Term 2 week 2 2015

From The Principal
Dear Parents and Community,

Welcome back to Term 2! It was great to return from my period of leave and see so many smiling faces. I thank Mrs Hughes for her efforts relieving in my absence. This term has many exciting events for our school community, along with academic events including NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5.

ANZAC Day 2015
Each time we hold a school event it displays the passion and enthusiasm of staff, students and the wider community. In 2015, the Anzac celebrations at Briar Road were no exception. Staff worked hard to ensure that our students had a strong understanding of the importance of Anzac along with understanding what the sacrifices have done to add to the culture of our wonderful country. Students displayed understanding, passion and respect. The laying of the wreath with Mr Steven Grieves and the planting out of the poppies was a highlight of the afternoon.

Uniform Reminder
Returning back to school, the weather certainly has reminded us that the seasons have changed! As the weather begins to get cooler, I ask that parents ensure their children wear their school uniform. Students will also be using Merino Reserve. Students from Yrs 3 - 6 will be participating. Students from Yr 2 who are turning 8yrs old this year will also be allowed to participate if they have parental permission (a separate letter will be sent home for these students). Lunch will be held after the carnival, from 1.20 - 2.10, with a barbeque available. Parents and community are invited to come and watch the carnival and then stay for a picnic lunch with their children.

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School Photos
Reminder: All students are to wear Summer uniform on the day for school photos. Orders can be placed on the following website: www.advancedlife.com.au, our school code is DMH32X5NE. All photos must be ordered and paid for by Friday 15th May.

NAPLAN
It is very important that all students in Year 3 and Year 5 attend school on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May to sit NAPLAN assessments in literacy and numeracy. We will use Friday 15th May as a “catch-up” day if any students are absent on these days.

Swimming Carnival Ribbons
The swimming carnival ribbons will be handed out at the primary assembly this Thursday 30th April, 2.10pm in the hall.

Family / Grandparent’s Day
When: Friday 1st May
Time: Open classrooms 10-11am
Picnic: 11.10-11.50
Sausage sandwiches and drinks available for $2 each on the day.

Pajama Day
When: Monday 4th May
Why: Fundraiser with the Asthma Foundation and the SRC
Price: Gold coin donation

Oz-Tag Active After School Program
When: starts this Wednesday 29th April 3-4pm
Where: Briar Road PS
There are limited spaces so please return the expression of interest form (available from the Front Office) as soon as possible if your child is interested to come and play Oz-Tag at Briar Road after school.

Mr McGuinness and Mr Murphy
Mother’s Day Stall
When: Wednesday 6th of May.

Call for Helpers
Mrs Jones will be organising a day to assist with planting in our new created Harmony Park. If you are interested in assisting please let her know.

The next few weeks are very busy for our school. It is timely to remind parents that we utilise a variety of modes to communicate including Facebook, Twitter and our school app. I am looking forward to seeing many community and grandparents at our upcoming Grandparent’s day and Education Week. Thank you to our parents and community for continuing to support our wonderful school.

Yours in partnership,
Ms T. Anderson

Book Fair
Books, stationery, puppets and all sorts of fabulous things for sale!
It’s happening in the library every day until Wednesday the 29th of April!
Time: From 8:30 – 9:00 (before school) and 3:00 – 3:30 (after school)
Accepting cash or credit card.
Orders can also be made online!
See you at the book fair....

Swimming Carnival Ribbons
There will be enough items for every student to purchase at least one gift and any leftover items will be sold once each class has been to the stall. Gifts will range in price from $2 to $6 and all money raised will go towards the Year 6 camp.

Cross Country Carnival
When: Friday, 8th May (wk 3) from 12:00 - 1:20 on the back playground (students will also be using Merino Reserve). Students from Yrs 3 - 6 will be participating. Students from Yr 2 who are turning 8yrs old this year will also be allowed to participate if they have parental permission (a separate letter will be sent home for these students). Lunch will be held after the carnival, from 1.20 - 2.10, with a barbeque available. Parents and community are invited to come and watch the carnival and then stay for a picnic lunch with their children.

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Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability: Notification for Parents and Carers
From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection
The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Term 2 Dates
April
Wednesday 29th: Book Fair (last day in the library)
Thursday 30th: 2.10 Primary assembly (5/6H)
May
Friday 1st: 10am Family / Grandparent Day
Friday 1st: 1.00 Infants assembly (2K)
Monday 4th: Pajama Day
Wed 9th: Mother’s Day Stall
Friday 8th: Cross Country Carnival (Years 3-6)
12-14: NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
Fri 15th: Gala Day
Monday 19th: School photos (revised date)