From The Principal

Welcome to Week 8! Time certainly flies when students are busy learning and teachers are busy teaching!

**SB.S FAME!**

Our school was abuzz with excitement last Friday when SBS visited with former Socceroos Craig Foster, local Member for Macarthur Russell Matheson and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Service Senator Fierravanti-Wells to launch the Harmony Schools Pack at our school. 6T have been utilising the pack in their classrooms as we ready ourselves for the World Cup. The segment aired on SBS world news and was received with excitement by students, staff and the wider community. The segment can be viewed at [http://www.sbs.com.au/newsarticle/20140606/world-cup-kids-learning-field](http://www.sbs.com.au/newsarticle/20140606/world-cup-kids-learning-field). Well done to all the staff and students who were the true superstars of the day! We also had the Advertiser at our school covering the day, so we look forward to seeing our students in the local newspaper very soon!

**NAIDOC WEEK**

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Yours in partnership,
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**BRIAR ROAD SPA – Supported Playground Area**

Throughout the term we have been raising money for the creation of a new playground for our support unit. Thank you to all the parents and staff that have supported this initiative. The playground will be ready for Term 3. We are excited to see how this wonderful space within our school contributes to the programs and learning experiences we offer each day.

**SCIENCE EXCITEMENT**

Friday was a super busy day with our Science Day being a main focus for all students. Students were provided with the opportunity to explore a variety of science topics. All the students from Kindergarten to Year 6 had a delightful time and I am sure we have a number of Albert Einstein’s hiding within our school!

**REPORTS**

In Week 9 your child’s Semester 1 report will be sent home. I encourage parents to discuss the report with your child and make an appointment to attend the teacher/parent interview in Term 3 to further explore your child’s progress at school.

**PARENT MEETING**

Thank you to all the parents that attended the parent meeting last week. At the meeting Mr Thompson presented to parents the directions for Creative and Practical Arts throughout 2014 at our fabulous school. We have planned a 40th birthday performance at Event cinemas for later in the year. Both the staff and students are very excited about the whole school performance. More details will follow in Term 3.

**NAIDOC WEEK activities**

**Monday 23rd June:** Whole school assembly 10am

**Tuesday 24th June:** Performance: Ryka Ali 9.30am – 10.30 Infants 12.30pm – 1.30 Primary

**Friday 27th June:**

Whole school traditional games (during Sport time) 9-11am NAIDOC Art exhibition open for parents and community

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**BRIAR ROAD PRESCHOOL**

Briar Road Public School preschool is located on the premises of the school grounds. We have two preschool groups: Wombat Friends operates Monday and Tuesday 9.00a.m-3.00p.m and Wednesday 9.00-11.30pm and Kangaroo Friends operates Wednesday 12.30-3.00p.m, Thursday and Friday 9.00am-3.00p.m. Preschool is for children who are currently 4 and will be attending Kindergarten next year.

At Briar Road Preschool children are involved in a large range of experiences that help to develop their skills ready for school. Children learn confidence, persistence, resilience, cooperation and many other skills that will keep them too effectively succeed in life.

Children learn how to problem solve, experiment, investigate, research, inquire and find answers to everything they are curious about. They develop the skills to think scientifically and mathematically.

Everything they learn at Briar Road Preschool is done through play based learning. This means children are having lots of fun and learning lots of new skills.

We are also taking enrolments for 2015 now. If you are interested in coming and seeing us at the preschool for your own child or know of someone else who has a child ready for preschool just in and pick up the required forms. Look forward to seeing you at Briar Road Public School Preschool.

**Kindergarten Excursion**

**When:** Tuesday 5th August (Term 3 Week 4)

**Where:** Calmley Hill City Farm Excursion

**WHO:** KM & KG

Kindergarten students are starting to get excited about the upcoming excursion to the fantastic Calmley Hill City Farm on August 5th.

Permission notes were sent out last week and many parents are taking advantage of the early notice to make part payments to secure a position for their child.

At the farm children will take part in interactive displays on animal and plant growth, find out about what is produced on a farm as well as have some fun milking cows. We will also be going on an exciting tractor ride!

Don’t forget to sign the form and send it in. The office is collecting payments made so far. Extra permission forms are available from the amazing office ladies upon request.

Miss Griffiths and Mrs Mair

Kindergarten Teachers

**Athletics Carnival**

In week 2 next term, we will be having our infants and primary athletics carnivals. As we do not have our own sandpit, we will not be able to hold a long jump event on the day. Over the next few weeks, Miss Quetcher, Mr Garcia and Mrs Hughes will be taking students from Yrs 2 - 6 who WISH to compete in long jump over to Airds High during lunchtimes. Students will be taken over in their age groups, 1 group per day (boys and girls on separate days). Students will be notified the day before so that they can bring a change of clothes if they wish.

We look forward to 2015, when we will once again be able to have long jump as part of our athletics carnival at Campbelltown Sports Stadium!

**Whole School Assembly**

When: Thursday 26th June

When: 2pm

Note: Parent meeting in the community room will be at 1.30pm before the whole school assembly

**Attendance**

A reminder as the days get colder and colds/flus become more common.

If your child is away a note explaining the absence must be sent in to school within 7 days.

**School Uniform**

Please ensure all children have the correct uniform for school. The checklist is available at the office. Students who are brought to school in incorrect uniform will be returned home for the day.

**Information for Parents**

Please check our school Facebook page and our school newsletter for important information. This includes events and school programs that are available to parents.

**Enrolments**

Enrolments are now open for 2015. Contact the school office to secure a position for your child.

**Library**

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**Community Announcement**

**NRL Holiday Clinic**

Date: Thursday 10 July
Location: Campbelltown Stadium
Time: 10am-1pm
Cost: $35 NRL, sports bag, football, drink bottle, kicking tee & lunch
Age: 5-12

How to Register:
Step 1: go to Playnrl.com
Step 2: Hover over “Get Involved” and click “Play”
Step 3: Click on “Find a Holiday Clinic”
Step 4: Scroll down to “Wests Tigers Clinic, Campbelltown” and click on “link”

Any questions, contact Tim 0417 415 508.
A free 8-part series designed for parents of teenagers
The course includes information on:

- Positive parenting
- Encouraging appropriate behaviour
- Managing problem behaviour
- Dealing with risky behaviour
- Implementing parenting routines

**Date:** Commencing Wednesday 4th June 2014 (once a week for 8 weeks)
**Time:** 9.15 – 12pm
**Where:** Briar Road Public School Community Room

Morning tea provided

For information and bookings, contact Bridges for Youth Program on (02) 46295164 or Jess Jones at BRPS on 4625 5957.