From The Principal
Welcome back to Term 2! I have been visiting classrooms this week and have been listening to some wonderful recounts of fun filled holidays.

STAFF UPDATE
Over the break there have been a number of staff changes within our school. Mr Chomicz has taken 4 weeks leave to welcome home a new baby girl. His daughter Madeleine Rose was born last Wednesday and we wish Mr Chomicz and his family well during this very exciting time. Miss Walkden has taken over 3/4C during this time.

Due to a number of staff changes at Rosemeadow Public School Mr Zulunardo he has been recalled to his permanent teaching position. Mr Pudyja has enthusiastically taken on the teaching responsibility of 3/4B. Both Mr Pudyja and the students of 3/4B have made a brilliant start to Term 2. We also welcome Miss Quecher who is taking on RFF across the school.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES
I would also like to welcome a number of new students and families who have joined the Briar Road community. This term we send a big Briar Road welcome to Amelia B, Chloe R and Justice D. I am confident you will enjoy your time here with us at Briar Road Public School.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015
Mr Garcia has been working diligently on organising a great venue for the 2015 Athletics Carnival. Thank you to all the parents who responded to the ANZAC dawn service in Campbelltown over the holiday period. It is a wonderful time of the year for us to be reminded of the sacrifices that have been made and how fortunate we are to live in a country that affords us a great sense of freedom. ANZAC ceremonies were held in both Primary and Infants assemblies last week.

This term is very busy, however very short. There are only 9 weeks in this school term for our students and staff to get a great deal of teaching and extra-curricular programs completed. I look forward to another busy, but productive week at Briar Road Public School and hope to see many parents and community at our parent and community meetings and events that are planned throughout the term.

Yours in partnership,
Ms T Anderson

Mother’s Day Stall
The annual Mother’s Day stall will be held next Wednesday on 7th May. We have a range of fantastic gifts for mums and other members of the family. Gifts range from $2 - $6 and we have enough stock for each child to purchase something special.

Cross Country Term 2
When: Friday 9th of May. Time: 12pm - 1.50pm.
Who: all students Year 3-6
Students will run in the following age groups: 6/9 years, 10 years, 11 years and 12/13 years.
• The course is a 2km course around the oval and Merino Reserve.
• Students are to wear either their house colours or school sports uniform and running shoes.
• Bring to school your Briar Road hat and plenty of water.

A letter went home last Friday to the eligible 8 year old students who are in Year 2 wishing to participate in the 2km course. Please return this letter to their Year 2 classroom teacher by this Wednesday if they would like to run on Friday.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Hughes.

NAPLAN
Next week the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is being held. This is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement. The tests are conducted at our school and are administered by classroom teachers and school executive. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you can make a time to speak with their teacher.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample Writing task can be accessed on the NAP website www.nap.edu.au

We will be providing all Year 3 and 5 students with breakfast from 8.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. We want to ensure students are relaxed and well prepared and would appreciate if parents ensured that students arrive at school before 9.00am on the NAPLAN days.

Working Bee
On Saturday the 17th May Briar Road PS will be holding a working bee from 8am -12pm. Parents, students and community are encouraged to participate to help beautify our school. Please bring any gardening equipment that will help with planting on the day.

Attendance
Attendance and partial attendance (arriving late and leaving early) continues to be important focus at our school. Ensuring your child attends school each day assists them to maximise their educational opportunities. Mr Andrew Smith is the Home School Liaison Officer for the NSW Department of Education and Communities. He has been visiting the school in the mornings and afternoon to address partial attendance. It is policy of the Department that parents/carers provide a justified reason as to why their child is late. The best learning times for students occur in the morning session. Students who begin school after 9am often miss out on core literacy experiences.

Nanga-Mai
At the end of last term, Jason Sampson received acknowledgment for his service and commitment to Aboriginal Education in the form of a Nanga Mai award. These state-wide awards acknowledge the exceptional work of staff members in improving outcomes for Aboriginal students and working alongside community during this process. Jason is well-deserving recipient and we are very proud of his achievement. Mrs Hodges

Read & Feed
WHAT?
Read & Feed is a program that encourages students to begin their day with a healthy snack and a focus on learning.

WHO?
Students who attend the Read & Feed teacher under the blue shelter at 8:45am. If your child arrives at school after this time, they will not be able to participate in the program.

PROPULSIVE SCHOOL HATS
I remind parents that there has been communication over the last term about the wearing of a school hat. The school hat was formally introduced last term and we were pleased with the number of families that supported our school in purchasing the hat for a discounted price of $10.00. The hat is now a compulsory requirement and a part of the Briar Road School uniform. Children wearing hats other than a hat with the Briar Road insignia will not be permitted to wear them. Children who do not have a Briar Road hat will be required to play under the shelter area at lunch breaks. If you are experiencing difficulty purchasing the hat please see our friendly office staff. If children continue to wear the incorrect hat or uniform parents may be issued with a note and may be asked to attend a meeting at the school. Students who have the older style of hat are permitted to wear the older style hats.

CAR PARK SAFETY
Thank you to all the parents who have helped keep our car park safe. I remind parents and community that we do not allow children and parents to walk through the carpark area. All paths around the school either lead to the side or front access gates. Please assist us in to setting a good example by using appropriate and safe walking to and from school practices.

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During Term 2, students from K-6 will be able to attend.

Child Protection Lessons
Child protection lessons will be conducted across the school during Term 2. These sessions are a part of the mandatory requirement of the Department of Education and Communities and are age appropriate. If you have any questions concerning these lessons, please discuss with the classroom teacher.

Assembly Roster Term 2
IMPORTANT CHANGE: The whole school assembly and parent meeting are moved to Thursday 5th June (week 6).

Term 2 Dates
May
Wednesday 7th: Mother’s Day Stall
Friday 9th: Primary assembly 2.10 (3/6R)
Friday 9th: Cross Country Years 3-6 12.00 – 1.50pm
Friday 9th: Infants assembly 1.00 (1A)
Tuesday 13th: NAPLAN Years 3 & Year 5 students
Wednesday 14th: NAPLAN Years 3 & Year 5 students
Thursday 15th: NAPLAN Years 3 & Year 5 students
Thursday 15th: Primary assembly 2.10 (3/6R performance)
Friday 16th: Infants assembly 1.00 (1A)
Saturday 17th: Working bee 9-12

Tuesday 20th: 26W and K/4H excursion
Wednesday 21st: Gala Day notes and money due to office
Thursday 22nd: 1A, 1L, 2E, 2M excursion
Friday 23rd: Gala Day Years 3-6

At times we have to change the date that assemblies are held on. Please look at the Term 2 dates box as this will highlight any changes.

Mrs Hughes

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