



***School vision: Connecting communities to enhance the development of students' living and social skills through innovative practice.***

***Empowering students to become independent successful lifelong learners.***

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Welcome to Term 2 Week 5 newsletter. You will see a very different format with this edition and we hope you thoroughly enjoy reading it and seeing the comprehensive coverage of programs and activities from all classes as well as school events.

The term so far has been busy as usual with a few complications thrown in to test our resilience! A huge THANK YOU to all parents, carers and taxi drivers for accommodating the school closure in the storms where some classrooms were flooded and an electrical shortage became a concern for safety. The support and quick response by everyone is greatly appreciated.

A highlight in the first week of term was the moving Anzac Day service where local military personnel supported us by playing and speaking. The ceremony dignified and inclusive with staff playing brass instruments and students laying wreaths they had made in class.

The Annual School Report for 2014 is now on the school website. The report covers the many achievements and progress made by students, staff and the school across 2014. It is an excellent read supported with some beautiful photos. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the office and we will send one home.

Teachers have been busy assessing student and class programs in readiness for half yearly reports which are now in the process of being written.

All students are actively involved with class and individual programs which include healthy canteen, amazing art, science and money lessons just to name a few.

The school held a wonderful Mother's Day assembly and brunch which was very well attended. Students had great delight and responsibility serving adults various food such as raisin toast, freshly squeezed orange juice and poached eggs.

A reminder the next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 9th June at 9.30am. We would like to see more parents, carers and community members attend. Please take the time to join us for an hour to chat with other parents and interested supporters as well as making collaborative decisions regarding the welfare and vision of this great school.



Wendy Milburn  
Principal

## Dates to Remember

08/6/15 -	Queens Birthday Public holiday.
09/6/15 -	P&C meeting
26/6/15 -	Last Day of school
13/7/15- 14/7/15-	Pupil free day Pupil free day
15/7/15 -	Students return school

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## Infants Suarez

Morning circle is part of our class routine.

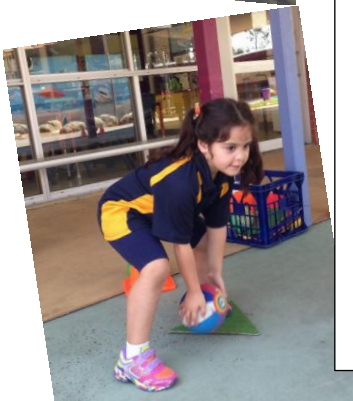
During this session, we are learning to greet each other, name the days of the week and identify our names during the marking of the class roll.

We use the interactive whiteboard (IWB), iPad and A4 visuals for the daily timetable.

This semester, we are focusing on turn taking and following the school rules.



## Infants Gomersall



The kindergarten students are all settling well in to their first full school year.

They have had opportunities to experience and explore many different activities including swimming, cooking, music therapy, Indigenous sports and the sensory room. They've been so busy I don't know how they've fitted in reading, writing and maths lessons!

A big thank you to families for becoming active participants, of the school community.





## Intermediate Barrett

One of the favourite activities of Senior Barrett is our music therapy lessons. Josh, the music therapist, visits us every second Thursday. Our lessons are hands on and we have the opportunity to hear and touch instruments such as a guitar, African drum, singing bowl, rain maker, digeridoo and many other percussion instruments. A warm welcome to our newest classmate, Olivia.



## Primary Allen



Our class has been focusing on developing communication skills across all activities throughout the day.

The class is also developing social skills as we interact with our classmates.

**It's fun doing things with friends**



## *Primary Castelino*

We have been having lots of fun at school. Some of our favourite activities are cooking and music therapy. We enjoyed preparing food to share for our Mother's Day celebration last Friday. We are learning how to communicate with others. Each day we complete daily diaries to share our activities with our families.



An and Carys at music therapy.



Class cooking with Ricky, Daniel and An.



Dylan and Yvonne participating in literacy activities.

## *Middle School Nanda*



Students in Middle School Nanda started the term with a fantastic Aboriginal dance performance



Erykah and Luke prepare fresh juice for Mother's Day brunch.



Students welcomed the Guests and served them brunch.



Christopher took brunch orders from the guests



## Middle School Grenfell



Students in Middle School Grenfell are conducting science experiments using fruit and vegetables. When making fresh juice for the Mother's Day breakfast, we learnt a solid becomes a liquid when passed through a juicer. The pulp is put into the compost bins in the garden. When the compost is full, it is mixed with soil, peat moss, and sugar cane mulch to create a 'No Dig' garden bed.

Our book for this term is *The Cabbage Patch Fib* by Paul Jennings. We are planting cabbage seeds into the garden and can observe them as they grow.



## Middle School Pauschmann



Each Wednesday the students of Middle School Pauschmann participate in Indigenous games. These have been modified to suit the students at Broderick Gillawarna School. They are encouraged to walk along stepping stones, crawl through tunnels and jump over hurdles.





## Senior Akuete

Senior Akuete class are developing skills in art, gross motor, literacy and numeracy.



## Senior Carroll

Term 2 has been a busy time for the students of Senior Carroll. The focus this term has been on a unit of work from the Science curriculum regarding "Water". We have been looking at water in various forms; liquid, solid (ice) and gas (steam). We have also been engaged in experimenting with the shape of water.



Students also participated in making poppies and a wreath for the school's ANZAC Day celebrations. Mother's Day was also enjoyed by the students and it was great to see so many mums enjoy a wonderful brunch with their children. Special thanks must go to all the D Block staff for their efforts in making the day so special. Keep a look out for some of the wonderful works of art the students have created. They will be displayed in the classroom and hallway of A Block.



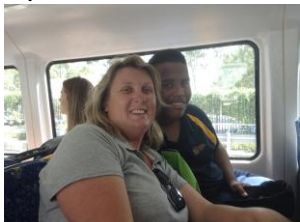
## Senior Omran



We had a great time making our mothers a handmade peppermint body scrub for Mother's Day! It was beautifully presented in an origami box.



## Senior Hamilton

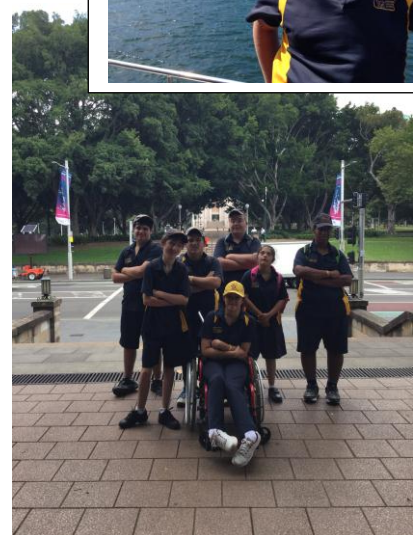
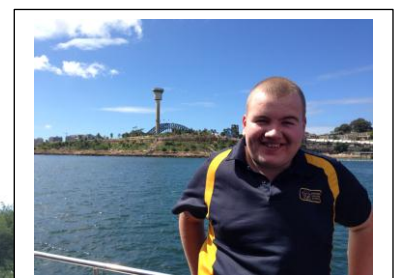


Semester 1 is proving to be an extremely busy, yet exhilarating start to the year. The year started with a new staff member to the school, Mrs Gwen Marschke, our Auslan School Learning Support Officer who works on our class supporting all of us in becoming more familiar with Auslan signing.

Semester 1 also saw a re-commencement of our hospitality program. As well as work experience at DSA and Bedford and aqua and dance Zumba classes.

Parents and carers, we thank you for your ongoing support that continues to enable us to engage in these exciting programs.

In the beautiful weather in Term 1 we began community access visits that included Hyde Park and concluded with a very exciting ferry trip from Newington Armoury to Circular Quay.





## Senior Parke

Senior Parke class undertake the ordering and money collection, preparation, cooking and distribution of cheesy bread to staff and students.



## SENIOR ROSSALL

Senior Rossall spent the first half of Term 2 developing lots of new interests and skills. Our favourite new program at the moment is drumming. When we drum we get to work on our counting and listening skills. We are learning about timing and rhythm, following the drumming leader, taking turns and sharing equipment. We also had the chance to show the school how much we have learnt by performing at assembly.





## Senior Hawthorne

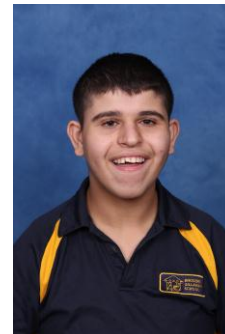


Senior Hawthorne students participate in healthy living activities. The students participate in the daily Crunch and Sip program to taste, smell and feel an array of fruit in addition to drinking water. Some fruit has been picked from the Broderick Gillawarna School garden, such as apples. The students take turns to assist with the preparation to wash the fruit before being cut. Using the PCS or Proloquo2go iPad application, the students request their choice of fruit.

The students demonstrate a range of movement skills with swimming, ball games and riding either a three wheeler or two wheeler bike.



## RFF – Gardener



This term students from Senior Parke have been using the communication application Proloquo2Go to access literacy activities and assist in creating their own electronic book about themselves. During lessons the students are creating books using the 'Pictello' application by typing, taking pictures and recording their own voices.



## ANZAC DAY



Senior students welcome guests to the service. On arrival, each guest was presented with a red poppy



Acknowledgment of country, delivered by one of our Senior students



Major Joe Kaplun delivered a moving commemorative address.



Representative students for each block lay a wreath



Corporal Ian Stenning Sounded the last post



BGS Band and singers, performed during the service



The service was followed by morning tea served by our senior students



A commemorative display has now been set up in the school foyer





## Broderick Gillawarna School Sensory Garden



A Big THANK YOU goes to our P&C who kindly donated this wonderful Fantasy Rainbow Sensory Garden. The garden includes a water feature, raised garden beds, footpath, pergola and scented shrubs.

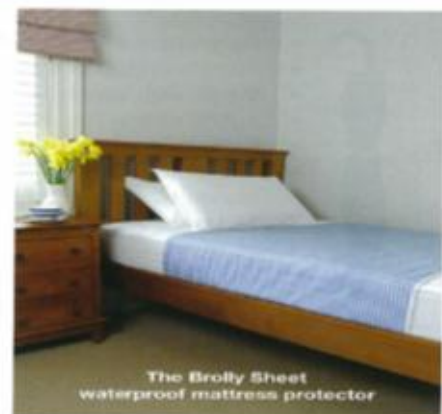


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# Mother's Day Brunch

Mothers, Sisters, Grandmothers, Aunties and friends all gathered for a Mother's Day Brunch at school on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015. Everyone was invited to attend a special Mother's Day assembly where everyone was entertained with great performances from the students in B and D Blocks, Intermediate Rossall and the Junior Dance Group.



The crowds were unbelievable with the room nearly being too full to accommodate our guests. It was great to see so many of our school community, come together to support our student achievements and a very special day.



A cup of tea and coffee was had whilst the teachers and students returned to the blocks to prepare for the brunch.

Guests were treated to a special "continental breakfast" with cereal, toast and freshly squeezed orange juice. Guests placed their orders and were served by students and staff from the blocks. Guests were greeted by students and staff wishing everyone a very Happy Mother's Day.



A wonderful sense of pride filled each block as parents and guests were overjoyed watching their children participate in this special event. New friendships were made as parents and guests chatted happily together over brunch. What a wonderful time was had by all.



A special thanks must go to everyone who attended this special event. Also thank you to the staff at Broderick Gillawarna School who work tirelessly to ensure each child participates fully in all school activities. What a wonderful way to celebrate Mother's Day 2015. Keep your eyes open for the next event. Hope to see you all there! Here is an email we received :

*"What a wonderful day held for parents, visitors and especially the Mother's at Broderick Gillawarna School. After a moving assembly performed by students of all ages, guests were invited to enjoy a beverage and mingle with other parents. A lovely brunch was held in classrooms where guests were greeted by a Maitre'd welcoming visitors and a host wishing all a Happy Mother's Day. A menu consisting of a continental breakfast and beverage was on offer, with orders taken by wait staff (students). A scrumptious brunch was enjoyed by all with a fantastic atmosphere of parents beaming with pride seeing their children in action and students delighted to be able to serve their parents and work so well together. A job well done and staff to be congratulated on organizing such a memorable Mother's Day!"*

Charlie

