



NEWSLETTER

Issue 47

Week 10

Term 4 2024

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Important Dates!



- Last day for Students 18 Dec 2024
- Students return 6 Feb 2025

*Happy
birthday!*

Students: Mohsen, Ibrahim A,
Jimmy, Meena, Hasham, Ricky,
Ali, Maleik, Jacob

Staff: Marnie, D'Anne



Principal's Report

End of Year Reflections and Gratitude

As we bring 2024 to a close, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our Annual Presentation Day on Tuesday, 3rd December. It was truly wonderful to celebrate the achievements of our students, and your presence made the event even more special.

Congratulations to our students on a fantastic year of learning and growth. A special mention goes to our Year 12 graduates, it was wonderful to dance the night away at your formal on Friday 13th December and we wish you every success as you embark on your post-school journeys. We know you'll continue to make us proud, and we look forward to hearing about the incredible paths you take. Similarly, we celebrate our Year 6 graduates, who are now ready to transition to high school in 2025. You are well-prepared and eager to take on this new chapter, and we are so proud of you!

To Isaac and Farah, who will be starting at new schools next year, we send our very best wishes. You will always be part of the Broderick Gillawarna School family, and we'll be cheering you on from afar.

A Community of Generosity

This year has been a testament to the incredible partnership we share with our wider school community. To our Citizens Committee, P&C, Trilogy Foundation, Bakers Maison, Kiwanis International, Revesby Public School, and Caroline Chisholm School—thank you for your unwavering support and contributions.

A special acknowledgment goes to Bakers Maison, whose generous gifts each year bring joy to our students.

Our deepest gratitude to Revesby Workers Club, whose extraordinary support through the ClubGRANTS initiative has had a significant impact. Your donation of over \$50,000 helped us upgrade our playground, including new equipment for our sensory garden, set to be completed in April 2025. Revesby Workers also provided the venue for our Year 12 formal and funded our MiniFit sports and soccer programs.

To our other incredible partners—Rotary Padstow, Kiwanis International, Trilogy Foundation, and our Work Experience sites at Catholic Care in Liverpool and Belmore—thank you for championing our school and enriching the lives of our students.

We are also deeply grateful to Revesby Public School, for fostering friendships through weekly integration visits, and to Caroline Chisholm School, for the camaraderie shown in our soccer match and annual disco. The weekly visits from the Shore Boys have been invaluable, and their presence at our Presentation Day supporting our dance group and band, reflects the nurturing relationships they've built with our students.

To our Citizens Committee, thank you for funding our music program, which has brought the joy of music to our students under the guidance of our talented teacher, Marnie. Your support also made it possible for our school to participate in School Spectacular, showcasing our students' talents on a grand stage.

To our P&C, your contributions continue to make a difference in so many ways, from funding new equipment like a coffee machine for our senior hospitality program and a trampoline for our sensory garden to providing buses and drivers for off-site events.

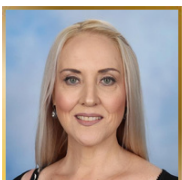
Looking Ahead

As we close 2024, I'm filled with excitement and gratitude as I prepare for my sixth year at Broderick Gillawarna School in 2025. It's a privilege to be part of this community, and I couldn't be prouder of the incredible journey we're on together.

Next year, we will begin writing our new School Plan for 2026–2029, setting strategic directions to make our school even better. I can't wait to collaborate with our students, staff, and community to shape the future of Broderick Gillawarna School.

Let's bring on 2025—Thank you for your support, trust, and partnership. Here's to another year of learning, growth, and achievement!

Warmest regards



To Anne Gardiner

2024 Presentation Day

Our recent Presentation Day was a resounding success, filled with excitement, pride, and celebration. The event was graced by the presence of special dignitaries who added a touch of prestige and honor to the occasion.

The highlight of the ceremony, was when students were recognised for their outstanding achievements. Our special dignitaries had the honor of presenting the awards to our students. The students were thrilled to receive their awards and expressed gratitude for the recognition of their hard work.

Our Presentation Day was indeed a wonderful success, reflecting the collective efforts of students, staff, and the community. It was a day to remember, filled with joy, inspiration, and a commitment to excellence. We look forward to more such celebrations in the future, where we can continue to honor the achievements of our talented students.

A big congratulations to our Year 12 Graduates on their 13 years of schooling - good luck on your next journey.

Well done to our Year 6 students recognised on this day. We are excited for what lies ahead as you transition to High School!



Year

12

Formal

It is with great pride and joy that we recognise a very special group of students — our Year 12 cohort. This year's graduating class may be small in size, but Abdul, Tung, Samir, and Ibby have proven that their impact on our school has been anything but small.

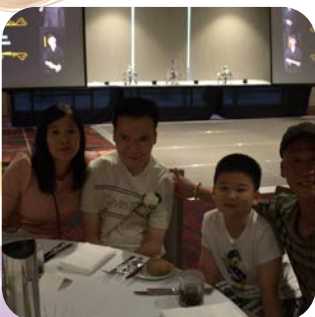
Each of you has displayed incredible dedication, perseverance, and resilience throughout your journey with us. From your first days here to now, you've grown into confident and capable young leaders who have made us all proud.

Despite the challenges you have faced, you've shown an unwavering commitment to your learning, a willingness to support one another, and the courage to lead by example. Your leadership skills have been evident in the way you've stepped up for your peers and contributed to our school community, fostering a sense of connection and belonging for everyone.

We are so proud of all you have achieved, both academically and personally. The accomplishments you've worked so hard for are a testament to your determination and character. You've set a wonderful example for future students, proving that it's not the size of the cohort that matters, but the size of the heart and effort you bring.

As you move forward into the next phase of your lives, know that you carry with you not only our pride and admiration but also our unwavering belief in your potential to achieve greatness in all you do.

Congratulations, Abdul, Tung, Samir, and Ibby — our incredible Year 12 graduates! We wish you every success and happiness as you embark on the exciting journey ahead.



FUN DAY

Our end-of-year Fun Day was a huge success! Seeing the smiles on the faces of our students made all the planning and organisation more than worthwhile. The day was filled with joy, laughter, and various exciting activities everyone enjoyed.

We had a fantastic lineup of attractions that kept both students and families entertained:

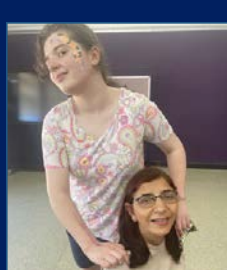
- Kindifarm: This was a favorite among the younger children, who loved interacting with the animals.
- Face Painting: Kids and adults alike enjoyed having their faces transformed into colorful masterpieces.
- Local Heroes: We were honored to have the participation of our local police who engaged with the students.

Just to name a few.

No fun day is complete without delicious treats, and we had plenty on offer.

Overall, the event was a wonderful celebration that brought students, families, and staff together in a day full of fun and community spirit.

A big thank you to Kiwanis International and our photographers on the day Karyn & Anais.



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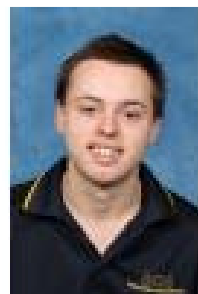


SCHOOL 2025 LEADERS

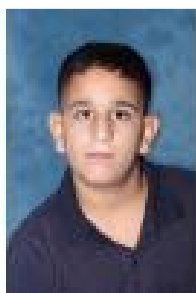
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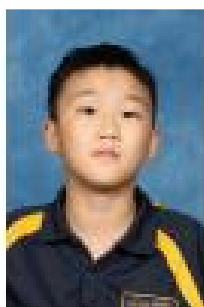
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Prefects





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Class Ahilleos

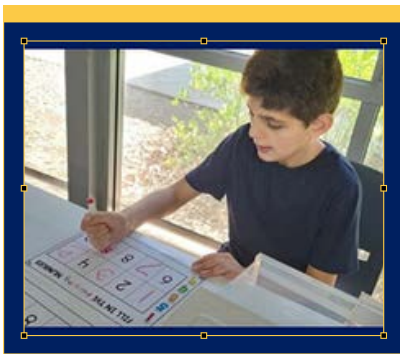
Christie & Janelle

Students in Class Ahilleos have been finishing off the year with a bang! We have been engaged in a range of events at school.

Our class had our annual Presentation Day for the year 2024. This was an exciting day full of celebration, achievements, and pride. Students had fun showcasing their talents during performances, receiving awards for their hard work, and sharing heartfelt moments with their peers and families. Each student played a special role in making the day memorable and meaningful for everyone.

We also had our much-anticipated Fun Day, which was filled with creativity, laughter, and entertainment. Students enjoyed getting their faces painted, watching balloon animals being crafted, and participating in a vibrant drumming circle. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the school year!

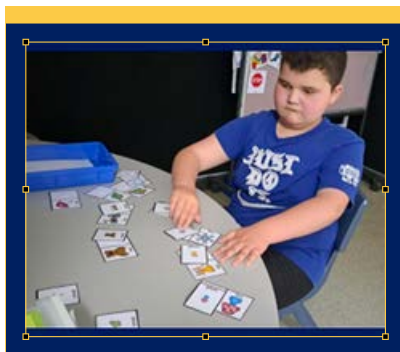
As the year comes to a close, we want to express our heartfelt thanks for every one of you in 2024. Your efforts, enthusiasm, and teamwork have made our classroom a special place to learn and grow. Wishing you all a wonderful break, filled with joy and laughter, and looking forward to another year of exciting discoveries. Thank you for making this class truly fantastic!



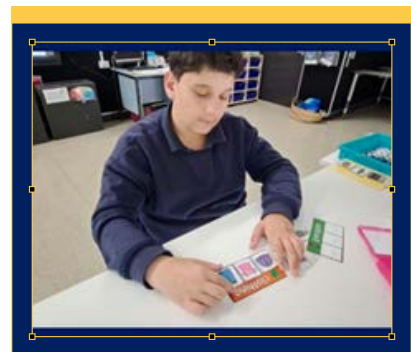
Youssef completing his writing activities



Cooper participating at MiniFit



Abraham completing his matching activities



Ali completing his matching activities





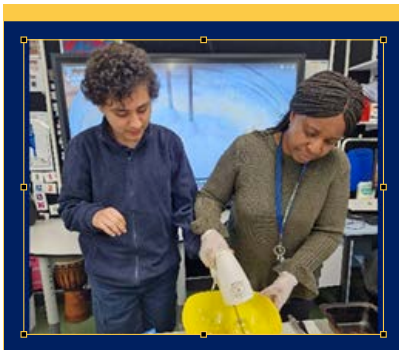
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Class Akuete

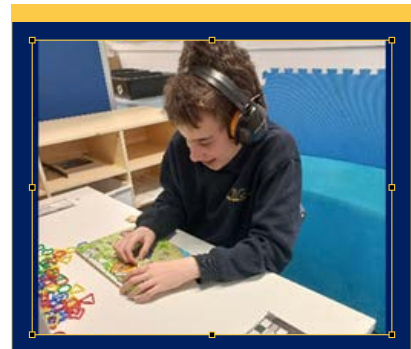
Adeolu & Sumi

Over the last few weeks of Term Four, Class Akuete has been working towards consolidating our literacy, numeracy, and social skills learned throughout the school year. The students followed the school's Positive Behaviour for Learning program, which was explicitly taught daily through the expectations to 'Be Safe,' 'Be Friendly,' and 'Be a Learner'. Students have been staying with the group during class walks and engaged in desk work for longer periods of time. In English, they developed reading skills. In mathematics, the students worked hard to distinguish the values of coins and notes and use money to buy items during our shopping play activities. While in Food Technology, they learned about measurement and different equipment and appliances. We made a class wreath for the Remembrance Day ceremony in our extra-curricular activities. Our outdoor Presentation Day was a great success, with multiple performances and awards for all our hardworking students.

We appreciate our parents' immense help in working collaboratively with us to achieve great success for their children. We hope all Class Akuete students have safe and happy holidays with their family and friends.



Zak learned to use an electric hand mixer



Jordan was engaged in table activities



Kenny made a wreath in preparation for Remembrance Day



Aboudy made poppies in preparation for Remembrance Day





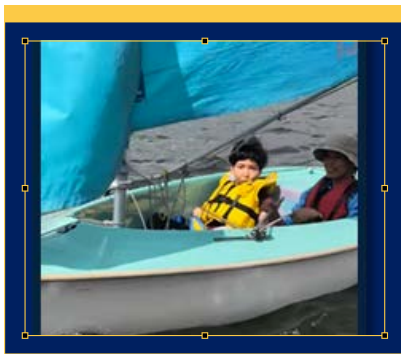
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Class Bagaric

Martin & Karen

Class Bagaric has been immersed in great opportunities to join various programs in collaboration with other organizations. This term, students had the chance to work with Sailability NSW and enjoy sailing at the Kogarah Bay Sailing Club. They engaged in a rewarding experience, appreciating many aspects of sensory enjoyment that sailing provides, such as the smell of the water, the wind brushing against their skin, and the feeling of the water flowing.

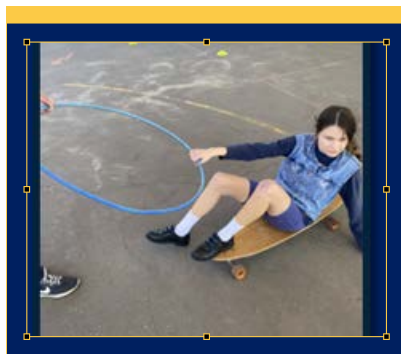
Students have also been consistently participating in the MiniFit Program. They have been engaging in a variety of inclusive sports activities, including golf, bowling, and soccer. The program is designed so that students with a wide range of learning needs can enjoy sports and physical exercise.



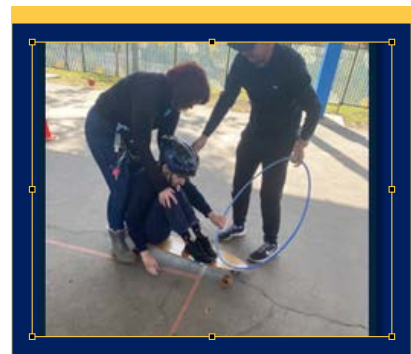
Meena Sailing



Ibrahim H Sailing



Caroline in MiniFit



Ibrahim A in MiniFit





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Class Christenson

Jake & Md

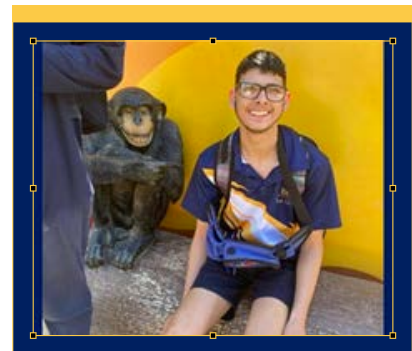
We can't believe the year is already coming to an end and the holidays are just around the corner! Our community access has been a wonderful success this year, with many enjoyable days out exploring the city, including a memorable trip to Sydney Zoo.

Presentation Day was a fantastic triumph, with all our hard work and practice culminating in wonderful performances from the dance group and band. A big thank you to all the teachers who helped us prepare for what was a truly memorable day. We are incredibly proud of our class for their participation and enthusiasm throughout the event.

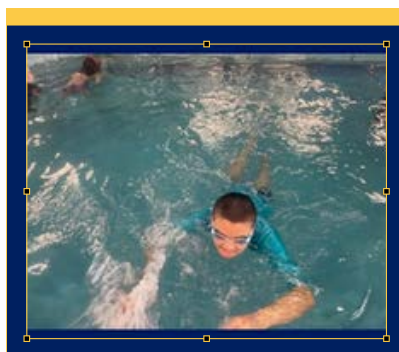
To our amazing boys and their families, thank you for an incredible year. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have you all in our class. For our graduating families, we wish you all the very best as you step beyond the school gates. We know you will be fantastic and shine brightly like the stars you truly are!



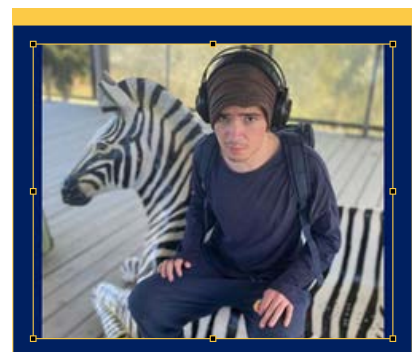
Alex at Sydney Zoo



Samir at Sydney Zoo



Ben swimming in the pool



Manny at Sydney Zoo





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Class Daughton

Renaye & Sandra

We could not be any prouder of the achievements of our kindergarten students this year! They have constantly grown and progressed across the Key Learning Areas, learning new skills and developing friendships with peers. Thank you to all families for all your efforts to support your children in their first year of school, and your ongoing partnership with BGS.

It was great to see the motor skills of students improving through the Swim Program and BGS Minifit this term. Another highlight was the Presentation Day ceremony. The students did so well for their first big assembly, and the practising leading up to this day helped them adjust to the expectations.

The thing that we are most pleased to see with the students is their growth in communication skills over the year. Through consistent daily practise, all the students grew in their communication styles, expressing their requests and preferences with increased confidence over the year. They have done so well.

We wish everyone a safe, wonderful and well-earned school break. See you next year for more fun, learning and friendship!



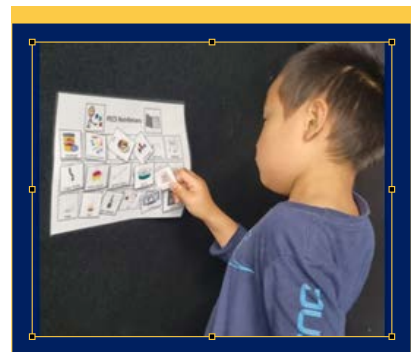
Chase completing a table task



Reagan had his birthday 'fruit cake'



Nathan compared weights of collections using a balance beam scale



Oliver explored his options during choice making





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Class Do

Johnson & Raj

What a year it has been! Class Do has every reason to be proud of all the achievements we've made this year! We've seen so much progress from each member of the class, and I'm sure there is to be much more from them in the coming years.

Asides from rounding out our learning on a high note, Class Do had the pleasure in taking part in both Presentation Day and Broderick Gillawarna School's Fun Day.

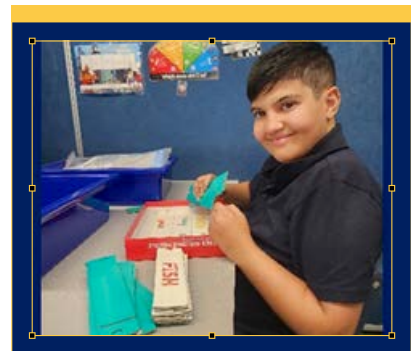
Presentation Day saw us celebrating the achievement of our Personalised Learning Plan goals, with every student receiving an award to commemorate this momentous event. We hope you are all proud of them!

During Fun Day celebrations, we were able to take part in numerous activities such as jumping castles and interacting with animals in the petting zoo. We had such a great time!

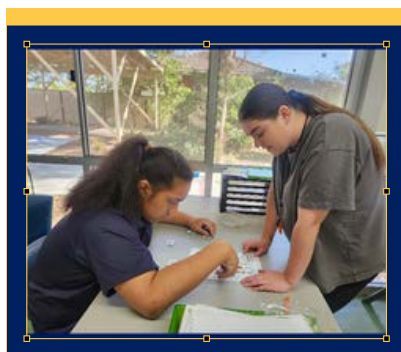
From Raj and I, it was an absolute pleasure teaching you all, and we wish you all the best for next year. Please have a restful and well-earned break!



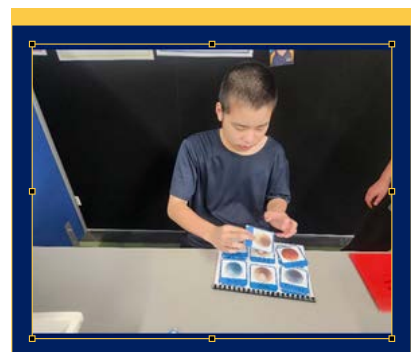
Maleik completing his English activities



Ali completing his word activity



Mordecai completing his matching activities



Daniel matching planets for Science





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Class Finn

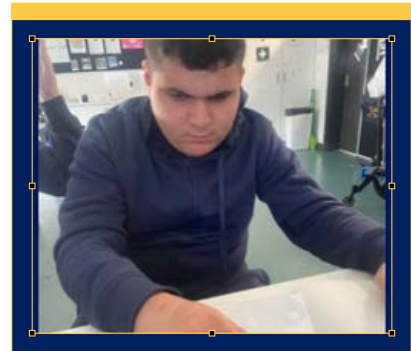
Rebecca & Bronwyn

Class Finn concluded the school year with a celebration of the students' remarkable achievements. Throughout the year, students worked towards accomplishing their individualised goals, demonstrating significant progress in both their academic and personal development. This success was reflected in their growing independence, as they built on their skills and confidence.

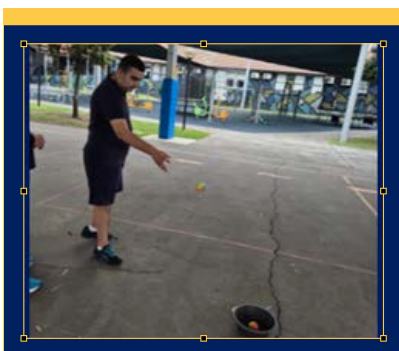
Bronwyn and I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2025.



Phu playing music in the sensory garden



Hamoudi completing his TEACCH activities independently



Ibby engaged in sport skills



Lachlan engaged in art lesson





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Class Gill

Bhupinder & Ommay

Wow, 2024 has flown by so quickly! It has been a wonderful year full of joy and new learning experiences. Class Gill has worked hard to achieve their goals. They have participated in many exciting activities, such as Presentation Day, the Christmas Party, and Fun Day.

Class Gill has had a great time engaging in all Key Learning Areas with hands-on activities. For example, in the Healthy Canteen project, they learned how to make payments at the counter using real-life money. In English, students enjoyed the guided reading lessons and participated in fun activities related to the story Amy and Louis by Libby Gleeson. In Science, Class Gill explored observable changes at Broderick Gillawarna by creating a beautiful collage of images.

Throughout the year, Class Gill has developed a range of skills, including fine and gross motor skills. They have shown increased engagement in classroom activities and have made significant progress since January 2024. A standout moment for our students was their enthusiastic participation in Presentation Day, where they proudly showcased their best efforts.

Looking ahead to 2025, we extend our heartfelt wishes for continued success and fulfillment. May the upcoming year bring even more opportunities for learning, creativity, and joy.

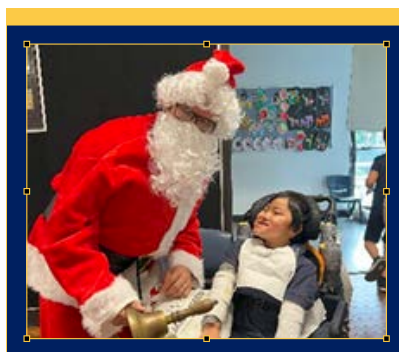
Wishing everyone a joyous and safe holiday season!



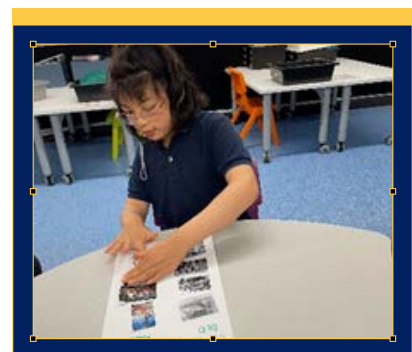
Aidin engaged in making 3D sculpture



Marwa estimated the heavy and light objects



Joshua was happy to see Santa



Hayley engaged in the classroom activity





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Class Hadle

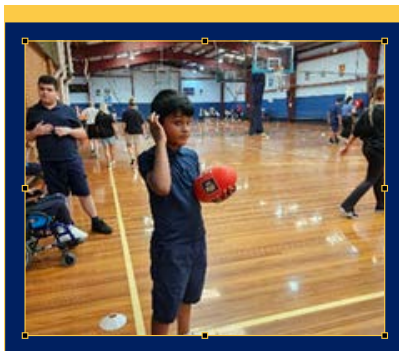
Stephen, Sofia & Nicky

As the year draws to a close (can you believe it!), we take time to reflect on the growth and achievements we have seen in all of our boys. They have all worked hard to overcome challenges, embrace learning, and build resilience.

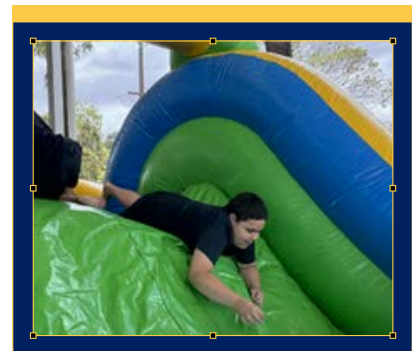
We celebrated our successes big and small, from mastering new communication tools like AUSLAN, to developing life skills and achieving personal goals. Our classroom has also been enriched by inclusive activities, sensory experiences, and creative projects, like our 'Hello Lighthouse' mural. These achievements reflect the strength and determination of our boys.

We had an awesome day out at the Abilities Unleashed Sports day, where we were able to try some new games and learn some new skills. Congratulations to our boys for their very successful Presentation Day.

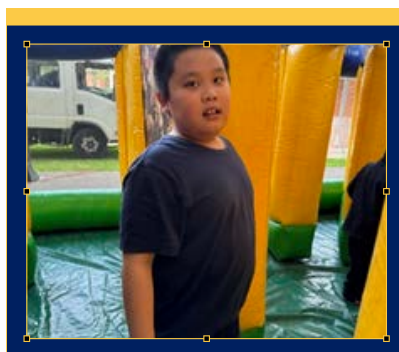
Thank you to our families for your ongoing support and encouragement, we are really looking forward to another year of growth and discovery in 2025. Until then, we wish you a joyful holiday season and a wonderful start to the new year!



Irfan getting into AFL



Jacob loving the inflatables!



William exploring on Athletics
Carnival Day



Hello Lighthouse mural





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Class Howard

Erin & Tan

Wow... What an amazing year we've had here in Class Howard! Everyone worked so hard throughout the year, demonstrating incredible growth in their learning across all areas. We are so proud to have shared in all your successes this year.

Congratulations to Dail on receiving a Principal's Award at the Presentation Day Assembly and on completing your primary school journey. We wish you every success as you transition to high school next year!

We would also like to acknowledge Brian and Ruzyne, who will take on the roles of Prefects for 2025. We know you will do a fantastic job and look forward to watching you grow in your leadership roles.

Congratulations to Joe on receiving the PLP award for Class Howard, and to Sakchyam, we are so proud of the effort and dedication you have put into your learning this year. We can't wait to watch you continue to succeed in 2025!

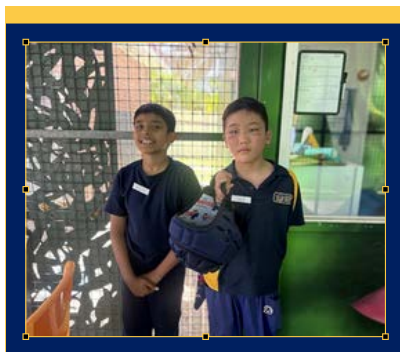
Finally, we would like to thank all our families for your continued support this year. We wish you all a very happy, safe, and restful holiday period, and we look forward to seeing you in 2025.



Brian enjoying some time outdoors



Ruzyne demonstrated his balancing skills on the skateboard during MiniFit



Congratulations to Brian & Ruzyne on being named Prefects for 2025



Dail traced numbers 1-10 independently during small group tuition





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Class Marwaha

Jyoteka & Sonia

We have been busy bees racing towards the end of the term! Our students have continued to work hard to achieve their Personalised Learning Goals, including their life skills goals.

Class Marwaha created various artworks as part of their contribution to the Presentation Day display, featuring sunflowers, the sun, and a picket fence. We also continued our visits to Revesby Public School for integration, fostering positive peer relationships through art activities and group play.

We had the privilege of attending The Christmas Party, Sydney at Rosehill Racecourse. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, sharing it with their peers from Classes Daughton, Vasilevska, and Gill.

To celebrate the end of the year, our students created their own unique artworks using the acrylic pour technique. They chose their background colours and mixed a personalised selection of colours to pour onto their canvases.

It has been a fantastic year of achievements and outstanding hard work by our students.



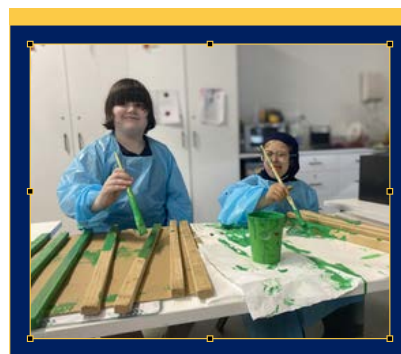
Maliha using techniques to create her Acrylic Pour



Students enjoying the visit from Santa



Students enjoying the Christmas Party at Rosehill Racecourse



Ruby and Aliya preparing artworks for Presentation Day





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Class Naboulsi

Amina & Thoria

Class Naboulsi students wrapped up this term by achieving all of their personalised learning plan (PLP) goals. Everyone worked so hard throughout the year with learning about different concepts in all Key Learning Areas (KLAs) while having fun in the process. We are delighted to have been able to share all our students' achievements this year.

All the students worked really hard and developed their gross motor skills every Thursday during Minifit sessions where they honed their skills through a range of engaging physical activities such as bowling and kicking balls. In Week 7, Class Naboulsi students excitedly received their gifts from Baker's Maison and posed for a photo with Santa. The students made and decorated their own Christmas tree. They used pipe cleaners and pompoms.

As the year comes to a close, the students are eagerly looking forward to a well-deserved break with their families. We wish everyone a safe and joyful summer break and can't wait to see what 2025 holds for Class Naboulsi!



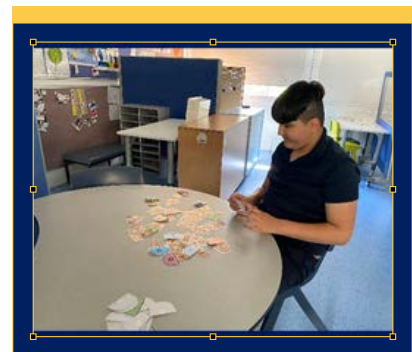
Ahmed waving during Presentation Day



Ibby riding the bike happily



Class Naboulsi posing with Santa



Issa matching upper and lower case letters





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Class Nanda

Rekha & Simone

What an amazing year it has been! We are proud to reflect on the incredible journey of our students and celebrate their achievements.

In school, Class Nanda and Class Finn students ran the healthy canteen, selling nutritious snacks to staff and students. Jakaylah, Elizabeth, Alisha, and Anthony managed the cash register with staff support. Class Nanda and Class Christenson operated the Zen Zone Café, preparing scones, sourdough, and croissants. Elizabeth mastered the coffee machine, while Jy impressed us with his egg-cracking and cooking skills.

Through community work experience, students learned to count, pack, and label items. They developed teamwork and task-completion skills, with Aaliyah standing out for her quick learning.

The community access program taught students valuable life skills, including navigating crowds, crossing roads, using public transport, and managing Opal cards. Weekly outings helped them practice money and social skills, from ordering food to dining at Rashay's and handling payments.

As we wrap up 2024, we extend our heartfelt thanks to parents and carers for their unwavering support. We wish everyone a joyful holiday season and a successful year ahead. Stay safe and enjoy time with loved ones. Happy Holidays!



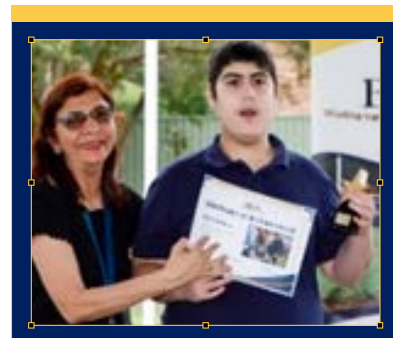
Students receiving certificates
at work experience



Class Nanda Zen Zone



Students at Sydney Zoo



Anthony receiving an award at
Presentation Day





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Class Scalici

Frank & Sonya

What a year it has been! Class Scalici has accomplished so much over the course of these two years! While there have been plenty of challenges and setbacks, you have all risen to the challenge and Sonya and I are so happy with where you have ended up – everyone has grown so much.

Adam, we will miss your cheeky grin and your insatiable curiosity.

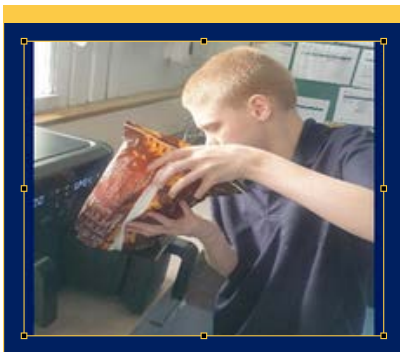
Bradley, we will miss our chats with you and learning about the latest train news.

Cael, we will miss your incredible creativity and your impeccable sense of rhythm.

Farah, we will miss your smile and love of good music.

Jimmy, we will miss you always lending us a hand and your infectious laugh.

We wish you all the best for next year and can't wait to see how you continue to grow.



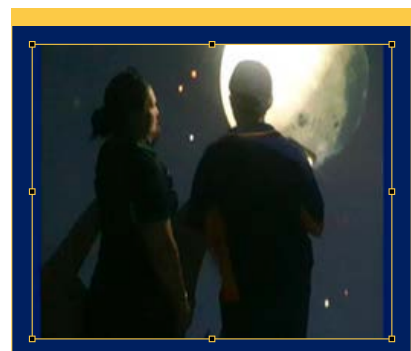
Cael learning to cook some frozen meals during Food Technology



Jimmy interacting with the stars and planets during a Science lesson



Adam painting the scales on a fish during a Creative Arts lesson



Bradley informed Sonya about the different celestial bodies in a Science lesson





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Class Suarez

Salome & Anitha

As the school year draws to a close, our kindergarten class celebrated this significant milestone with a day filled with joy, gratitude, and reflection. It was a wonderful opportunity to honour the remarkable progress our students have made, and the resilience they've demonstrated throughout the year. The year began with a lively morning circle, where students enthusiastically sang their favourite songs, learnt the days of the week and the weather. A standout moment of the year, 'Presentation Day,' was revisited with pride as students received certificates celebrating their individual achievements. From mastering new letters to developing essential social skills, each student had their time to shine, and their growth was met with applause and admiration. As we bid farewell to this school year, we look forward to the exciting adventures that await our students. This class has truly shown us the transformative power of patience, creativity, and connection, and we are incredibly proud of every student's unique journey. Here's to cherishing milestones, creating lasting memories, and celebrating the individuality of every student. Wishing all our families a restful, joyful, and well-deserved holiday break!



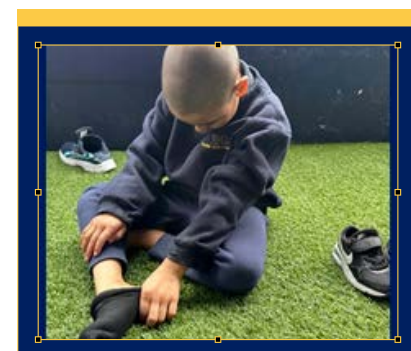
Wataru picking up the puzzle pieces and giving it to the staff



Muntasir opened the TEACCH activity tray to complete the worksheet



Jibril focusing on completing the set task of matching the letters of his name during desk work



Shayan focusing on pulling his socks up after playing on the trampoline





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Class Vasilevska

Maria & Deb

As we conclude an incredible year, we reflect on the many exciting activities and achievements that have made this journey so special. The past few weeks have been filled with learning, celebrations, and festive cheer, setting the stage for a well-deserved holiday break! Our reading sessions with The Lighthouse have been a standout, as students explored the story's captivating themes, characters, and settings. These literacy activities encouraged creativity and critical thinking, with students engaging in interactive tasks that brought the story to life. In Science, we've been venturing into space! Students delved into the wonders of the solar system, learning about planets, stars, and moons. Engaging activities, including building models and exploring virtual space simulations, sparked curiosity and inspired dreams of future exploration. To cap off the term, we celebrated the holiday season with a joyful excursion to a Christmas party at Rosehill. Students enjoyed festive games, delicious treats, and the company of friends, creating memories that will last a lifetime. The event was a wonderful way to bring our school community together and share in the excitement of the holidays.

As we head into the holidays, we wish everyone a safe and joyful break filled with relaxation, family, and fun. Thank you for being part of a fantastic year, and we look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting chapter in the new year. Merry Christmas and happy holidays!



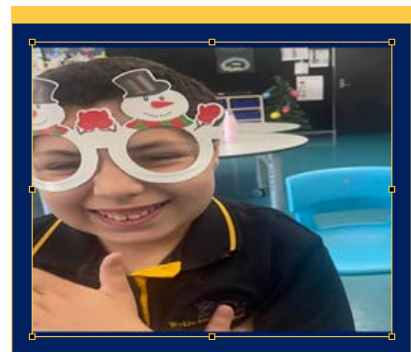
Jacinta at The Christmas Party



Liam in the Christmas spirit



Nehan having fun at the Christmas excursion



Hashem enjoying the festivities
















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Too sick for school?



Generally if your child feels unwell, keep them home from school and consult your doctor. This chart and the information it contains is not intended to take the place of a consultation with your doctor.

Bronchitis	Symptoms are coughing, a runny nose, sore throat and mild fever. The cough is often dry at first, becoming moist after a couple of days. There may be a slight wheeze and shortness of breath. A higher fever (typically above 39°C) may indicate pneumonia.	 ... until they are feeling better. Antibiotics may be needed.
Chickenpox (Varicella)	Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.	 ... for 5 days from the onset of the rash and the blisters have dried.
Conjunctivitis	The eye feels 'scratchy', is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.	 ... while there is discharge from the eye unless a doctor has diagnosed a non-infectious cause.
Diarrhoea (no organism identified)	Two or more consecutive bowel motions that are looser and more frequent than normal and possibly stomach cramps.	 ... for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea stops.
Fever	A temperature of 38.5°C or more in older infants and children.	 ... until temperature is normal.
Gastroenteritis	A combination of frequent loose or watery stools (diarrhoea), vomiting, fever, stomach cramps, headaches.	 ... for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea and/or vomiting stops.
German measles (Rubella)	Often mild or no symptoms: mild fever, runny nose, swollen nodes, pink blotchy rash that lasts a short time.	 ... for at least 4 days after the rash appears.
Glandular Fever (Mononucleosis, EBV infection)	Symptoms include fever, headache, sore throat, tiredness, swollen nodes.	 ... unless they're feeling unwell.
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)	Generally a mild illness caused by a virus, perhaps with a fever, blisters around the mouth, on the hands and feet, and perhaps the nappy area in babies.	 ... until all blisters have dried.
Hayfever (Allergic rhinitis) caused by allergy to pollen (from grasses, flowers and trees), dust mites, animal fur or hair, mould spores, cigarette smoke	Sneezing, a blocked or runny nose (rhinitis), itchy eyes, nose and throat, headaches.	 ... unless they feel unwell or are taking a medication which makes them sleepy.
Head lice or nits* (Pediculosis)	Itchy scalp, white specks stuck near the base of the hairs; lice may be found on the scalp.	 ... while continuing to treat head lice each night. Tell the school.

Hepatitis A	Often none in young children; sudden onset of fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine, pale stools.	 ... for 2 weeks after first symptoms (or 1 week after onset of jaundice). Contact your doctor before returning to school.
Hepatitis B	Often no symptoms in young children. When they do occur, they can include fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine.	<div>  ... if they have symptoms. Contact your doctor before returning to school. </div> <div>  ... if they have a chronic infection (not the first outbreak) and no symptoms. </div>
Impetigo (School sores)	Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.	 ... until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.
Influenza	Sudden onset fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches.	 ... until well.
Measles	Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes for a few days followed by a red blotchy rash that starts on the face and spreads down the body and lasts 4 to 7 days.	 ... for at least 4 days after the rash appears.
Meningococcal Disease	Sudden onset of fever and a combination of headache, neck, stiffness, nausea, vomiting, drowsiness or rash.	Seek medical attention immediately. Patient will need hospital treatment. Close contacts receive antibiotics.
Molluscum Contagiosum	Multiple small lumps (2–5mm) on the skin that are smooth, firm and round, with dimples in the middle. In children, occur mostly on the face, trunk, upper arms and legs. Symptoms can last 6 months to 2 years.	
Mumps	Fever, swollen and tender glands around the jaw.	 ... for 9 days after onset of swelling.
Ringworm* (tinea corporis)	Small scaly patch on the skin surrounded by a pink ring.	 ... for 24 hours after fungal treatment has begun.
Runny nose or common cold		 ... unless there are other symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough, rash or headache. Check with school.
Scabies*	Itchy skin, worse at night. Worse around wrists, armpits, buttocks, groin and between fingers and toes.	 ... until 24 hours after treatment has begun.
Shigella	Diarrhoea (which may contain blood, mucus and pus), fever, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting.	 ... until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours. Antibiotics may be needed.
Slapped Cheek Syndrome (Parvovirus B19 infection, fifth disease, erythema infectiosum)	Mild fever, red cheeks, itchy lace-like rash, and possibly cough, sore throat or runny nose.	 ... as it is most infectious before the rash appears.
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts maybe followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.	 ... until the first 5 days of an antibiotic course has been completed. Unimmunised siblings may need to stay home too until treated with an antibiotic.
Worms (Threadworms, pinworms)	The main sign of threadworms is an itchy bottom. Sometimes children feel 'out of sorts' and do not want to eat much. They may also have trouble sleeping, due to itching at night.	 ... and tell the school as other parents will need to know to check their kids.

***It is important that the rest of the family is checked for head lice, scabies and ringworm**



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

It is the NSW Department of Education's aim that all children attend school at least 90% of the time. At BGS, if your child is absent from school for three consecutive days with no explanation, you will receive a phone call from their class teacher. All absences need to be explained within 7 days of absence. Please use Sentral to put in all absences and partial absences.

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to Learn, Build Friendships, and Develop life skills.

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight 	= 4 weeks	= Over 1 year missed
1 day per week 	= 8 weeks	= Over 2.5 years missed

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