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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.

Welcome to our 2nd newsletter of the term. I hope you enjoy sharing in the great work being done by our staff and the achievements of our students as we near the end of our first term.

Firstly, thank you to all those who supported our Harmony Day and Easter egg hunt celebrations. Your contributions to both days were much appreciated by staff and students. It is always great to have parents and caregivers at the school to join in school activities and you will always be welcome.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution made by the P&C and by Pauline Lunn (President) in providing for and cooking the BBQ for Harmony Day and for providing the eggs for the hunt. The raffle baskets were well received and thank you to all for supporting this P&C initiative.

Flyers have been sent home

inviting families to a series of NDIS workshops. Details are attached to the flyer. This information will also be available on our website. You are encouraged to attend one of these informative sessions as NDIS will be introduced in our region from July, 2016.

The school will soon be undertaking some upgrading of facilities with new synthetic lawn to be laid in the bike track area, French doors to be installed in the staffroom and meeting room in the Administration block and a large kitchen to be constructed in D block. This kitchen will allow for significant upgrading of our cooking and hospitality programs and the new access doors will provide for café style eating areas for parents and caregivers and for visitors to the school during PLP meetings and workshop presentations.

I wish everyone a very safe and restful holiday and look forward to welcoming you back for term 2.

Karen McDonell
Principal

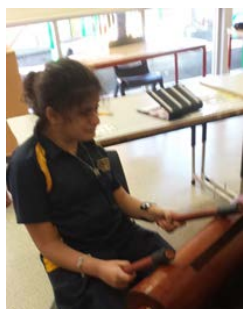
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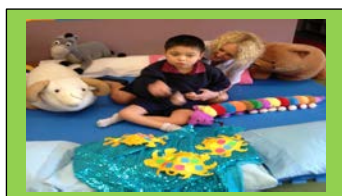
Important Dates

End of Term – Friday 8th April
Mufti Day – Friday 8th April
Return to School for students – Wednesday 27th April

Senior Barrett



Art by Didgeridoo Class Allen



Creating artworks is a preferred activity, exploring various media and techniques. We created works of art relating to our theme this semester 'Fish And The Sea'.

We also participated in art activities just for fun, for example, putting different coloured paint in a salad spinner and spinning it to create an abstract picture.

Class Daughton – Time for Healthy Canteen



Class Daughton have been working on their skills with purchasing items through the Healthy Canteen, and Clarke Road Money programs. This is a weekly activity where developing skills such as greeting, requesting items, and exchanging money for goods are the focus. The students are also learning to make healthy choices when selecting items to buy. Keep up the great work!

Class Gardener

In preparation for Harmony Day 2016 class Gardener has been investigating the world around them, the nationalities of others and the cultures people have.

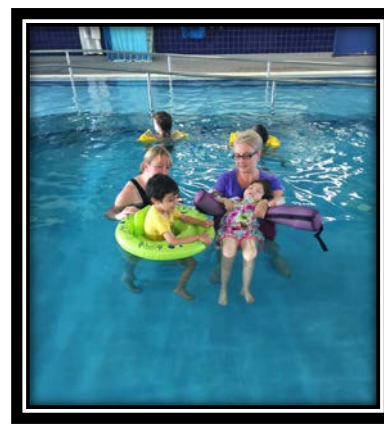
Our class book that we have been reading is '*The Subway Sparrow*' which tells the story of a simple sparrow that gets caught in an urban subway carriage. Through the combined teamwork of a Japanese girl, American boy, Spanish man and Polish woman they successfully free the bird despite speaking entirely different languages.



During Harmony Day celebrations the students of class Gardener participated in learning about the flags of all the nations of the world and ways of saying hello in other languages.

To complete the day the students participated in cultural games that represent fun activities that are played in different countries around the world.

Ari vedecci!!!!



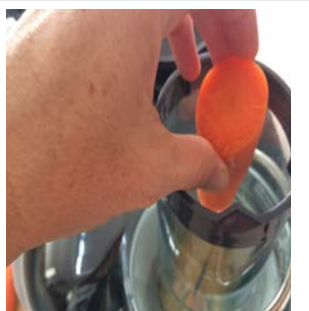
Class Pauschmann

The Term has just flown by and the students in Echidna class are participating in a range of activities that keep them busy.

Olivia got into the pool for the first time and Adam was excited to see her splashing around. Alisha and Christiana are eating healthy foods at lunch time and during crunch and sip and Aaliyah had fun trying to hula hoop



Class Hawthorne

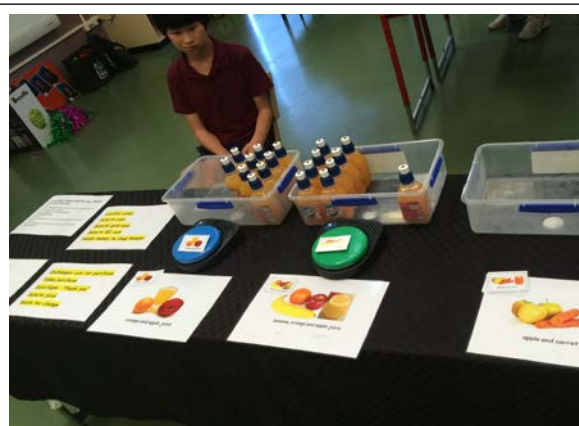


Hawthorne's Class participate in senior hospitality programs with a Juices Station.

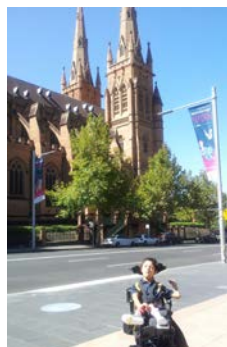
Students assist making fresh juices and selling to peers and staff for \$2.

Students purchase using a range of communication to request including verbal, PECS, proloquo2go and big mac voice output devices.

Students practice exchanging \$2 for the juice.



Class Suarez

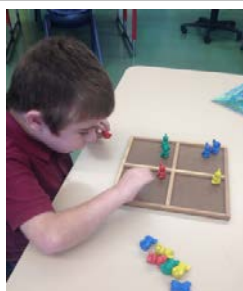


Exploring the City

This term, our class had experienced travelling to the city by train, tram and bus Opal card. We enjoyed looking at the beautiful views while in the train. We had fun reading the names of the stations.



Class Grenfell



There is always so much going on in our class! Sorting, matching, classifying and creating are all part of everyday activities.

Ricky is using an apple slinky during crunch and sip whilst Hamoudi assists, Mimi is happy with the colourful damper she created, Ali is working out his left from right, Umar is counting pizza pieces, Sam and Daniel are matching and classifying colours while Breanna is instructing peers using Busy Bodies exercise cards!



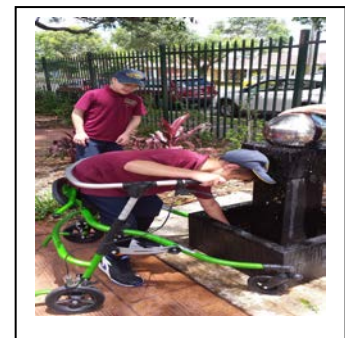
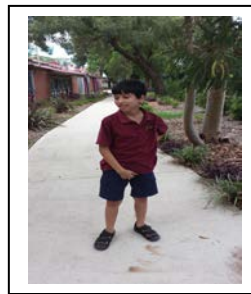
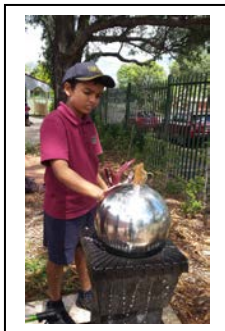
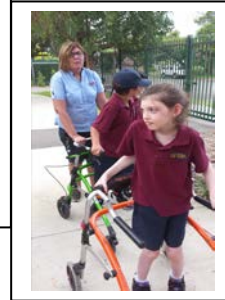
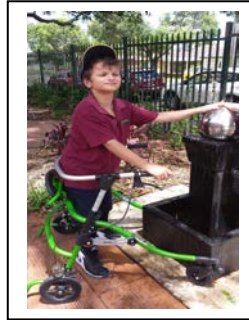
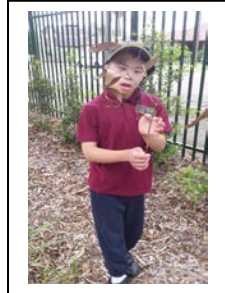
Class Alden and Parke



Kookaburra students have been having lots of fun this term participating in dance with Dani. Students have been moving to their favourite songs and dressing up in bright costumes. The Kookaburras have also been learning to play a variety of percussion instruments during music therapy and in class music lessons.



Class Akuete (Boomerang) have been exploring the school environment. The students are not just encouraged to look at trees and plants, they are encouraged to actively explore, engage with and interact with their natural environment. This week we went for a walk in the school garden, the students were excited to see water flowing from the fountain.



Senior Hamilton

Thank you parents for your support with our introduction to the OPAL card for our **community access program**. It is an extremely valuable program that provides our students with realistic learning environments.



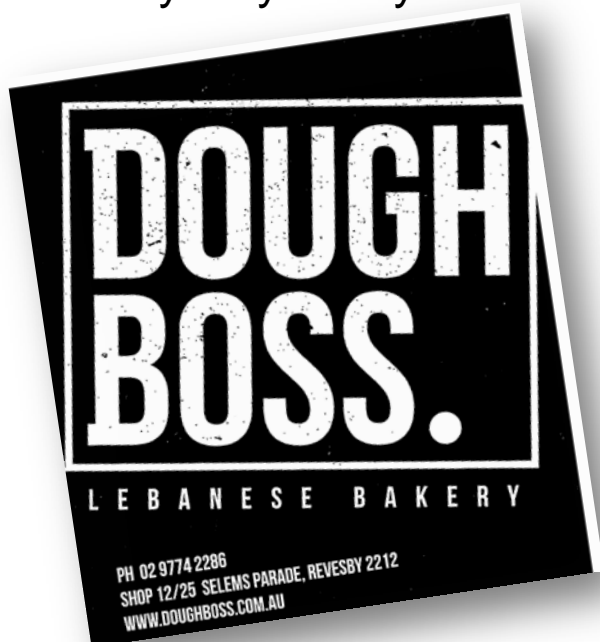
With the arrival of our new flags the **raising of the flag** has become an honourable duty performed each day by our captains Linda & Joshua, supported by their prefects Mitchell, Aimee, Petina, Najashey and their peers in Class Hamilton.

Harmony Day

A big thank you to all those involved for Harmony Day 2016. The students were wonderful dressing in their orange clothes and enjoyed the cultural sports, music and foods that were on offer on the day.

Special thank you to all parents, community members, staff and support personnel that contributed to the cultural feast for the day.

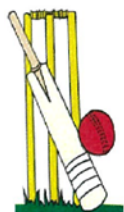
Everyone had excellent experience and we look forward to spending the next Harmony Day with you for 2016



A particular mention goes to the team at 'Dough Boss' from Selems Parade in Revesby for donating many of the items of food on the day. We appreciate their support and would like you to extend our gratitude next time you pop in to try their delicious food.

April School Holiday Sports Skills & Games

Come along to our school holiday program for school aged children with disability and their siblings, where you will learn some of the skills involved in basketball, soccer and cricket!



No experience necessary.

Have fun while learning some of the basic skills involved in the sports.

Run by: Recreation Sports and Aquatics Club (RSAC)

ROCKDALE

Where: Rockdale PCYC, Ador Avenue, Rockdale (off West Botany St)

When: Monday 11 April

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Friday 15 April

BELMORE

Where: Belmore PCYC 332 – 344 Belmore Rd., Belmore

When: Monday 18 April

What: Games & skills, including basketball, soccer, cricket, maybe t-ball

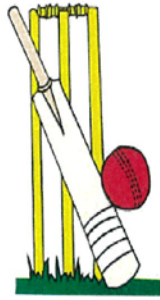
Time: 10am – 12.00 noon

Cost: \$5

Book: Jenny on 9790 5001 email: rsaclub@bigpond.net.au
(pre-booking essential so we can have an idea of numbers)

Wear sneakers or closed in shoes and bring a water bottle.

April School Holiday CRICKET Skills & Games



Come along to our school holiday program for school aged children with disability and their siblings, where you will learn some of the skills involved in cricket at the famous Bankstown Oval. Skills will be run in the John Mackay Indoor Sports Centre – so no weather issues.

No experience necessary! The idea is to have fun while learning some of the basic skills involved in cricket.

Run by: Recreation Sports and Aquatics Club (RSAC)

BANKSTOWN

Where: Bankstown Memorial Oval Indoor Sports Centre Chapel Rd South Bankstown – see map over page

When: Wednesday 13 April

What: cricket skills and fun games

Time: 10:30am – 12.30 pm

Cost: \$5

Book: Jenny on 9790 5001 email: rsaclub@bigpond.net.au
(pre-booking essential so we can have an idea of numbers)

Wear sneakers or closed in shoes and bring a water bottle.





2nd February 2016

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Westmead Centre for Oral Health- Special Care Dental Unit has a strong focus on the oral health of young people attending special schools and also believe that parents and caregivers are important partners for oral health. Therefore, we would like to invite all parents/caregivers to our oral health education seminar called "**Smiles for Life- Oral Health Matters**"

The program includes interactive presentations on:

- Oral hygiene instruction and dietary advice
- How to recognise common dental conditions
- Practical advice for providing oral care for young people
- Tour of Westmead Centre for Oral Health (including Special Care Unit, Paediatrics Department, Emergency/Acute, Clinical Support Unit, Ambulatory Surgical Unit and Radiology)

Location: Westmead Educational Block –Seminar Room 3, (Main Hospital Entrance) Corner of Darcy Road and Hawkesbury Road, Westmead.

Date: Monday, 2nd May 2016

Time: Registration from 10am. Program runs to 2pm - Morning tea and drinks will be provided.

Please note that is program is free!

Please fill in the attached form and return by email, post or fax marked-

Attention to: Special Care Dental Unit
The Smiles for Life Team
Westmead Centre for Oral Health
PO Box 533, Wentworthville, NSW 2145.
Fax to: 9845 5740

RSVP by 22nd April 2016

Please note that this seminar is aimed at parents and caregivers and is not appropriate for children to attend.

We look forward to seeing you and if you have any queries please contact 9845 7423 or by email at WSLHD-SmilesForLife@health.nsw.gov.au

Thank you,

Yours Sincerely,
The Smiles for Life Team





Enrolment Form

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Yes, I / We _____

will be attending the Smiles for Life

Program on 2nd May 2016

Telephone No: _____ Mobile No: _____

Email: _____

Name of School your child attends: _____