



BROOWEENA STATE SCHOOL Newsletter



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School Office Hours

Wednesday 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday 8:30am – 3:00pm

Uniform sales

Mon – Fri 8:30am - 9:00am

Tuckshop dates

Term 2 orders due Wednesdays

Friday 20 April

Friday 4 May

Friday 18 May

Friday 1 June

Friday 15 June

Friday 29 June

2018 Term Dates

Term 1 22 January – 29 March

Term 2 17 April – 29 June

Term 3 16 July – 21 September

Term 4 8 October – 14 December

2018 Public Holidays & Student Free Days

Australia Day Friday 26 January

Good Friday 30 March

Easter Monday 2 April

SFD Monday 16 April

ANZAC Day Wednesday 25 April

Labour Day Monday 7 May

Fraser Coast Show Friday 25 May

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Brooweena Community,

Welcome back to another term of school. I hope that everybody enjoyed their holidays.

Term 2 is looking to be another exciting term here at our lovely school. We have NAPLAN, Under 8's Day, our athletics carnival and the Year 3 – 6 camp.

Our writing focus for this term is persuasive texts. This week we have been playing a speaking game called "I would rather..." The students have been very clear and precise in their reasoning and have spoken with confidence in front of the class.

Last year the student council spent some of their money creating a fruit tree orchard. With a lot of attention and care over the dry periods, I am pleased to say that the trees are doing well.

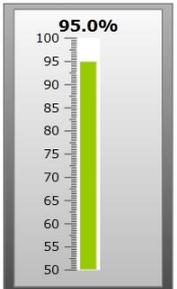
Next week our school will proudly participate in the Brooweena Historical Museum's ANZAC Day service. Each year our students are invited to participate in the service. This is a special opportunity for our students to be a part of the commemoration service as each student represents a local fallen soldier and lays a poppy at the cenotaph in the soldier's honour. We would love to see as many people at the service, which begins at 9:00am with students needing to be there at 8:30am.

Have a great fortnight.

Peta Bullen

The P & C is always looking for great ideas to help fundraise for the school. Our dedicated team of volunteers welcome all suggestions and welcome new members. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 24 April at 3:30pm...see you there!

Attendance Rate





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GOTCHA Winners

Parade Dates

Term 2

ANZAC Parade

Tuesday 24 April 2:30pm

Thursday 10 May 9:00am

Thursday 24 May 9:00am

Thursday 7 June 9:00am

End of term GOTCHA parade:

Thursday 28 June 9:00am

What's coming up?

Tuesday 24 April School ANZAC Day parade @ 2:30pm followed by afternoon tea. All welcome

Tuesday 24 April P & C Meeting @ 3:30pm

Friday 27 April MDSS Cross Country Carnival @ Maryborough Showgrounds

Thursday 31 May Brooweena School Athletics Carnival @ Mungar SS

10 June – 14 June Year 3,4,6 Camp to Great Keppel Island



WRITING

As the Prep students move into term 2, we will be concentrating on fun writing activities. The children have been working hard on sounds that letters make through our Jolly Phonics program with great success. Follow our newsletter over the next few weeks for handy tips for encouraging writing at home.

Beginning to write

What is involved in writing?

To write, children need to be able to:

- listen to and identify separate sounds in spoken words
- know how to write the letters that match the sounds they hear in words
- control a pencil to form the letters
- be 'willing to try' to write
- have a real purpose for writing.

Why is drawing important for writing?

Drawing helps children to:

- build ideas for writing
- gain confidence to use paper and pencils
- build hand control for writing letters
- learn to add details and make ideas clearer.

ART Fantastic – coming in Term 3. Just what art piece will these gorgeous faces become?





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READING

Our students participate in Daily Rapid Reading four days per week. They read for 15 minutes concentrating on explicit reading strategies for each student. Here are some tips for encouraging reading at home:

Shared reading: Books

Reading is a complex activity that occurs inside the reader's head. It is very difficult to explain to a child what a reader needs to do to read a text. Shared reading is a strategy used to help the student learn about why people read and how people read. Shared reading is one way to model the process of reading and how/when to use reading strategies. It allows an experienced reader to demonstrate concepts about print and the features of books and writing.

The process of sharing books involves not only reading to the student, but also encouraging their active response to ideas, words and illustrations. When sharing a book for the first time, spend time:

Exploring the cover

- Discuss the cover illustrations (picture walk) – Who is on the cover? Where are they? What are they doing? How are people or places represented?
- Discuss the title and the author's and illustrator's names.
- Predict the content of the book.
- Discuss the clues that help the reader know what type of book it is.

Sharing the text

- Talk about the title page and compare it to the cover (title and illustrations).
- Take turns to read parts of the text.
- Refer to illustrations/the table of contents/glossary/index as a guide to the text.
- Read with expression to make meanings clear.
- Predict what will come next and confirm predictions.
- Read through the book and stop to discuss the meaning of the text.

Examining the text

- Share opinions about the book and the characters.
- Ask questions to explore how people, places, events and things have been represented in the book.
- Identify similarities/differences between the student's experiences and those shared in the text.
- Make connections between the book and other texts/literature.



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Rereading the text

- Encourage rereading to increase confidence in themselves as readers.
- Encourage the student to read more parts of the text each time.
- Encourage the student to read the book independently.
- Look for known sight words and discuss letters and their sounds.

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Playgroup

Playgroup is for parents, caregivers and family to come together in a relaxed friendly environment to learn together through play

9am: Sign in and meet and greet

9 till 10am: Free Play- activities for children to play,

Indoor and outdoor play (eg obstacle course)

10am: Morning tea-sandwiches and fruit provided

10 15-1045am: Inside play-art, craft, home corner etc.

10 45am: Pack up time-put away toys

10 50am: Group time-story, nursery rhymes

11am: Goodbyes

Join us on Friday mornings for fun and friendly conversations and support.

