The P&C has organised a raffle for Easter and Grandparents Day, and we have had a great response from the local community with prize donations. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5 and you could win a fantastic prize…

- A fruit basket donated by Country Growers at Warringah Mall
- An Easter egg basket donated by Fine Finish Cement Rendering (worth $100)
- One of two family tickets (4 people) to Sydney Family Show at Moore Park (worth $100 each)

Tickets can be bought at the school office any time this week, and will also be on sale on Thursday at the sausage sizzle lunch.

This week I would like to share with you the contents of two emails that I received recently…

"Dear Principal,
I am a mother of five children aged between eleven and nineteen. I am a trained teacher and this year am home-schooling my eleven-year-old twin boys. Last Friday 15th March I was at the IMAX cinema in Darling Harbour. There was a school group there that I later found out was from Brookvale Public. As we waited for the film to begin I observed this group and in particular the teachers who were supervising them. I want you to know how impressed I was with those teachers. They were each fully engaged with the children in their care at all times. I could hear the woman teacher chatting with the kids in a caring, friendly and appropriate way- such that one of my boys commented, “I wish that I could have a teacher like that!” At one point I noticed her asking one child, “Are you OK?” Both teachers were positive, encouraging and had excellent control over the group. The kids were very well behaved, although I could see that there was space for them to have fun in a way that was appropriate and did not disturb others. The teachers gave instructions that were moderate but expected the best of those children. Perhaps this is the norm for teachers in your school, or maybe these two are exceptional teachers. Well done to those teachers! I really enjoyed observing their wonderful skills."

The two teachers were Miss Surrest and Mr Pye with their Stage 3 classes. I replied to this lady telling her that I am confident that she would have been equally impressed by any of our teachers from Brookvale PS. We are extraordinarily lucky to have a team of exceptional teachers who fully understand that building positive relationships with their students is a key aspect of success in learning outcomes. Well done our fabulous BPS teachers!
And the second email from a teacher at Harbord PS….

“Dear Mrs Maunder,
Last week I interacted with Emily Allen at the Zone swimming carnival as a marshall, and then yesterday I had the pleasure of meeting her properly as the Zone Team Manager at the Regional Swimming Carnival.
I just wanted to let you know that it was a pleasure dealing with Emily and her father. At all times she was polite and respectful and listened to and followed instructions to the letter. She was so happy to be at the carnival and swam beautifully.
At the end of the day Emily was only one of a handful of students to let us know she was leaving and to thank us for the day. It was much appreciated.
Emily was a credit to herself, her family and her school and I want to wish her all the best for the rest of the year and for her move next year to Forest High, where I am sure she will thrive and continue to impress those involved with her.”

This is wonderful feedback to receive; Emily is an outstanding School Captain and always represents the school with great pride. And to top off the good news…..Emily has qualified to go to the State Carnival where she will compete in the 200m individual medley. Congratulations Emily, what a fantastic achievement!

Don’t forget to dust off your Easter bonnet and come along on Thursday at 1:00pm to enjoy a sizzle lunch followed by the Easter Hat Parade!

Bev Maunder

Positive Behaviour, Engaging Learners (PBEL)

Congratulations to all students for following our school expectations and earning mini merits. Last week the Lucky Dip winners were:
RESPECT – Janayah Tracey
RESPONSIBILITY – Riley McShane
PERSONAL BEST – Giulia Carnevale

Very soon, construction of our brand new toilet block will begin and when it is finished and in use we will need to look after it and keep it super sparkly!
This week our focus for the toilet blocks is…PERSONAL BEST – USE THE TOILETS BEFORE SCHOOL AND AT BREAKS, GET PERMISSION, AND RETURN TO CLASS PROMPTLY.
Wow!! Look at all the rubbish from one day at school!

Lucky Stage 2 students had the chance to sort through and weigh all of the rubbish in our school. The reason they were sorting through the rubbish was to examine what was being thrown away so we can try to reduce the amount of waste in our bins and our impact on the environment.

Brookvale School is part a fantastic new program called Ready, Set, Grow. The aim of the program is to reduce rubbish in schools through recycling and composting waste. The program also encourages healthy living by sustaining fruit and vegetable gardens in schools.

First, we sorted the rubbish into three categories; items for composting, items for recycling and just plain rubbish. We then weighed the rubbish in buckets and found that more than half of the waste in our bins could have been recycled or composted. It was very interesting to see what was being thrown away – lots of uneaten sandwiches!!

In Science this term we have started a new topic called, ‘Package it Better’. Students have been examining different types of packaging, the materials they are made from and their impact on the environment. (We sure saw lots of packaging in our rubbish pile).

Stage 2 students have been learning to write expositions and procedures. An exposition is written to present the writer's point of view in favour or against a specific topic. Procedures tell how to do something; this might include instructions on how to carry out a task or follow a recipe. Students certainly enjoyed following the procedure to make muffins and fairy bread!

In Maths groups, we have been very busy improving our mental addition and subtraction strategies and Year 3 have started to prepare for Naplan. We have also worked on measurement and students have been measuring just about everything in the classroom!

We have had a fantastic, productive term so far and I’m sure everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break over Easter!

Mrs de Graaf and Mrs Dixon
Harmony Day Interview with my Nonna from Italy

By Joel Ronzizi

What year did you come to Australia?
I came in 1968

Why did you come to Australia?
Because I wanted to travel and I had family already here, and it would be a great adventure.

How did you get to Australia?
I travelled on the ship Angelina Laura.

How long did it take?
It took 29 days.

How old were you?
I was 19 years old.

Do you have a national dance in Italy?
Yes, the tarantella.

What is Italy’s favourite sport?
Soccer of course!

What are some of the national foods from Italy?
Some of them are pizza, pasta, gelato, espresso and salami.

From where in Italy do you come from?
I come from the south of Italy, Calabria.

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P&C News

Hello everyone, my name is Rob and I have been elected as your Parents and Citizens’ (P&C) Association President for 2013. I am honoured to hold this position and look forward to supporting you, your children and the school in the year ahead.

Our 2013 elected P&C executive members are:

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Parents have a right and responsibility to play an active role in the school life of their children. Involvement in the P&C provides a means for parents to have a say in their child’s school life as partners in the education process. The primary role of the P&C is to develop and foster a sense of community between the school, families and local area to ensure the needs of our children are met.

With a school as small as ours, fundraising is always difficult so we must be careful to not impose a burden on our families and to spend any money raised wisely. The P&C committee will put together a plan for fundraising events to be held throughout the year and I ask that you provide ideas to help guide us.

The main fundraising activity for the P&C is the football car parking and sausage sizzle when the Manly Sea Eagles have home games here at Brookvale. There are only 10 home games and we only need people for around 2-3 hours prior to each game. We need more volunteers for these activities so we can put together a plan to cover the 9 remaining home games.

P&C meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. I realise how difficult it can be to get to these meetings and the committee is willing to discuss changes to the time so more
parents can attend. Obviously we need you there to be a part of this discussion so please, make the time and have a say in your child’s experience at school.

Next meeting is at 7:30pm, in the staff room on Tuesday, April 2nd. See you there!

**Assembly Awards – Week 8**

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at Week 8 assembly........

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**Events**

**Grandparents Day / Easter Hat Parade**

We hope to see lots of families at our combined Grandparents Day and Easter Hat Parade next Thursday, 28 March. We will start at 1.00pm with sausage sizzle lunch. Then at 2.00pm we will be entertained by the band and the choir, finishing up with our Easter Hat Parade. Come along and see all the colourful creations on display this year!

**Book Fair on Grandparents Day! Thursday 28 March**

Donate a book to the library!

A selection of good quality children’s books will be available to purchase to donate to the library. Your selection will have your child’s name on a special donation name plate inside the book and your child will be the first to borrow that book from the library once it has been accessioned.
Blue for Autism Day – Wednesday 3 April

Autism Spectrum Disorders affect many families either directly or indirectly. This disorder can present a range of difficulties to the development of social skills and learning progress of children. Even with the vast amount of research that has been carried out, very little is known about the causes of ASD. But one thing that has definitely been shown is that early intervention programs are vital.

On Wednesday 3 April (Autism Awareness Day) we are holding a ‘Blue for Autism’ fundraiser. We will be selling blue cupcakes at recess time, students can wear blue mufti for a gold coin donation and there will be a Guess how many jelly beans are in the jar competition. Can you help out by making a tray of blue cupcakes, or buying a pack of plain cupcakes that we can decorate with blue icing? Every little helps, please let the office know if you can help us with this.

Bandaged Bear Breakfast and Lunchtime Disco – Friday 12 April

This year our SRC is supporting Stewart House and the Westmead Children’s Hospital Bandaged Bear Appeal. We will be having a big fundraiser on Friday 12 April. It will be a mufti day and we would like to encourage everyone to buy a $2 healthy canteen breakfast in the morning and attend the K-6 lunchtime disco. There will be a competition with a fantastic prize for the ‘Best Bandaged Bear’ so find your favourite teddy and dress him (or her) up!

$2 for a healthy breakfast at 8:30am
$5 for mufti, disco entry, snack and entry into the ‘Best Bandaged Bear’ competition!

Community News

EASTER RAFFLE

1 Ticket $2
3 Tickets $5

Donated by
Fruit Basket-Country Growers
Easter Eggs - Fine Finish Cement Rendering Value $100

Easter Raffle 2 & 3
1x Family Ticket (4 people) To Sydney Family Show
Moore Park Sydney
1 Ticket $2
3 Tickets $5

We have 2 Family tickets to win (valued $100 each)
Parenting Programs
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT’S ON IN TERM 2 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-10yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (28/5-25/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course (3-8yrs)
Strategies to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.
Chatswood 7sessions over 8 wks - 5 group & 2 telephone (8/5-26/6)

Communicating with Kids Course (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood 6 wks/2.5hrs (23/5 - 27/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Communicating with Teens Course
Aims to increase your understanding of your adolescent’s needs & behaviour with skills to relate to them.
Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs  (20/5 - 24/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Toddlers Workshops (1-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Cremorne 16/5-30/5 & Chatswood 5/6-19/6 (3 wks/2.5hrs (7.00-9.30pm)

Resilient Kids Workshop
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (21/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop
Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood (13/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)
★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep
★ Older Sibling – New Baby
★ Bully Busting
★ Resilient Kids

★ Transition to School
★ Transition to High School
★ Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series
★ 1-12 years & Teens
★ Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
★ Grand Parenting

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

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Dads and their children
Benefit from time together