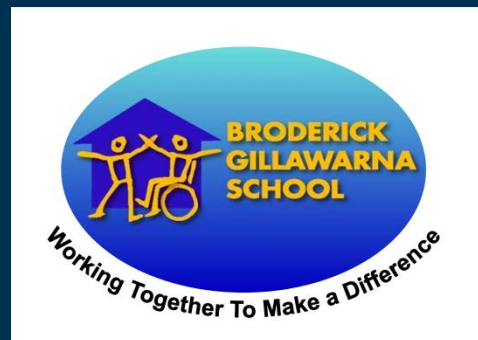




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Broderick Gillawarna School

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.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
This will be the last newsletter for 2016. You will, however, receive notification as to important dates for the start of term 1, 2017 prior to the end of term 4.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge changes to our Executive team. Rebecca MacRae, Deputy Principal and Sally Hawthorne, Assistant Principal, have both been successful in gaining transfers this year. Mrs MacRae will be moving on to pick up the Deputy Principal role at Ingleburn PS and Mrs Hawthorne will be Assistant Principal, Special Education, at Liverpool West PS from term 1, 2017.

Both Mrs MacRae and Mrs Hawthorne have contributed significantly to both the education of students and the professional development of staff since their arrival at our school in 2009 and 2007 respectively. Both Executive have led the way in supporting students' academic achievement throughout their time at Broderick Gillawarna School and have dedicated themselves to the improvement of student learning outcomes across all areas of the curriculum. On behalf of students and staff, we wish them well and good luck in their new endeavours.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, 6th December is Presentation Day. Please come and celebrate your

child's achievements for 2016. It is always an enjoyable morning and we welcome extended families and friends to be involved in this special occasion. Morning tea will be served by our senior students prior to the ceremony commencing.

Wednesday, 30th November is our parent information morning starting at 9.30am. All new parents for 2017 and those parents of students who have started this term, are invited to attend this very important session to assist in the transition of our new students, from home to school. Please come along and join in. Morning tea will be served by our senior hospitality group.

Monday, 5th and 12th December is our kindy orientation sessions. (9.00am-12.00pm)

Friday, 8th December is our Senior Graduation dinner. It will be held at Revesby Workers Club and invitations are limited to those families of students graduating this year.

Shortly, all parents and caregivers will be receiving notification of their child's teacher and student learning support officer for 2017. You will receive photos of those staff supporting your child and the class name. Please use this information to support your child's transition into the new school year. Regular reminders of changes coming for 2017 will be useful in reducing anxiety

levels when your child begins the new school year.

Please watch out for your child's report for 2016. It will be placed in a white envelope and put into your child's school bag. As these reports contain significant detail of your child's academic achievement, we do ask that you take the opportunity to read it through and please feel free to ask any questions you may have, regarding the report, at the first parent/ teacher meeting in term 1 2017.

As part of our ongoing commitment to community and student needs could you please take the time complete a simple survey regarding school start times at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GGFZQHP>

Thank you and regards,

Karen McDonnell (Principal)

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Waratah Class



Waratah class have been making lots of different foods in our cooking lessons.

We follow a recipe to make foods including; sandwiches, fruit salad, pizzas and toast.

When we have finished cooking, we eat with our friends.

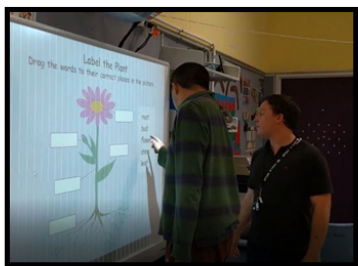


CLASS DAUGHTON



Class Daughton have been demonstrating independent work skills by completing a daily visual work schedule. All students have increased the number and variety of tasks, and have learned valuable skills moving forward to the new school year. They have also been enjoying lessons centred on celebrations across cultures





Class Gardener has commenced spring by learning about the different plants, flowers, trees, fruit and vegetables that can grow in our gardens.



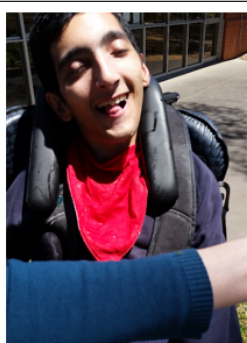
We have been busy investigating how plants grow, the features that they have and the things they require to survive.

We have planted some Petunias in the hopes that they will grow and encourage us to grow even more things in our garden for the future.

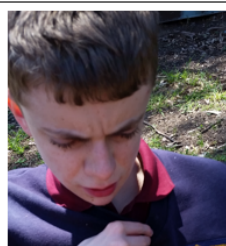


Class Gardener

Class Hawthorne



Students in Hawthorne's class have been investigating mini beasts. The students looked closely at ladybugs, ants, a praying mantis and dragon flies. They explored the sensory garden and looked at insects with a magnifying glass and insects crawling on the staff's arms. In addition, an artificial habitat was constructed in the classroom with tactile experiences to feel and identify that insects have a head, thorax and abdomen. The students participated in representing their choice of insect in a tactile format utilising cooking dough and made an edible insect biscuits.



Praying mantis



Kookaburra Parke



Kookaburra Parke have been excited to begin their first community access program this term. Every Wednesday they have been going bowling at AMF bowling in Revesby Workers Club. Students practice their bowling skills using a ramp and have even managed to get some strikes! The kookaburras also enjoy eating their lunch there and learn to take turns with their friends.



Exploration

Class Peterson have been investigating sights and sounds around out school, exploring different ways to move and finding out how things work.

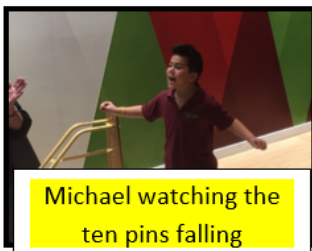




Caroline got a strike!



Dean all set



Michael watching the ten pins falling

Platypus Nanda

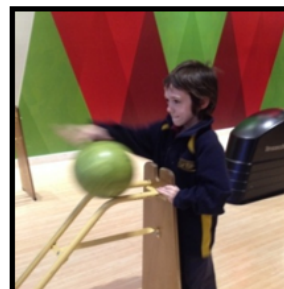
Students of Class platypus Nanda have been going to AMF Bowling Lanes at Revesby Workers club.

Being out in the community, along with developing bowling skills, the students are learning turn taking, cheering their peers and staying with their group.

Above all they are having fun!!



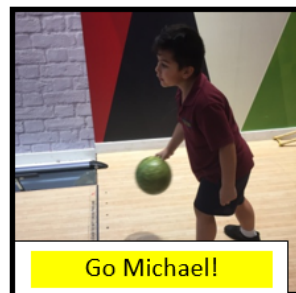
Manny ready to strike



Deacon ready to roll!

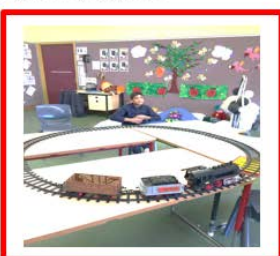


Meena pushing the ball



Go Michael!

CLASS ALLEN



Our class has had a very busy, happy year learning to listen and follow instructions, also learning to turn take and share with our friends.





Senior Barrett

We have been doing a unit of work on Celebrations and Traditions. In cooking we made a batch of Anzac cookies for Remembrance Day. We have also been participating in Art Therapy lessons.



Senior Hamilton



Dear Parents/Carers Class Hamilton are requesting your support.

Every Wednesday we have been running a Café in the meeting room. We would greatly appreciate your attendance to give students this invaluable work experience opportunity.

Please bring a friend or neighbour and join us for this relaxing hour, enjoying a snack in the calming environment that we hope we've successfully created.

Zen Zone Café

Broderick Gillawarna Student Work Experience Opportunity

Wednesdays 11.00-12.00

A Block Meeting Room

MENU

HOT DRINKS

COFFEE/HOT CHOCOLATE WITH CAKE/SLICE	\$4
TEA WITH CAKE/SLICE	\$3
FLAT WHITE	\$3 each
CAPPUCINO	\$3 each
LATTE	\$3 each
CARAMEL	\$3 each
HOT CHOCOLATE	\$3 each
TEA	\$2 each
MILK SHAKES	\$3 each
ORANGE JUICE	\$1 each

FOOD

CAKE OF THE WEEK	\$2 each
SLICE OF THE WEEK	\$2 each
BISCUIT	\$1 each
SUGAR FREE BISCUITS 3 FOR	\$1
Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit/Muesli	\$2.50
RAISIN TOAST	\$1 each

Term 4 has been very busy... we have been working hard on our letters and sounds, and our numbers. We have been busy completing our task boxes each day. We have all really enjoyed the fine motor activities and interactive white-board stories and games. We are all getting excited for the big holidays that are coming.

Leonie, Janet, Alisha, Adam, Ali, Aaliyah, Christiana and Olivia



Remembrance Day

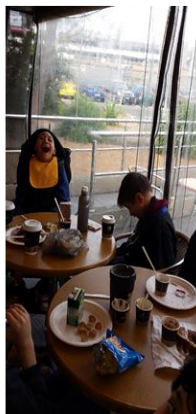


On the 11th of November selected students from classes Suarez and Hamilton participated in the Remembrance Ceremony at Revesby Workers Club.

The student listened respectfully while the service was conducted and 2 wreaths were laid on behalf of our school.



Senior Akuete class went on excursion to Gloria Jean at Revesby shopping centre. This excursion has been planned to supplement the following work being done in the classroom: following instructions communicating with others, greeting others, staying with the group requesting assistance and using money to purchase goods and services.



CLASS GRENFELL



Always a busy time in our class!
Our activities include bicycle riding,
eating outside, cooking, dance
therapy, colouring and making
finger puppets!





Triple P Positive Parenting Program

You're invited to attend a Positive Parenting Seminar.

This seminar is for families with children aged 3-12 years

You will gain simple and practical strategies to help you confidently encourage positive behavior, prevent problems developing and build strong, healthy relationships with your children.

Facilitator: Eman Soliman

Accredited Practitioner Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)

When: Wednesday 7th of December 2016

Time: 6pm-8pm

Where: Bankstown City YMCA 184 The River Road Revesby

\$10 cost per person for dinner and child care

Child care provided on request

To register or make an enquiry, email zoe.bell@ymcansw.org.au or 97716033 extensions 3 by 1st December 2017.



As part of our ongoing commitment to the school community and students of Broderick Gillawarna School we would like to invite you to share your thoughts and responses to the school drop off times.

A simple survey has been created which will only take 2 minutes of your time to complete. Responses will be collected up until Friday the 9th of December.

Please follow the link below to have your say. A paper copy can be provided on request.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GGQZBWD>





positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free two day workshop for parents and carers Additional follow up session available

Workshop: 16-17NSWPC11

Location: St George NSW

Like all school-aged students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships use evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

This workshop is suitable for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carers workshop intends to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your young person
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Highlight the policies, system and processes that contribute to the educational environment
- Increase your capacity to maximise your young person's learning at home and at school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers
- Support small group discussions on a range of topics relevant to young people on the autism spectrum and their families
- Provide an opportunity to review your progress and plan next steps during an additional session one month after initial workshop days

Workshop details

Venue: St George Motor Boat Club
2 Wellington Street
Sans Souci NSW 2219

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 November 2016
(2 consecutive days)
9.15 am – 3.00 pm **(Registration from 8.30 am)**

Online registrations for the Two day workshop open on Tuesday 27 September 2016 and close two days prior to the workshop.

If you have an email address and access to a computer please register directly through our secure website
www.positivepartnerships.com.au. ***You will receive a confirmation email of your registration.***

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships
Infoline 1300 881 971 or email
parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au.

Additional session – will be held on Wednesday 7 December 2016, 9.45 am – 12.45 pm (arrive from 9.30 am onwards).

Registration for this session will be taken at the initial workshop days and details about venue will be shared on these days

The Positive Partnerships initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training through the Helping Children with Autism.

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Teen Sport and Rec Camp

MILSON ISLAND

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Eligible teenagers with disability can apply now to take part in an integrated Sport and Recreation Camp with Northcott this summer! This is a fully-funded camp offering activities including:

- Rock climbing
- Canoeing
- Archery
- Group games
- Camp cooking
- Swimming

Your child gets:

- Food
- Accommodation
- Activities
- Support staff
- Transportation from Parramatta

We provide:

- 1 staff member per 2.5 participants
- Staff qualified in First Aid and relevant program areas



Eligibility: This camp is open to teenagers aged 12–15 years with a primary intellectual disability and low support needs who live in Northern Sydney and Western Sydney areas.

Camp date:

Monday 9 January - Friday 13 January 2017

Requirement: After a referral is accepted, information and healthcare forms must be completed before a child attends the camp.

Please note: Preference will be given to first time campers.

Deadline for referrals: Friday 25 November 2016

For more information or to make a referral please contact: Customer Enquiry Team

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Northcott is a not-for-profit disability services organisation that works to unlock, discover and unleash the potential in our customers.

Northcott is an easy and safe gateway with diverse access to the best of personalised, proactive and professional disability support.

Our team is a community of people who are dedicated to our customers, championing their well-being, aspirations and growth.

We have more than 85 years experience in providing disability services which surpass NSW and National Disability Service Standards.

Our qualified and accredited staff work with more than 13,500 people with disability and their family and carers each year.

At Northcott we will back you every step of the way to make sure you realise your potential.

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When can you access this service?



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Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm

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How will we support you?

Our Vocational Skills Team will work with you to build your confidence and achieve your career goals. Our service is practical, hands on and has a genuine focus and commitment to finding you a real job or volunteer opportunities.

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We can offer you:

Our qualified, accredited and committed staff can support you in a number of ways:

Group Support Sessions

Our Group Support includes five different training packages:

1. Building your work readiness
2. Building your work skills
3. Getting that job!
4. Building your healthy mind
5. Building your social confidence

Individual Support

Our team focus on identifying where you might require specific training to ensure you are capable in all work related skills. This support can be provided 1:1 in your home, in the community, on the job, or at a centre of your choice. You can then participate in structured training modules offered in our Group Support Sessions.

Work Experience

Our team will tailor work experience opportunities to cover areas you most need to develop to ensure you have the right skills employers are looking for. We will provide you with regular feedback and support to ensure you get the most out of these opportunities to allow you to reach your potential.

What you can expect from us:

We are committed to you. As part of our service delivery, you can expect:

Personalised service

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