Term 1 week 8 2015

From The Principal

We are on the way towards the end of the school term and there are many achievements to celebrate. The students and staff have put in a huge effort into their learning and are focused on finishing the term strong. The last two weeks of term 1 am on long service leave and as a result will be travelling overseas. Mrs Hughes will be Principal for the duration of my leave and I know she will do a wonderful job steering the Briar Road ship.

Term 1 Parent Feedback Evening

What fantastic weather, numbers and food we had for the Term 1 Feedback Evening. 47 parents and 35 teachers joined us for a night of open conversations about how we improve on our wonderful school and results. Thanks to the staff for their organisation, setting up and cleaning to ensure the success of the event. It was warming to hear many positive responses from parents, such as what a wonderful chance it was to put teacher faces to names. The staff also commented how wonderful it was to get to meet the parents in an informal setting. Our brilliant school will be organising many community events this year so please get along where you can!

Sustainable Living and Grounds Improvements

Mrs Hughes, Mr Sampson, Mrs Jones, Mr Jones and Mr Alone along with a dedicated team of parent helpers have been developing wonderful gardens in and around the school. There is still plenty more work to be done, so if you have a free day please come up and join us make our school a warm and comfortable place for our children. Mrs Hughes along with a team of dedicated students have been developing the vegetable garden at our school. We are very proud to showcase our school to 40 visiting teachers from schools in and around the Campbelltown network this Friday.

Junior AECG

Year 5 and 6 leaders from across many schools visited our school to conduct the first AECG meeting for 2015. It was wonderful to hear and see so many exceptional role models who are striving to make their schools a better place.

Working with Children Checks

Any volunteer helping in the school requires a Working With Children Check. For those who hold one, please check that it is current. If you have recently updated your Working With Children Check card, please bring it into the school office as we require to hold a copy on our records.

If you need to get a Working With Children Check you can either fill out an application form online at the WWC Check website; or go to Australia Post office to get a form. A copy of your receipt is sufficient for you to volunteer in the school until your card arrives. There is no cost for volunteers.

BRPS Swimming Carnival

Term 1 always involves one of our favourite events – the swimming carnival! It is a chance to make the most of the fading warm weather and watch the skills and expertise of students, staff and community members alike. There was some brilliant results by students with many students moving on to the Zone carnival. These students were Italia, Barry, Jazmyn, Jawdan, Lachlan, Shakayla, Laysharna and Jacob. As a result of their swimming skills Italia, Barry and Jazmyn advanced to represent the school at a regional level. Parent and community attendance also smashed previous records set. Thank you to all those who attended and supported our school and students.

Safety and Security

Over the last fortnight the school was broken in to twice. Fortunately, we have clear CCTV and footage of the intruders and the police have identified the offenders. It is disappointing that people have entered the school and taken a number of items that assist our children to learn including camera's and laptops. I ask that over the term break you are become vigilant when around the school and report any suspicious activity to Campbelltown Police or the School Safety and Security Unit on 1300 880 021. Together we can ensure that the resources purchased for our students stays in our school!

Congratulations Moses

With great sadness we are saying goodbye to Moses Alone, who has been working with us in Term 1 as a Liaison Officer. Moses has successfully gained a permanent position at Ashcroft High School from Term 2. Thank you for the difference you have made at Briar Road PS in such a short time – you will be greatly missed!

Yours in partnership,
Ms T.Anderson

School can’t wait, don’t be late!

It’s not okay to be away! School can’t wait, don’t be late!

We are working really hard to ensure that every student in our school is provided with a quality education. In order for your child to get the most out of school they must attend each day and be on time. A reasonable reason needs to be provided for both being late and being absent, otherwise the absence is classified as unjustified. Let's work together to make everyday count!

Mrs Hodges

Early Action for Success program

The school is pleased to be involved in the ‘Early Action for Success’ strategy for 2015 and 2016. This program aims to improve students’ performance through a targeted approach in the early years.

Mrs Megan Clarke will be the Instructional Leader at Briar Road PS and her role will be supporting the provision of quality Literacy and Numeracy with the K-2 students and teachers.

Welcome Megan!

Summer Gala Day

Who: students in Tiger Tag / Softball / T-ball / Cricket

Tiger Tag: Mr Pudya, Mrs Rangiaiy and Mr Thompson
Softball: Mrs Stirling and Miss Blakey
T-ball: Mrs Cross and Mrs Else
Cricket: Mr Murphy and Mr Polley

Don’t forget to wear a hat, bring lunch and recess and plenty of water!

Please see Mr Garcia or the coach for that team if you have any queries.

Assembly Term 1 changes

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(1C Infants assembly postponed to Term 2)

Harmony Day

When: Thursday 19th March
Time: Assembly in the hall 2pm

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Each student will receive a Harmony Ribbon to wear on the day and will be participating in activities with their class to celebrate belonging.

Please come along and celebrate with us as a school at the whole school assembly on Thursday afternoon.

Mr Chomicz

Term 1 Dates

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School Uniforms

A reminder as winter approaches that our students are to wear full school uniform every day. The canteen has jackets available to purchase for $25.

Come along and hear about:

School Options for Young Children with Additional needs.

When: Wednesday, 18th March 2015 6.30pm - 9:30pm
Where: Campbelltown RSL Club, Carberry Lane (off Cordeaux St), Campbelltown Light Refreshments will be provided

Please book your place by ringing Lorraine Brown on 02 4620 0091 or email ku.startingpointsmacarthur@ku.com.au