#### April 2015

# **B.G.S GAZETTE**

### **RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**

#### CALENDAR

2nd April

Last Day of School

### 21<sup>st</sup> April

Term 2 commences

24<sup>th</sup> April

Anzac Day

Ceremony

# What a quick end to a very busy term!

Our Easter Egg Hunt on Tuesday was a fantastic fun filled time and students found many eggs across the playground. Staff and student got dressed up and there were many bunny ears and some tails. Thank you to the P&C for their hard work in supporting this activity and raising money for the school with the Easter raffle

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, the staff and parents at BGS for making my first term so enjoyable. I am having a wonderful time here and everyone has made me very welcome. It has been great to meet so many parents and community members and the support to this wonderful school.

I wish everyone a very safe and peaceful Easter break. May your time with family and friends be enjoyable and special.

I look forward to seeing all students back on April 21st.

Wendy Milburn Relieving Principal

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## HARMONY DAY

**Harmony Day** was celebrated on Thursday the 19th March, 2015 at Broderick Gillawarna School. This day celebrated the cohesive and inclusive nature of our school and local community and promoted the benefits of cultural diversity. Harmony Day coincides with the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The continuing message of Harmony Day is **Everyone Belongs**. It is about promoting respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for everyone. Broderick Gillawarna School had the opportunity to share with others the importance of diversity in the school and community through teaching and learning outcomes including action, performance, costume and food.

The day began with a sea of orange and National dress parading around the basketball court. Group photos were taken. It was great to see so many of the staff and students supporting the Harmony Day celebrations! Thank you parents!!!





The students then moved to classrooms where they all participated in Harmony Day craft activities. These include:; making orange jelly, icing biscuits with orange icing, using orange play dough, cutting and folding cardboard people, creating orange paper chains and placing hand prints onto our school "Harmony Day" trees.

At 11am the guests started arriving and everyone was invited to place their hand print onto our community "Harmony Tree" and attach an orange link to our Community Paper Chain. Everyone then moved to the assembly hall for the performances.

Students, staff and guests were treated to an entertaining and engaging display of the cultures that make up our school community. The assembly began with Alice Masia



presenting the "Welcome to Country" and demonstrating some traditional dot painting.

This was followed by students from Picnic Point High School showcasing their talents with a demonstration of didgeridoo playing, baton twirling and singing.

Next came the students from Sir Joseph Banks High School who entertained us with a traditional dance from the Cook Islands. We were enthralled by a belly



dancer who

demonstrated some traditional belly dancing. Some of our students even joined in!

We watched the **Wandabaa Gabiny Dancers** from Christian Brothers High School Lewisham. These young men, led by Kaleb, showed us some aspects from their Indigenous culture as they moved through the audience. Kaleb played the didgeridoo and used clapping sticks. Every member of the group showed us a different animal. This performance was really exciting.





Next onto the stage was a troupe of dancers from "Tropical Island Hula" who were all colourfully dressed in traditional Polynesian Costumes. They danced beautifully and got us all up to learn how to do the Hula. What great fun we all had trying to shake our hips!

Senior Rossall and our Music Therapy teacher Josh Oshlack then performed for the crowd using our newly purchased drums. What an amazing performance!

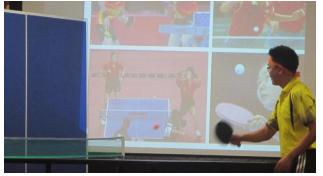


We then had a visit from a "Jolly Swagman" who, with the assistance and musical ability of Josh had us singing along to "Waltzing Matilda". The swagman showed us how he sat under a coolabah tree, boiling his billy and shoving a jumbuck into his tucker bag. Look closely, do



your recognise who it is? It's our GA Mr Grubb.

Our last act came from our very own staff, Mr Tony Bo who demonstrated a ping pong game as the traditional sport from China. Mr Bo showed us some moves as he kept to the beat of the drum.



What a wonderful assembly we all had! The classes then returned to the blocks to sample the wide and varied foods from around the world. Many thanks must go to our parents and community members who sent in foods for the day. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Dough Bros at Revesby who donated Lebanese pizzas for everyone to share. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Our wonderful P&C worked hard all morning cooking sausages and organising drinks for all at no cost. What a wonderful display of community spirit. Thank you so

much to Broderick Gillawarna P&C for your continued support of our school and its programs.



Well it was easy to see Harmony Day 2015 at Broderick Gillawarna School has been a huge success. Special thanks must go to Picnic Point High School, Sir Joseph Banks High School, Christian Brother's High School Lewisham, our Belly Dancer, Tropical Island Hula, Senior Rossall class, Mr Dave Grubb, Mr Tony Bo, the staff at Dough Bros at Revesby and the P&C. Without all of you our Harmony Day would not have been the success it was. Your support and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated by all. Also thank you to our special guests, community members and family members who came to enjoy the festivities. The whole day proved to be a huge success and everyone left with a smile on their face talking about how wonderful the day had been. It was so great to see a whole community get together to celebrate the diversity of cultures in harmony.





Broderick Gillawarna Staff



Picnic Point High School students



Wandabaa Gabiny Dancers



Mrs Rekha Nanda & Mrs Adeolu Akuete



Students greeting guests at the front gate.



Wandabaa Gabiny Dancers



**Belly Dancers** 



# **Primary Castelino Class Snapshot**

We are Learners



## We are learning about Australia...



We are learning to communicate...



We are learning together



Josh Oshlack and Mrs Rossall's Class

## Healthy Lunchbox Parent Workshop

Children are at school for six hours each day. That parents who attended were able to offer each other tips and ideas of ways to encourage the children to try new foods. means they will eat lunch and afternoon tea there. It is extremely important that the foods they eat are of high nutritional value so they are able to maintain concentration, perform at their fullest potential and remain healthy.



On Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015 the Community Engagement Team held the first Parent Workshop of the year. It was entitled "Healthy Lunchboxes" and was presented to a large group of parents by Nina Tam from the NSW Cancer Council. This workshop was opened to the parents of Broderick Gillawarna School, Caroline Chisholm School and Revesby Public School. We were pleased to welcome parents from these schools to our workshop.



Nina Tam provided some interesting information about the types of foods and the recommended amounts of foods that we should all be eating every day. Some of us were amazed at how easily we could eat the recommended 5 serves of vegetables and 2 serves of fruit each day. Some of the children can be "fussy" or "picky" eaters and the parents who attended were able to offer each other tips and ideas of ways to encourage the children to try new foods.



Every parent received a sample bags containing useful information and some resources to assist with getting our children to eat a healthy lunch.



Parents enjoyed a relaxed and informal atmosphere and had a cup of tea/coffee and some healthy morning tea. A big thank you must go to Nina Tam from the NSW Cancer Council for her time and information.

Also a big thank you to Mrs Suarez and Miss Gomersall for their organisation of this event. Keep your eyes open for future parent workshops, ideas, tips and recipes for Healthy Eating in the upcoming newsletters





#### SERVES 6-8



INGREDIENTS 3 Zucchinis 1 Carrot 1 Onion 1 cup grated low fat Cheese 1 cup Self-raising flour 1 tablespoon Canola Oil 5 Eggs



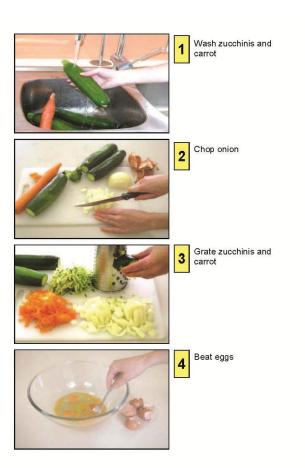
COOKING UTENSILS Mixing bowl Chopping board Peeler Wooden spoon 1 cup 1 Tablespoon

Baking dish

Fork

Knife

Brush





# Have a great Holiday !

See you all on April the 21st