### Brocklesby Public School

Gently in manner. Strongly in matter.

## **NEWSLETTER** Term 3 Week 2 2022

### **Principal's Message**

Welcome back to school and Term 3. I hope that all students and families enjoyed a break or an opportunity to get away somewhere warmer.

Much work was completed over the school holidays, with the removal of all the old interactive whiteboards and projectors. This term staff will undergo training in how to operate the new Main Learning Display's and utilise their capabilities. Thank you also to the P&C for their tremendous efforts in having the fence around the carpark and gates installed, along with removing old garden beds and edging. Our school was successful in obtaining a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant, so we will now be able to commence work on this project after the projects completed during the holidays.

To commence term 3 we held our catch-up NAIDOC week activity day in Albury with students enjoying the Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk. Students also got to enjoy riding their scooters at the Howlong Skate Park as their reward day activity for the end of term 2.

Next week is Education Week and the theme this year is 'Creating Futures – Education Changes Lives'. We welcome parents and families to join us for an Open Day on Wednesday 3rd August. We will commence with a picnic recess, followed by open classrooms and a science activity in the afternoon.

Throughout this term we also have many opportunities and events happening including; Science Week, Book Week, Stage 2 Excursion to Borambola, Fruit&Veg Month, PoP Up Playgroup and a Police Activity Day.

Miss Widdison Principal





**PUBLIC SCHOOL** 

### Upcoming Events

TERM 3 2022 WEEK 3 Monday 1st August Education Week Mobile Library Tuesday 2nd Wednesday 3rd Warm up Wednesday School Library School Open Day 1:30pm Thursday 4th Big Talk parents & students SR Athletics Carnival Friday 5th Sport Football/Netball

### WEEK 4

Monday 8th Tuesday 9th Wednesday 10th School Library Warm Up Wednesday Thursday 11th Big Talk parents & students Friday 29th Sport Football / Netball

Students enjoyed the Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk as part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations.



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# SCHOOL NEWS

#### **School News**

#### Farewell and Thank You

This term, we formally farewell Ms Katherine Finster who has accepted another position within the Department of Education. Ms Finster worked at the school both as a SAM, SLSO and supporter of Brocklesby Public School.



Thank you, Ms Finster, for your valued support and contributions to Brocklesby Public School over many years and best wishes for your future endeavours. From all the staff, students, families and Brocklesby Public School Parents and Citizens Association.

#### Education Week - Open Day

Next week is Education Week and the theme this year is 'Creating Futures – Education Changes Lives'.

We welcome parents and families to join us for an Open Day on Wednesday 3rd August.

Schedule of Events:

- 1.30pm Picnic Recess
- 2.00pm Open Classrooms/Shared Reading
- 2.15pm Inquiry Learning Science Project

We hope to see you there.

Reminder: Can all students please return their interview questions on Monday along with a photograph of the person who was interviewed.

#### **Thank You**

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#### Thank You

The Brocklesby Public School Staff, Students and P&C would like to extend a massive thank you to Brendon Ross (and his young apprentice) from DLE Earthworks for his time, effort, and assistance with the installation of new fencing around the carpark.



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## SCHOOL NEWS

#### Dreaming with eyes open...

#### Book Week 2022 - 22nd August to 26th August



#### **Book Week Activity**

The theme for Book Week is Dreaming with eyes open .. This year as part of our activities we are asking the students to take a photo of themselves reading a book in a peculiar place keeping the Book Week theme in mind Dreaming with your eyes open...

Photos can be a hard copy, emailed to the school or uploaded to Google Classroom. The photos will be placed on display for Book Week.



learning from friends who help you on your way.



We will also be holding a Book Week Fair and Parade on Thursday 25th August. Start thinking about your Book Week costume and step into the story of your favourite book character!



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#### Premier's Reading Challenge

Just a friendly reminder that the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is still open. Check out the website and catch up on some reading over the coming weeks.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2022 : Logon (det.nsw.edu.au)

Students also took home a reading log sheet earlier this week. They can use this to record any books that they have read at home since the challenge began in February. All reading logs need to be returned by Monday 15th August.

If you require any assistance or have any further questions then please don't hesitate to contact the school.



#### Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 is going home this week, there are many books to choose from. Parents can purchase on line the Parent's Guide is available at; *scholastic.com.au/parents*. Scholastic partners with schools through their Rewards Program, our school benefits from each book

purchased providing points which are available to the school to buy books and resources.



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# **CLASSROOM NEWS**

#### Term 3 Overview

Subject	Stage 2 & 3 (years 3-6)	Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (years K-2)			
Mathematics	2D, 3D, Subtraction, Division, Angles	Length, Subtraction, Division, Mass, Volume & Capacity			
English	Characterisation, Imaginative writing, BTN- note taking & compre- hension tasks	Imaginative writing			
Inquiry Learning	Physical World – How do light, heat and energy make things hap- pen?	Physical World – What are the different forms of energy around us?			
Creative Arts	Music/Walbundrie Show Entries				
Health	Healthy, Safe and Active Lifestyle				
Sport	Football, Netball and Basketball				

#### NAIDOC Week Celebrations





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# **NAIDOC DAY ACTIVITIES**





















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### COVID-19

### COVID19 Information (updated 27th July)

With COVID-19 and the flu circulating in the community, we will continue our layered COVID-smart measures for Term 3 to prioritise student and staff wellbeing, while keeping schools operational. Our layered measures include strongly advising mask-wearing, rapid antigen testing (RAT), strongly encouraging vaccinations, maximising natural ventilation, hygiene and cleaning. In certain circumstances, the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team may advise that some additional COVID-smart measures must be temporarily reintroduced or enhanced at your school to act as a 'circuit breaker' Your principal will work with your Director, Educational Leadership (DEL) and the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team and let you know of any changes at your school, if needed.

#### Masks

In response to NSW Health advice and the current COVID-19 situation in the state, the Minister for Education and Early Learning has strongly encouraged mask-wearing when indoors for all school-based staff and for all students, particularly for the first 4 weeks of Term 3. Masks are an effective way to reduce the risk of transmission of respiratory viruses and infectious diseases, including COVID-19 and the flu. A 4-week mask-wearing 'blitz' will help to reduce the risk of transmission events in our schools and keep our schools operational to support our students' learning. Masks continue to be required for workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19 in schools for specific purpose (SSPs), support units and some mainstream classrooms. Masks continue to be mandatory on public transport. This applies to students aged 12 years and older, and staff when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport or by chartered transport services. In line with the latest advice from NSW Health, masks are recommended for students and staff who have recovered from COVID-19, completed their 7-day isolation period and are no longer showing symptoms for an additional 3 days (from days 8 - 10 after receiving a

positive COVID-19 result). Schools are asked to refer parent and carer enquiries to the NSW Government fact sheets for information on safely managing COVID-19. Note: In certain circumstances, and as advised by the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing team, some schools may be directed to temporarily reintroduce additional COVID-19 temporary measures including mandatory mask-wearing to minimise transmission risks within the school settings. Principals will communicate this update to schools if and when applicable. RATs will be sent to schools from Week 1 of Term 3. The delivery is expected to be completed within the first three weeks of term. Beyond the departmental provision of RATs, students and staff should continue to access PCR tests and store-purchased RATs when experiencing symptoms or when identified as a close contact. Please continue to upload any positive test results to the Services NSW website.

#### Close contacts

Staff and students who are identified as close contacts are allowed to attend school, providing they follow certain guidelines.

Staff and students cannot attend schools for specific purposes (SSPs) or support units as a close contact, and will be supported to work or learn from home. Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to the NSW Health guidelines:

- They must notify the school and/or early childhood education (ECE) service provider (including their outside of school hours care provider) if they are intending to return under this provision.
- They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- They (if in a secondary school setting) must wear a mask indoors except when eating or exercising. Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).



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- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
- No apprentices, trainees or students on placement or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to attend settings identified as high risk by NSW Health (healthcare, aged care, disability care or correctional facilities)
- Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times. Schools should consider if the visit can be conducted virtually.

#### Remember

Staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19. If symptoms occur at any time, your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT). If a student is unwell and has any COVID-19 symptoms, they should always test for COVID-19. If the test comes back negative for COVID-19. the student should still not return to school until either: The student no longer has any symptoms, or A medical certificate is provided to the school confirming that symptoms are explained by another diagnosis (such as hay fever). It is important that students do not attend school if they are unwell, even if they have tested negative for COVID-19. Rapid antigen tests can produce false negative results and symptoms of other illnesses can also be similar to COVID -19, including flu, the common cold and stomach bugs. Health advice is that students who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick. It is recommended that students and staff that return to school after recovering from COVID-19 do not participate in rapid antigen testing for 12 weeks following release from selfisolation unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms. This is due to NSW Health advice that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have a low risk of contracting it again in the following 12 weeks.

#### For positive COVID-19 cases

If there is a positive case in your child's class, year or other grouping, your child can continue to attend school in line with NSW Health advice. If a student or staff member receives a positive RAT test, they need to:

- record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app – please add details of your child's school or early childhood education centre when prompted
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible
- follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days. Registering your child's positive RAT with Service NSW is a requirement of the Public Health Order and helps NSW Health track COVID-19 in schools and address any public health issues early on if required.
- Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school. Schools will inform their community when there is a positive case in the school and guide families on NSW Health advice, including monitoring for symptoms. Parents should expect regular communication. For more information, including COVID-19 guidelines and fact sheets, refer to People who tested positive or were exposed to COVID-19.

NSW Health also recommend getting vaccinated against flu. Flu has different effects of COVID-19 and often affects children more severely than COVID-19. Flu vaccines are free for all children aged 6 months to 5 years, and for a small charge for those aged 5 years and older.

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# SCHOOL EVENTS

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Term Three	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
Week 1	18 Staff Development Day	19 Students return Term 3	20 School Library	21 Big Talk parents & students NAIDOC Day Excursion	22 Football/Netball Sport	23/24
2	25 P&C Meeting 6pm	26	27	28 Big Talk parents & students	29 Football/Netball Sport	30/31
3	1 Mobile Library Education Week	2	3 School Library Warm Up Wednesday School Open Day 1:30pm	4 Big Talk parents & students SR Athletics Carnival	5 Football/Netball Sport	6/7 Aug
4	8	9	10 School Library Warm Up Wednesday	11 Big Talk parents & students	12 Football/Netball Sport	13/14
5	15 Mobile Library P&C Meeting 6pm	16	17 School Library Warm Up Wednesday K-2 Excursion	18 Big Talk parents & students	19 Football/Netball Sport Premier's Reading Challenge Closes	20/21
6	22 Book Week	23	24 School Library Warm Up Wednesday	25 Big Talk parents & students Book Week Parade Book Fair	26 Basketball Sport P&C Movie Night Riverina Athletics Carnival	27/28
7	29 Mobile Library	30	31 School Library Warm Up Wednesday	1 Big Talk parents & students	2 Basketball Sport Father's Day Activity	¾ Sept
8	5	6	7 School Library Warm Up Wednesday POP up Playgroup	8 Big Talk parents & students	9 Basketball Sport	10/11
9	12 Mobile Library Walbundrie Show Entries Due	13	14 <i>Warm Up</i> <i>Wednesday</i> School Library	15 Big Talk parents & students	16 Basketball Sport	17/18
10	19 Stage 2 Borambola Excursion	20 Stage 2 Borambola Excursion	21 <i>Warm Up Wednesday</i> School Library	22 Big Talk parents & students Whole School Assembly @ 2pm	23 Basketball Sport Last Day Term 3	24/25



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### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# **P&C NEWS**

### **Upcoming Events**

### Brocklesby Public School Pop-Up Playgroup

You are invited to Pop-Up Playgroup at

Brocklesby Public School:

Brocklesby Public School Pop-Up Playgroup



Wednesday 7th September 2022

Time: 9:30-11:30am





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### **P&C** Meeting

Next P & C Meeting Monday 15th August at 6:00pm *All Welcome - at the school* 

### Attached to this Newsletter: Permission Notes:

K-2 Combined Excursion

Other:

Scholastic Book Club

### Happy Birthday Jimmy



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