Grandparents Day / Easter Hat Parade
It was great to see so many family members here last Thursday. Despite the sweltering heat the children still managed to parade their hats and some of them read little stories about their much-loved grandparents. Thank you to all the staff that helped with setting up and running the sausage sizzle, great teamwork! Thank you also to Michele Mastroianni and Michelle Cosentino who did a terrific job organising the P&C raffle. Our generous local community donated fabulous prizes. A special thank you to......

Country Growers at Warringah Mall – Fresh Fruit Gift Basket

Fine Finish Cement Rendering – Easter egg gift basket

Sydney Family Show – 2 family show passes

Blue for Autism Day
Tomorrow, Wednesday 3 April we are holding a fundraising day for ASPECT (Autism Spectrum Australia). ASPECT is a not-for-profit organisation committed to helping people on the autism spectrum achieve their potential. Being on the autism spectrum is life-long. People may experience difficulties with social interaction, impaired communication, restricted and repetitive interests and behaviours and sensory sensitivities. The word 'spectrum' is used because the range and severity of the challenges people face can vary widely. Intervention, understanding and support provide the best opportunities for many people with autism to lead productive lives. Did you know that every working hour another child is diagnosed on the autism spectrum?

ASPECT operates a variety of services in NSW, ACT and Victoria including:

- diagnostic assessments
- early intervention programs
- a network of autism specific schools and satellite classes
- behavioural intervention
- educational outreach
- community participation
- a parent support network
- family and information services
- parent education and professional development workshops.

To raise funds for ASPECT students are invited to wear blue mufti for a gold coin donation, buy blue cupcakes at morning tea time (50c each) and enter a ‘guess the number of lollies in the jar’ competition (20c 1 guess, 50c 3 guesses).

**School Uniform**
Thank you for sending your children to school wearing smart school uniform. Our students are looking great and wearing their Brookvale uniform with pride!

*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** – Paige Ronzini

**RESPONSIBILITY** – Giulia Carnevale

**PERSONAL BEST** – Rosh Ramos

Our focus for the next two weeks is a revision of two of our main expectations…

**RESPECT**
- Be polite and kind to others
- Show care and consideration for people, property and the environment
- Wear your school uniform with pride

**RESPONSIBILITY**
- Be accountable for your actions and choices
- Work, move and play safely
- Be ready to learn

If these expectations are also reinforced at home by parents it really helps to strengthen that home/school partnership.

**Events**

**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!
Well done to all the Stage 3 students who took part in the Design, Make and Innovate Project with the help of Year 9 boys from Balgowlah Boys’ School.

Here are the finalists who were invited to Mackellar Girls’ School last week.
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We teach Mandarin（普通话）, simplified Chinese characters and Pinyin（拼音）as the main part of our curriculum and Chinese culture（文化）, including folk culture as the main content; using interactive teaching to mobilise the students' interest in learning Chinese. We have a culture experiencing lesson at least once a term. As qualified community language teachers, we have developed a set of step by step, interesting, flexible and diverse teaching methods, to form a multi-level teaching system from pre-school to adult classes. There are 5 Chinese classes (including Chinese and English bilingual classes), a drawing class and private tutoring with students from a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

**Time:** Saturday per School Term, 10:00am – 5:00pm - Thursday per School Term, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

**Teaching Address:** Brookvale Public School, 2 Old Pittwater Road, Brookvale

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