

# B.G.S GAZZETTE

BRODERICK GILLAWARNA SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

### CALENDAR

#### Friday 21st February

Harmony Day

Junior Pauschmann  
assembly item

#### Tuesday 25th March

P&C Annual General Meeting

#### Wednesday 9th April

Easter Egg Hunt & Hat Parade

#### Friday 11th April

Last day of school

#### Tuesday 29th April

Students return to school

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to our 2nd edition of the BGS Gazette for 2014. It has been a busy term and as usual, our students are responding positively to the many programs and activities run at school and off site. It is always rewarding to hear how appropriate our students are when visiting the local or wider community. The strong focus on both communication and social skill development here at school assists to support students when interacting with staff, peers and community members. We will continue to focus on these much needed outcomes and skills throughout the year and beyond.

A reminder of our P&C AGM next Tuesday from 9.30am. All are welcome to attend this important meeting to vote on office bearer positions and share in the decision making processes within the school.

Please also note the BBQ fundraising dates for our P&C. All offers of help will be gratefully accepted.

Friday is Harmony Day. Please let your child wear something **orange** to help celebrate this important day. There will be cooking demonstrations and lots of food to be sampled from around the globe.

If you can't attend, please feel free to send in a plate of food! We enjoy celebrating the cultural diversity that is our school!

Parent/teacher meetings are in full swing. Please make every effort to attend these valuable sessions to engage in professional dialogue with your class teacher. It is important to note that the cost of an interpreter is approximately \$400.00.

As the end of term looms, please note that school holidays commence on Monday, 14th April. School resumes on Tuesday, 29th April. Please ensure that you do not bring your child to school on Monday, 28th April.

Please visit our updated school website. All the information has been revised and you can access all school policies relevant to you and your child as well as the Annual School Report and the School Plan for 2012-2014. (thank you Dennell)

As always, please don't hesitate to call the school for any information as you require it.

Karen McDonell  
Principal



## 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.

21/03/2014	28/03/2014	04/04/2014	11/04/2014
Junior Pauschmann	Senior Parke	Primary Cartledge	Primary Akuete

## 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.

## 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.

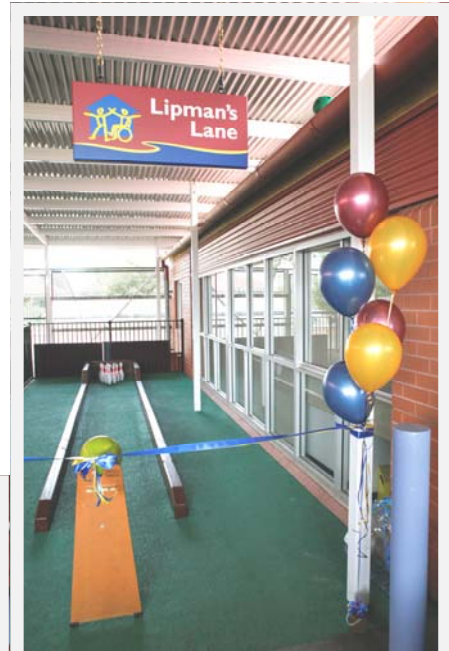
## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit our new school website:

[www.broderick-s.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.broderick-s.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## GRAND OPENING OF OUTDOOR BOWLING ALLEY

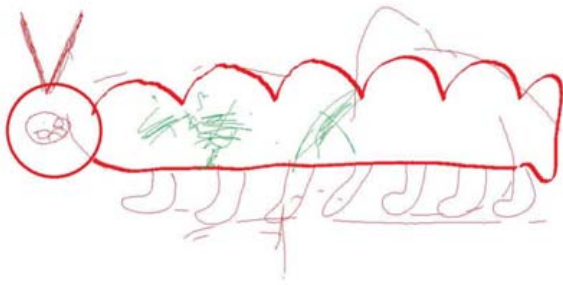
The Grand Opening ceremony of the Outdoor Bowling Alley, known as “Lipman Lane” took place on Wednesday 26th February. Over 50 guests attended including families, friends, local newspapers and politicians. The ribbon was cut by a representative from Revesby Workers Club and the Lipman family. Revesby Workers Club and the Lipman family donated money to establish the bowling alley for our students.



**From Left.** Mrs J Carroll (BGS), Mrs R Lipman, Mrs McDonell (BGS Principal) & Mr D Hayward (Revesby Workers Club)



# PRIMARY CARTLEDGE SNAPSHOT



We made this caterpillar together.



This year Primary Cartledge are learning about how things grow and change. We are studying the life cycle of a butterfly this term. Together we have used digital media and craft activities to draw, paint, mould, model, cut and paste our way through investigations of caterpillars, cocoons and butterflies.

We have read, watched and listened to 'The very hungry caterpillar' and watched a video of the four stages of the life cycle. Our favourite part was when the butterfly came out of its cocoon.

We spent time looking at the different ways someone can tell the same story or share information. These included using puppets, pictures, written and spoken words, digital images and songs.

Our caterpillar counting activities were a lot of fun, and learning about position and time using our stories was a great way to build new language.

The best part of these lessons was working together using our talents and helping each other to complete patterns, matching, counting, fine motor and language activities.

## THANK YOU

A BIG THANKYOU to the sister of one of our students who owns Amani Smile Photography. They kindly donated \$773.50.



Left: Mrs Al-Chami. R: Mrs McDonell



## P & C NEWS

The Broderick Gillawarna School Parent & Citizen Association ( P&C) will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday the 25th March at 9.30am in the School Staffroom. We invite all families to join us. Below is a calendar of events for 2014

Sun 30th March—Woolworths BBQ—Revesby

Wednesday 9th April—Hat Parade, Chocolate Egg Hunt, Draw of the Bunny Raffle

Tuesday 6th May— General Meeting

Thursday 8th & Friday 9th May—Mothers Day Stall

Saturday 17th May—Woolworths Revesby

Saturday 24th May –Woolworths BBQ ,Revesby

June—awaiting reply from McDonalds about fundraising night)

Tuesday 3rd June— General Meeting

Wednesday 18th June— proposed Movie Night ( or Wednesday 25th June.) TBA

July—Chocolate Fundraiser

Saturday 19th July - Woolworths BBQ , Revesby

Tuesday 29th July— General Meeting

Wednesday 30th July—Walk-Wheela-Thon

Saturday 23rd August— Woolworths BBQ, Revesby

Tuesday 26th August—General Meeting

Thursday 4th & 5th September—Father’s Day Stall

Sunday 12th October—Masters BBQ, Chullora

Tuesday 21st October—General Meeting

Friday 31st October—proposed date of Annual Fun Day. TBA

Saturday 1st November—Woolworths Revesby

Saturday 8th November—Proposed date for Spring Ball. TBA

Tuesday 18th November—Last General Meeting for 2014

Saturday 22nd November—Woolworths BBQ, Revesby

Wednesday 10th December—Annual End of Year Raffle





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In 2001 the Government introduced the 'First Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email [childoffset@twelve.com.au](mailto:childoffset@twelve.com.au) today to receive more information.

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To the Office Manager,

We are a friendly local florist and we are writing to you, to offer you a fantastic deal on flowers which is valid for the entire school year!

We deliver flowers for all occasions and we know that school funds are limited, so we are offering you a 20% discount on all our products online. This offer also applies to anyone within the school community. We have enclosed a flyer to pin on your bulletin board.

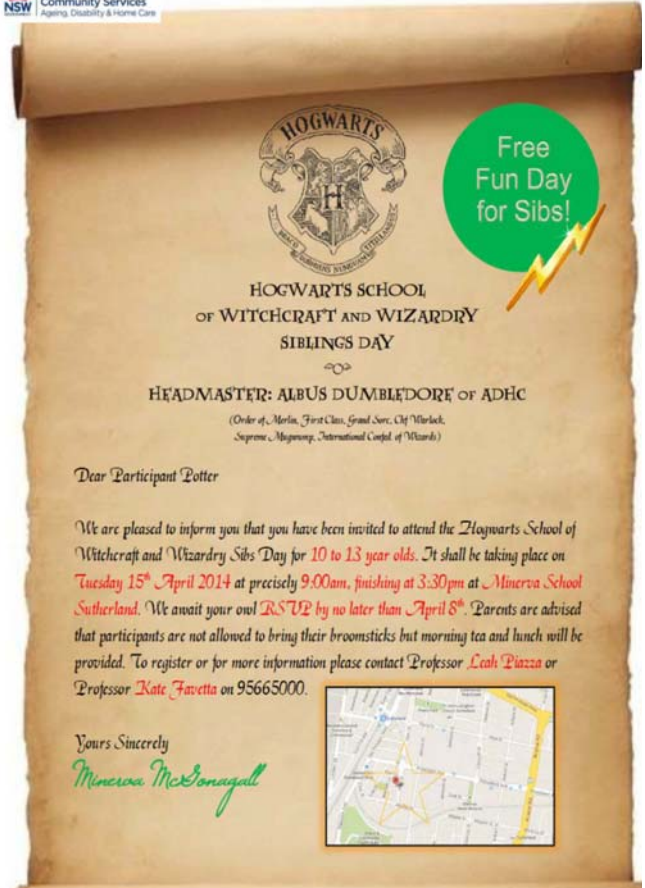
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Kind Regards,

Andrew & Stephanie Jennings

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**Free Fun Day for Sibs!**

HOGWARTS SCHOOL OF WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY SIBLINGS DAY

HEADMASTER: ALBUS DUMBLEDORE OF ADHC

(Order of Merlin, First Class, Grand Sorc, Chf Warlock, Supreme Mugwump, International Confed of Wizards)

Dear Participant Potter

We are pleased to inform you that you have been invited to attend the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry Sibs Day for 10 to 13 year olds. It shall be taking place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at precisely 9:00am, finishing at 3:30pm at Minerva School Sutherland. We await your owl RSVP by no later than April 8<sup>th</sup>. Parents are advised that participants are not allowed to bring their broomsticks but morning tea and lunch will be provided. To register or for more information please contact Professor Leah Piazza or Professor Kate Favetta on 95665000.

Yours Sincerely  
Minerva McGonagall

