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This will be the last newsletter for term 1, 2014. It has been a busy term and I would like to thank all those who contributed to the smooth return to school. Thank you to our P&C for their valued support of our students this term and for their contribution toward Ipad technology and WIFI cabling. Both these additions to the school will assist teachers to better meet the needs of students as part of the ongoing ICT component of communication and engagement.

Next term will see the reintroduction of weekly class market visits. This was a significant program last year and students benefited from the opportunity to purchase fruit and vegetables in a very different setting. Students were also able to develop their social skills, utilizing skills in communication to appropriately greet, farewell and interact with a variety of adults in a work setting.

Our new exercise equipment will be installed during the holidays which will be a great addition to our playground. The equipment will be accessible to the majority of students

with an emphasis on our senior students. The equipment will promote health and fitness, socialization and communication.

Thank you to all for your contributions to our chocolate egg hunt and hat parade and congratulations to all the winners of the P&C raffle. All monies raised through P&C fundraising go towards much needed resources for our students.

As a closing comment, the school was acknowledged for its' generous donation of equipment to the children of Syria. Standing frames, wheelchairs, commodes and walking frames acquired by the school over the years were forwarded by container to Syria earlier this term and we are pleased that our contribution will make a difference in the lives of children with disability in a country of significant need.

Please enjoy the holiday break and we look forward to welcoming our students back, **term 2, Tuesday, 29th April.**

Karen McDonell
Principal



SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit our new school website:

www.broderick-s.schools.nsw.edu.au

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.

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 and all visitors need to sign in at the office.

11 April 2014 — Primary Akuete

02 May 2014 — Senior Whitmee

09 May 2014 — Primary Suarez

MUSIC WORKSHOP

Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend a music workshop run by Josh Oshlack our Music Therapy facilitator. Josh provides music therapy for students with special needs at many schools. The workshop will be held at school on Thursday the 12th of June between 10am –11am. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Recently you would have received an invoice for any outstanding incursions, excursions and/or school fees also known as Voluntary School Contributions.

Due to a computer error some of these invoices were sent to parents who have already finalised their accounts, please accept our apologies and thank you.

For those parents who have accounts outstanding, your earliest attention to this would be greatly appreciated.

These contributions are in addition to moneys provided from government sources. Schools may raise funds from community sources including requests to parents or guardians for voluntary school and subject contributions.

Juniors \$60 Seniors \$ 110

CELEBRATING HARMONY DAY 21ST MARCH

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. At Broderick Gillawarna School we celebrated by wearing orange and trying different types of food from around the world which was kindly sent in by parents. Thank you



The Autism Community Network (ACN) is holding a fundraising event to help us continue to support families throughout Sydney. Our activities for children and parents dealing with autism spectrum disorders have made a positive contribution to so many but we need to have funds to keep going.

We invite you to join us for an evening of fun with prizes and raffles to help support the work of the Autism Community Network.

ACN TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 31 May 2014
7.00pm for 7.30 start to 10.30 pm

Bexley RSL
24 Stoney Creek Rd, Bexley

Tickets \$35 or table of 8 for \$280

Get a table with friends and see if you are the Trivia Legend in your group

Tickets may be purchased from
www.autismcommunity.org.au

Ticket includes entry and finger food.
Drinks may be purchased at bar.

For more information call Najwa on 0419 964 666
or write to najwa@autismcommunity.org.au

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SOCCER PROGRAM

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

ADAPTIVE & INCLUSIVE SOCCER

- for children aged : 5 to 18
- Teams grouped by ability
- Emphasis on participation & fun
- Positive Player Development in self confidence

When : Every Saturday (during Soccer Season)

Where : Ernie Smith Reserve: Kelso Park Moorebank

Cost : \$80.00 - includes uniform, insurance

Registration: Birth certificate, and payment

To register plus further information please contact :

Ron: 0404 496555 or Lucy: 0419 698157

Email: snappsport@hotmail.com

P & C E N D O F T E R M N E W S

Dear Parents and Caregivers

"Wow" how time just whizzes by, before you know it, it's that time again, "yes, it's the holidays" We welcomed all our continuing and new students back to school and hope you have settled in to the school routines.

The P&C Committee planned three fundraisers during term 1, the first two were BBQs outside Woolworths at Revesby that raised \$1111. A fantastic effort! Well done to the BBQ team and we take this opportunity to invite all parents, grandparents and family members to join in at any of our future fundraising BBQ events planned throughout the year, even if you joined in for 30mins it would be greatly appreciated. Who knows you might even enjoy yourself and stay a bit longer because we can guarantee you that you would have fantastic company.

The third fundraiser for term 1 was the annual Bunny Raffle that was drawn after the 'Great Egg Hunt'. Congratulations to all the winners. We wish to express our gratitude to all the parents, caregivers and staff who contributed towards the donation of eggs and all of those who purchased tickets.

In 2013 the P&C Committee committed to implementing a Sensory Garden. The quotation for this was \$60,000. All the fundraising organised by the P&C including generous donations from parents and the community, we raised over \$34,000 putting us at the halfway mark. We hope to achieve the rest of the cost through fundraising efforts in 2014.

We invite and encourage you to participate in any of our upcoming event anytime during the year. Please contact the school office on 97731255 and they will put you in contact with the fundraising team. We would love to hear from you.

We now take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Thank you

Fundraising Team



PROGRAM

"Oral Care Training for Disability Support staff"


Held: Tuesday 13th May 20146th Flr Lecture Theatre, SDH
Health
 Sydney
 Local Health District
Facilitator: Dr Natalie Oprea

9.00 Registration – from SCD Reception Desk

9.30 Welcome to the Country, Formal opening by SLHD Executive.


9.45	Dr Antonia Scott	Senior Clinician Faculty of Dentistry Sydney University	"Dealing with disabled people" <i>A personal perspective.</i>
10.30	Dr Emma Jay	Specialist, Special Needs Dentistry	"Principles of handling people with autism, intellectual underdevelopment & behaviour problems"
11.15	MORNING TEA		
11.30	Dr Helen Carey	Staff Specialist, Periodontics	"Gum disease and general health"
12.15	Dental company reps	Oral hygiene products	
1.00 – 1.30	LUNCH & LEARN Trade Display/s and Demonstrations		
1.30	Mrs Lindy Sank	SLHD Dietitian	"Diet and oral health considerations for disabled patients"
2.15	Dr Warwick Harty	SLHD Staff Specialist, Prosthodontics	"Expectations and reality"
3.00	OPEN FORUM Dr Natalie Oprea, Head of SCD Department, Specialist in Special Needs Dentistry		What do you want to know??
			Demonstrations
			Sharing experiences – "to do or not to do". How?
			Oral Hygiene care plans
3.30	Evaluation and Feedback regarding future workshops		


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PlayConnect
Playgroups are located in metropolitan, regional, and remote areas of Australia.

How can I find out more?
Visit the website www.playconnect.com.au or call the PlayConnect Infoline 1800 790 335 (free call)
For more information about the early intervention available through the Australian Government Helping Children With Autism initiative, visit the website www.fahcsia.gov.au/autism or call their Information Line: 1800 778 581 (free call)






What is a Playgroup?
Playgroup is for babies and young children, their mums, dad, grandparents and other carers. Adults attend with their children. Playgroups meet regularly at community venues all over Australia. Community, parent-run playgroups have been running in Australia for over 40 years. There are over 8,300 community playgroups in Australia.


Contact Us.
For information on playgroups and other early intervention services, contact your State or Territory Playgroup Association: 1800 171 882 (free call)
www.playgroupaustralia.com.au/nsw

Playgroup NSW



Your Group:

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs as part of the Helping Children with Autism Package.



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EGG HUNT & HAT PARADE PHOTOS

