Term 1 week 10 2015

From The Principal
We are at 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.

School Photos
School Photos will be taken on Monday 18th May. Please ensure you are at school on time as the photographer will be here at the start of the day and will not wait for children who are late to take class photos.

School Contributions
School contributions are due by the end of term 1. You are welcome to speak to Mrs Thompson in the office if you wish to enter into a payment plan.

Head Lice
From time to time head lice can become prevalent in classrooms. When there is an outbreak we will send home a letter to inform parents. We ask all parents to check their children’s hair and treat when or as necessary. Even the cleanest hair can become infected with lice.

Harmony Day 2015
This year on March 21 we celebrated the 15th anniversary of Harmony Day in Australia – a day where we encourage the motto that “Everyone belongs”. Our cultural diversity remains one of our greatest strengths as a school and as a nation. Our school celebrated Harmony Day through a number of class events as well as a whole school assembly. A special thank you to Mr Alone, Mr Murphy, Mr Thompson and Mr Chomicz for the assembly and event organisation. It was a wonderful school and community event. Thank you to all those who participated and supported the event.

Safety and Security
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 980 021.

Yours in partnership,
Ms T. Anderson (from Hawaii)

Harmony Park
The newly grassed Primary playground area officially opened after Harmony Day. The area has been called “Harmony Park” and is a quiet space for students.

School Vegetable Garden
Our school was very lucky to host a day recently where a number of teachers from across the South Western Sydney area came and learnt about sustainable living and how to create school vegetable gardens.

Communication between home and school
The school has been trialling the use of the App “Skoolbag” to make it easier to access the newsletter and other events at school.

How to Install Skoolbag on your smartphone:

- Select “OK” to receive push notifications when asked
- Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App then “setup”
- Toggle on the push categories that are applicable to you

Android:
- You must first have signed up with a Google account before installing the App
- Click the “Play Store” button on your device
- Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Briar Road Public School
- Click the school name when it appears in the search bar
- Click the “Install” button
- Click “accept” for various permissions
- Click “open” when installed
- Click the “more” button on the bottom right of the app, then “setup”
- Toggle on the push categories that are applicable to you

The newsletter is also put on to the school website, located at: http://www.briarrd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ or find us on Facebook at Briar Road Public School (community). If you can think of any other ways that would improve communication between home and school, please come and see Mrs Else and Mrs Hughes.

ANZAC DAY
Our special assembly to commemorate 100 years of the ANZAC tradition will be held on Friday 24th April at 12pm.

Term 1 Dates
April
Wednesday 1st: Easter Hat Parade P-6 2.15pm
Thursday 2nd: Last day Term 1

Term 2 Dates
Tuesday 21st: Term 2 begins
Wednesday 22nd: Book fair
Friday 24th: ANZAC DAY assembly 12.00pm

May
Friday 1st: Family / Grandparent Day
Monday 19th: School photos (revised date)

Term 2 parent calendar will be sent home in the first week of Term 2.
Miss Munro and Mrs Jones