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Broderick Gillawarna School Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends, we hope your return to this school year has been as comforting as it has been for staff and students to return to school and our routines. It is hard to believe it is Week 7 already and staff have been meeting with families at Personalised Learning Plan meetings to negotiate Semester One learning goals for their child. We are all looking forward to a very promising year during which we hope to share many events, including Assemblies and Sporting events under our fantastic new Cola.



NEW LIBRARY SPACE

Come and see our new library space. This year our students will conduct some of their literacy lessons in our new library. Our lessons will commence this term as part of our release from face to face teaching programs. Each class will have a weekly session in our new library as they learn to locate a preferred text and how to research topics. The new mural creates an engaging atmosphere for building a passion for reading and lifelong learning.



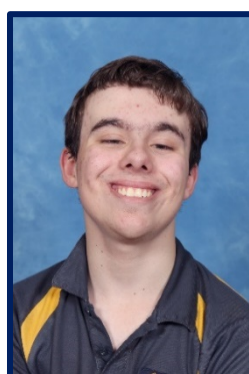
MEET OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS

Meet our 2022 Senior School Captains, Luka and Johnny, Year 12 Prefects, Ali, Thomas, Sam, Hanjala and Daniel and Junior School Captains, Ali and Jordan. These students display exemplary skills when following our school's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school expectations and are role models to our younger cohorts. They demonstrate their leadership capabilities through in-school work experience programs such as Zen Zone, toasted sandwiches, samosas, stocktake and delivering school correspondence to classrooms.

YEAR 12 SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Luka
Captain



Johnny
Vice-Captain

YEAR 12 SCHOOL PREFECTS



Ali



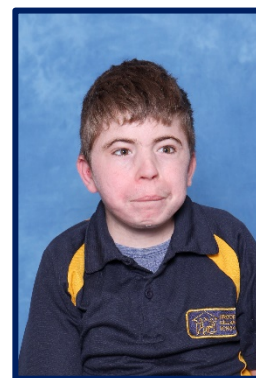
Thomas



Sam



Hanjala



Daniel

YEAR 6 SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Jordan
Captain



Ali
Vice-Captain

WHAT'S ON AND BE HAPPENING....



As part of the release from Face-to-Face teaching (RFF) session, students will explore the culture of Japan. This country, its features and cultural aspects will be the focus for our upcoming Harmony Day celebrations on 21st March. On this day, staff and students will attend a Japanese 'YuNiOn' drumming performance. This incursion presents a fun, open and soulful journey through the high-spirited energy of the Japanese taiko drum, blended with percussive sounds and festive song and dance.

Term one is the time to get active again and play Australia's favourite sport, cricket! The Woolworths Cricket Blast started onsite in Week 4 and will be operating until Week 9 every Wednesday for the whole school. The students are developing skills in throwing, catching, batting and getting a wicket. Howzat!?

The kindergartens, year 1 and year 2 students have also been participating in the Department of Education (DoE) Swim Scheme Program focusing on correct swimming techniques and water safety for the past 10 days. All the students love being in the water and you'll always catch bright happy smiles when walking past the swimming pool.

The high school students have also commenced their school-based work experience program every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, as Class Christenson initiated Zen Zone with many delicious food and drink options. Class Scalici makes toasted sandwiches and Class Nanda makes samosas! Students distributed and collected order forms to everyone within the school. They then collated all the orders, sorting them into each combination of sandwich and grouping bags which they transferred the orders onto.

As we progress through the year, we hope to share many more exciting projects that are in the works to make our school a home away from home for ALL students.

With best regards, yours BGS Executive Team.



Dates for your Diary



- School Ends for Term 1, 2022 – Friday 8th April
- School Resumes for Term 2, 2022 – Wednesday 27th April

Birthdays



Happy birthday to those students and staff who have celebrated their birthdays since the last newsletter:

Students: Aaliyah S, Ahmad, Ali A, Ali E, Anthony, Bradley, Cooper S, Dail, Hanjala, Hayley, Joe, Joshua, Lachlan, Liam, Luka, Luke D-C, Luke T, Mehakbani, Mohamed E, Rickhan, Serin, Umar

Staff: Adelou, Anitha, Bronwyn S, Dania, Gwen, Lucy, Marc, Mira, Sumi

News from the classroom

Class Daughton

What a way to start the first term of school for Class Daughton! The students have been busy adjusting to the school routine and their peers and have taken part in some fun-filled activities with the theme book for transition – The Hungry Caterpillar. They have been identifying and sequencing the days of the week and interacting with real objects to complete counting and pattern activities. Using the interactive whiteboard during learning activities has been highly engaging, for example to complete cause and effect and fine motor activities, and for sequencing numbers in the mathematics program. The swimming scheme has been a big hit and the students are learning valuable water safety and confidence skills, not to mention having lots of fun! The class have also been learning some fundamental ball handling skills through the weekly Sydney Thunder Cricket Program. Students are building knowledge and understanding about safe and friendly behaviour in the playground and classroom through the positive behaviour for learning program, which is especially important for our class as they transition to school. Well done Kindergarten for getting through your first few weeks of 'big school'! A huge thank you to families too for all your support, it's an exciting change.

Renaye & Tash



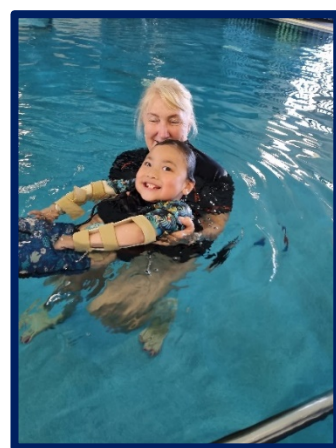
Hayley demonstrated interest in a book on farm animals



Rimal working on a counting to 10 activity



Liam using a dot marker to count some fruits



Joshua floating on his back during the swim scheme

Class Lai

Lai Class students started the term off by welcoming two new students to the class: Anthony and Christian. It was such an exciting experience for families, students, teachers and SLSOs. Students settled quickly and were ready to start their learning journey. Students have focused on the English text 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. English, Maths and Art lessons helped to develop their understanding of the text and make correlations between each subject. Students loved a variety of interactive Maths activities as shown in the photo below of Noah and Anthony. Students also participated in fun and engaging sporting activities such as Woolworths Cricket Blast program and Swim scheme. All students had lots of fun and enjoyed the activities as shown in the photo below of Jacinta participating in cricket and Christian swimming.

A big thank you to all Lai families for supporting your child's learning and working together to provide the best support for your child.

Lucy & Sonya



Jactina participating in Cricket Blast program



Christian participating in Swim scheme



Noah counting to 10



Anthony counting to 10

Class Gill

Gill Class welcomes all our families to a new school year in 2022 that is filled with an abundance of awaiting learning experiences! The students have settled down into their regular class routines and are engaged in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities.

Students have been engaged in mindful PDHPE practices through a newly introduced Trauma Restorative Sensitive Yoga (TRSY) program. They are developing skills to be aware of their body as they let go and relax in comfortable poses. For Literacy in Term 1, the students focus on identifying words and numerals through interactive PowerPoint programs and hands-on experiences. For example, the students are counting the different coloured feet while walking in the Top Playground. In Geography, they are learning about features of places such as the bushland or forest through the book 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson.

Swimming Scheme has also commenced this Term and students are enjoying their time in the water. They are practicing water safety by entering in the pool appropriately and moving around safely in the water with others.

It has been great to see how students have started the new school year and we are looking forward to seeing where this year will take us!

Bhupinder & Sumi



Ali counting numbers in the top playground



Cooper enjoying swimming classes



William engaged in a puzzle activity of identifying shapes



Ahmed engaging in the Cricket Blast program

Class Suarez

Welcome to our first newsletter. The students in Class Suarez have settled in very well into their new class routine with their new friends in the class. The students are starting to show their eagerness to learn new things and use their imagination to explore and expand their learning. They have done a great job of adjusting to our daily routine utilising indoor and outdoor learning areas. We continue to review the classroom and school rules and remind ourselves to demonstrate positive behaviours in the school. They are guided with visuals all throughout the day. Please refer to the class timetable sent to you to remind your child of the different activities they will be doing during the day to prepare their minds and body for what their day will look like. Their day begins with checking their daily visual timetable. The different manipulatives and educational activities are ready for them to complete. We will stay busy but mix in some dancing and movement breaks. We can do different activities where we stretch, play with balls and bikes. The students are learning to follow the school rule of "Be Safe" by staying with the class during transition times. We are looking forward to an exciting term and wonderful year of learning.

Happy birthday Bani who celebrated her birthday on 22nd of January.

Salome & Alik



Haydar completing number activities



Ruby doing remote learning from home



Michael learning about the 'Friends of 10' concept using real objects from the garden



Bani learning to ride the bike during our outdoor activities in the front playground

Class Ahilleos

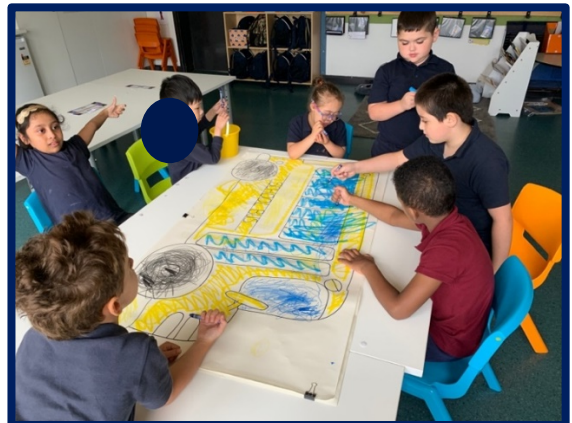
We welcome our wonderful new Class Ahilleos to Broderick Gillawarna school ready to start 2022! Introducing our lovely class, from our year one students' Isaac, Oscar and Elijah to our year two students, Aliya, Maliha, Joe and Eyad. Our class have already made amazing progress by introducing themselves each day, using new techniques to extend their sentences as they greet one another. Students have explored the smiling minds journey each morning to identify emotions by placing themselves within a zone. They have used breathing techniques, following instructions to provide a sense of calmness to begin our day.

In our Geography unit students explored various constructed and natural objects around the school. We created a mind map and listed things we could see from our balcony and categorised them accordingly. As part of the living world science unit, they enjoyed walking around the sensory garden to collect natural objects, creating their own representation of a living tree. Throughout our English unit we have been working on 'words', how we use them, and their association to things. Students have enjoyed hands on activities to such as the hoop strategy to jump out their sentences as we communicate our daily topics into short sentence responses. We have enjoyed PE based activities to keep our bodies moving, encouraging fundamental movement skills with sports like basketball, bicycle riding and the Swim Scheme program.

Christie & Kiarne



Maliha having a wonderful time during the swim scheme.



Students collectively working together to create a man-made bus as part of our geography unit.



Students completing a craft activity, to create a tree from the 'living world' using natural objects.



Aliya enjoying some physical activity, bike riding around the new cola.

Class Marwaha

Class Marwaha has kick-started the new academic year with lots of exciting activities. We are working on fine motor skills during our science program and following a visual schedule to learn exciting things in the classroom. This term, our students have started an English program called InitialLit to learn phonics and build their reading and vocabulary skills. Our students enjoy a sensory morning circle in which they smell, see and touch the day's colour. We also kicked off Cricket Blast to practice cricket on Wednesdays and practised our gross motor skills this week by target throwing at the wickets during physical education lessons.

Our students are learning to follow a visual schedule for a session which includes regular movement breaks and participate in group activities in the classroom. Class Marwaha students have settled into the routine of class expectations and have made a great start to the year.

Jyoteka & Bronwyn



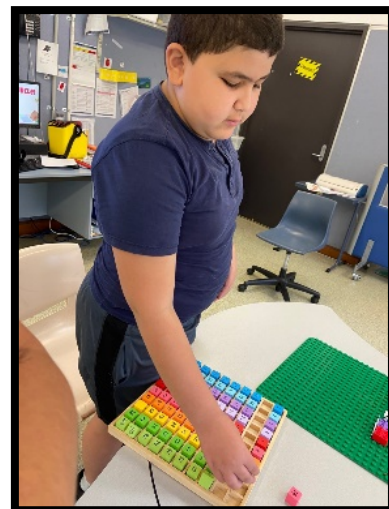
Alhussin working on his gross motor skills during physical education lessons.



Brian sorting small objects by colour.



Alhussin engaging in our sensory morning circle.



Ibrahim sequencing numbers from one to one hundred.

Class Jopson

Welcome Class Jopson students and families to the new school year. Our class has made many new adjustments this year as they welcomed myself and Janelle to the school and our new classroom location in the demountables. All Jopson students have settled into routine in our classroom well. Jopson Class regularly participates in a range of physical education lessons such as bike rides with Class Howard and learning new skills during our class sessions with Cricket Australia on Wednesdays.

Class Jopson students actively participate in all creative arts activities, especially visual arts as we experiment with new materials and textures and use different types of equipment to make artworks. Jopson Class learned some facts about the importance of Chinese New Year and 2022 as being the year of the Water Tiger. It starts from February 1st, 2022 and ends on January 21st, 2023. A Water Tiger year occurs every 60 years. Jopson students created an artwork using a layered paper technique to replicate the likeness of a tiger. The 2022 year of the water tiger symbolises and promises a year of positive changes. We look forward to seeing all the positive changes that will occur this year and the achievements to learning we can celebrate together.

Sarma & Janelle



Jopson students' artwork on our class window.



Issa's 'Year of the Tiger' artwork.



Ruzyne and Nikita's 'Year of the Tiger' artwork.



Ali and Joshua's 'Year of the Tiger' artwork.

Class Howard

What an exciting first few weeks we have had getting settled into the new school year and re-engaging with our friends. We have been busy with our learning both inside the classroom and outdoors, working towards our PLP goals. This year in Class Howard we have started a new literacy program called InitialLit to support our phonological knowledge and develop our language and reading skills. We are currently looking at rhyming words which ties in nicely with our class text this term 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson.

Class Howard has also been busy with our weekly class job delivering supplies to the other classes around the school. This weekly class job has been incorporated into our program as it requires our mathematical minds to identify and count out the correct orders for each class.

We have had a great time the past two weeks engaging in our in-school cricket program, and we can't wait to see the boys develop into the fantastic sportsmen that we know they are.

Erin & Simone



Kendrick completing a maths task.



Soli completing a maths task.



Ali in full swing using a cricket bat to hit the ball.



Having a great time sharing with friends.

Class Vasilevska

What an exciting start to the year as we welcome: Jordan, Jimmy, Julian, Kenny, Mordecai and Samyam to Vasilevska class. We have started the year off by getting straight back into our classroom routine and learning new things. During InitiaLit (English) lessons we have been learning about rhyming words and matching them to text and visuals of objects as shown by Jordan and Julian below on the Interactive Smartboard. InitiaLit is an evidence-based whole-class literacy program providing all students with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers.

Our class actively participates in all physical education lessons and movement breaks regularly every session. This involves following a work system of fitness activities, bike riding lessons, daily walks and big movement activities. This term, we participated in Cricket Australia lessons as we learn how to pitch and catch a ball using our gross motor movement and coordination skills.

Vasilevska Class continues to look forward to what 2022 may bring as we continue to learn new things and engage with our peers.

Maria & Sandra



Jimmy engaging in Cricket Australia lesson activities.



Mordecai and Kenny completing their morning table work activities.



Julian matching pictures and text of rhyming words during InitiaLit English lessons.



Jordan matching pictures and text of rhyming words during InitiaLit English lessons.

Class Finn

The first few weeks back at school for class Finn have been successful and optimistic. As we welcome all the new students to BGS, we in particular welcomed a new student to our classroom.

To start the new school year, students are closely studying minibeasts in Science and the Japanese culture in Geography for two very special events occurring this term, Harmony Day, and Travel bugs incursion. Students have engaged in identifying, matching, listening to songs and creating artworks on these areas. Class Finn are learning how vital minibeasts are to not only our gardens but to the world. Students are identifying their features and habitats. Some artworks we have completed so far consist of beautiful pink cherry blossom trees and vibrant red lady bugs with black spots.

Minibeasts have found their way across key learning areas such as Mathematics, English and Creative arts. To practice counting, we are using pictures on minibeast to represent each number. Students are watching educational videos and listening to stories on minibeasts such as *On the Ground*.

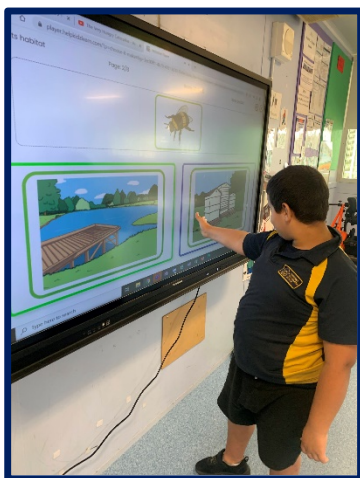
Rebecca & Anitha



Phu using a sponge to dab pink paint.



Daniel counting 19 minibeasts.



Maliek identifying a bee's habitat.



Evren watching an educational video on bees.

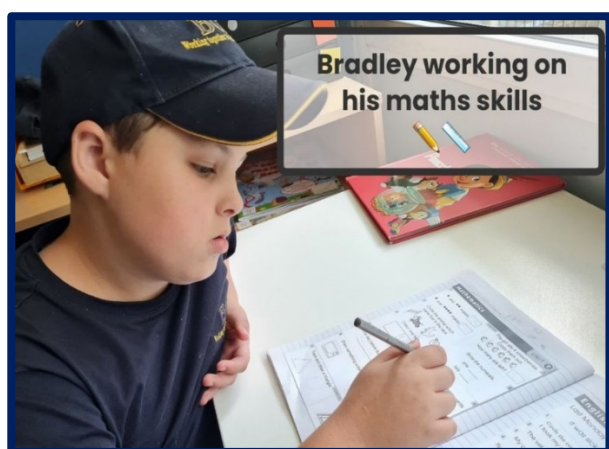
Class Herzen

It is the start of a new year with a new teacher for the class formerly known as Class Nguyen. I was working with Class Nguyen in term four in 2021 on part basis, this year I have become their full-time teacher. I look forward to helping the students in making their transition into a High School based setting and learning.

Karen McEvoy and Nicola Keady are continuing in their roles as class SLSOs, their experience with the students in the previous year will be highly valued in the year ahead.

The year ahead will be a busy and adventurous one as the students undertake a program that focuses upon life skills, this will include exciting activities such as the community access program and food technology.

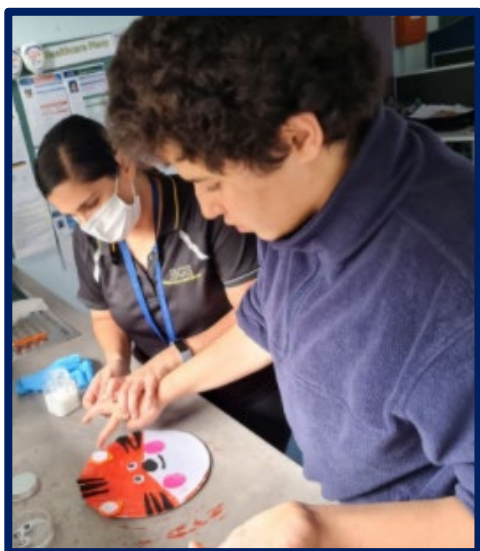
Marc, Karen & Nicky



Bradley doing his mathematics workbook.



Adam enjoying lunch with his peers.



Farah and Mira crafting a tiger for Lunar New Year.



Farah exercising her leg muscles.

Class Akuete

This term, students in class Akuete have been adjusting well in their new class. Students have been working hard on their literacy and numeracy life skills and working towards their PLP goals. Class Akuete students have continued to utilise a range of technology in the classroom to access learning activities in several key learning areas this term. We look forward to developing our abilities in these areas through hard work for the remainder of the year. The students have also been engaging in a range of physical education activities. We have had a cricket game with another class which was fantastic. We all took part and everyone was engaged, shooting and passing the ball to the cricket instructors.

Adeolu, Wendy & Deb



Hamoudi developed basic cricket skills.



Anthony developing vocabulary skills as he reads a book.



Manny participating in numeracy activities.



Olivia participated in movement activities on our newly purchased Acheeva bed.

Class Scalici

Welcome to 2022! It is a complete blessing and privilege to be working again with a lot of familiar faces, as well as a couple of new ones. This year may have started under challenging circumstances, but our students have settled in wonderfully.

This year has already begun in earnest with a couple of special events, one of them being the commencement of fundraising and in-school work experience via the sale of toasted sandwiches. Scalici Class students learned a range of valuable skills by taking sandwich orders, assembling and cooking said sandwiches, along with packaging finished products and processing sales.

Another special occasion that occurred this term was the hugely popular Woolworths Cricket Blast program. Students from our class assembled every Wednesday to learn basic cricketing skills like catching, throwing and batting. Everyone had a blast getting out and about in the sunshine, as well as taking a wicket or two.

From everyone in our class, we wish you all the best this year, and we look forward to all the joy and challenges it brings!

Frank & Cassandra



Shaymat and Samir helping out each other to bag toasted sandwiches.



Alex putting together his own set of scales to help weigh objects around the classroom.



Scalici Class sitting down to an online lesson with Luke, who is learning from home.



Jerry preparing to show off his throwing skills in the Woolworths Cricket Blast.

Class Do

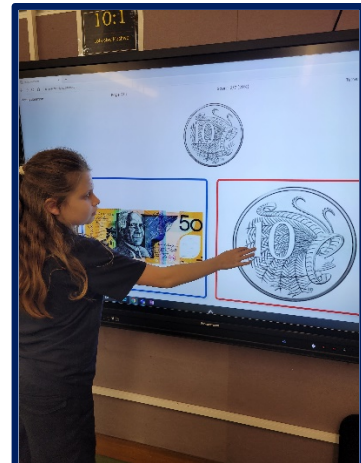
What an amazing start it has been to the year! It has been great to see a lot of familiar faces in Class Do as we welcome back Umar, Serin, Ibbby A, Ibbby H and Meena, as well as welcome a new face in Caroline. Students in Class Do have hit the ground running and have settled back into the school and class routine.

Students in Class Do have been very busy as they work through their learning programs. They have been completing activities using the Eye Gaze Technology, iPads and interactive whiteboard, with a focus on MacqLit activities. During mathematics, we have looked at numbers and money activities. Class Do has continued to use the Acheeva bed for our students in wheelchairs to allow them a range of movement. Students have been able to participate in the Woolworths Cricket Blast program, as they learn a range of skills to help improve their cricket skills involving catching and throwing. Everyone from class Do are looking forward to the amazing year ahead and wish everyone the best this year!

Johnson, Chris & Deb



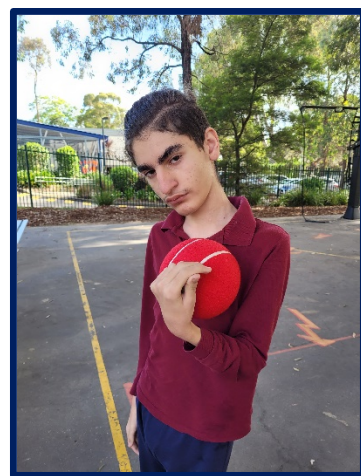
Umar completing his MacqLit activities on the interactive whiteboard.



Caroline completing her money activities on the interactive whiteboard.



Meena participating in the Woolworths Cricket Blast.



Ibbby participating in the Woolworths Cricket Blast.

Class Nanda

Our young men have started their last year of school with great enthusiasm and maturity. We have commenced in school work experience through our class samosa program. The boys are improving their independent living and working skills immensely each day.

The boys are looking forward to commencing community access and transferring their skills and knowledge into different settings.

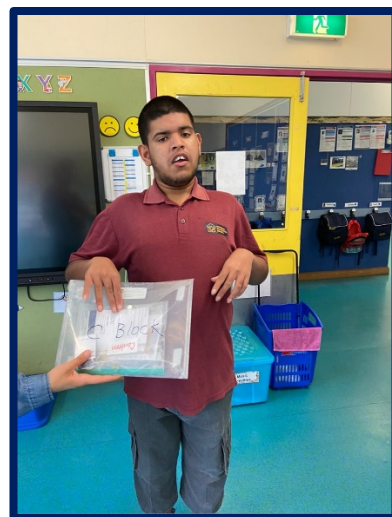
We have begun participating in the Woolworths Cricket Blast, which our students have been learning to throw, catch and hit a ball. The boys have absolutely loved the addition of the new COLA in the school and express their delight whenever we head down there for sport.

We look forward to a year full of success and growth as our young men transition from Broderick into the community and beyond.

Rekha, Bron & Gerry



Rickhan completing his artwork.



Hanjala handing out notes for work experience.



Ali completing his literacy task.



Not sure who's cheekier, the monkey or Daniel!.

Class Christenson

What a start to the year it has been! Class Christenson has been developing the skills to begin both school and centre based work experience in the coming weeks! We have been selling pies for lunch, collecting orders and calculating payments. We have planned our menu for Zen Zone and built our skills in hygiene and customer interactions.

A big happy 18th birthday to our School Captain Luka, he has started off the year amazingly and is leading by example all around the school and in the classroom.

The boys have been learning how to use and interact with technology as well as discovering its use in everyday class activities which they have enjoyed using. We've been hard at work building our use of money and place value associated with it, whilst also developing our reading and literacy skills.

The boys have loved getting out in the playground playing basketball and cricket so far this year and will definitely enjoy when we start community access in a couple of weeks. We look forward to a year full of challenges, success and growth!

Jake & Raj



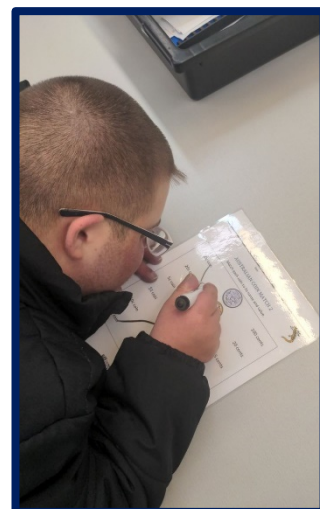
Johnny completing maths work.



Damian identifying different denominations.



Anikan learning the use of money.



Rani working on identifying different coins.

Attachments



Dear Parents and Carers,

Severe Weather – Albert Street, Drop Off and Pick Up Guidelines

With the ongoing severe weather being experienced we may need to close Albert Street for student drop off and pick up's on days we experience these extreme weather conditions for the safety of our students, families and staff.

On severe weather days Victoria Street will be open for parents and carers. We ask that everyone follows the safety guidelines below. Please note BGS will not accept a student from a parent out of a vehicle and you will be asked to return to your vehicle, this is for the safety of all due to moving traffic.

Morning Drop Off: Parents can start queueing in Victoria Street driveway from 8:35am ready for staff to collect students from vehicles at 8:45am.

Afternoon Pick Up: Students can be collected from 2:30pm. Students will be brought to the vehicle and BGS staff will assist students into the vehicle.

We thank you in advance for your support in following these guidelines and ask that you further support our students by remaining patient during these times

Kind regards

JoAnne Gardiner
Principal



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Arabic

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Chinese

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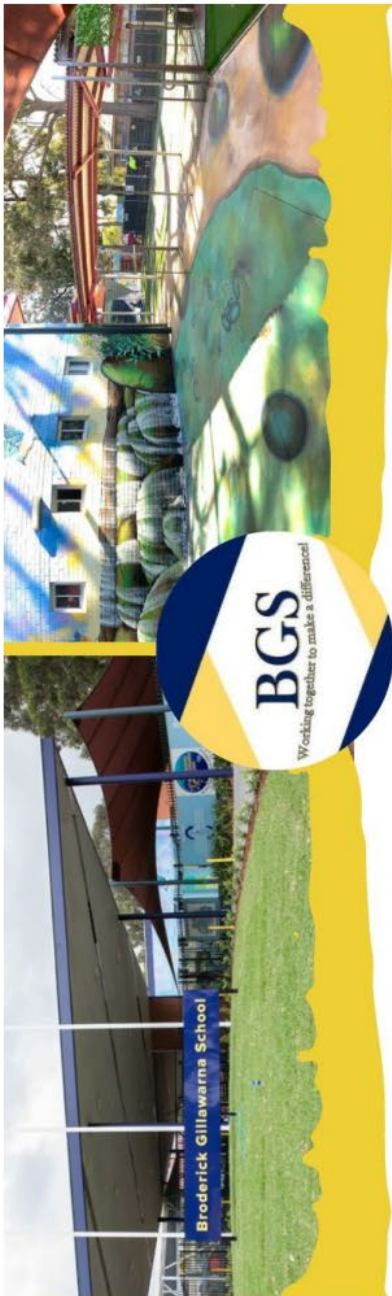
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