

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM DATES 2015 **TERM 4** 05 OCT - 18 DEC.

TERM DATES 2016 **TERM 1** 28 JAN. - 24 MARCH **TERM 2** 11 APRIL - 24 JUNE
TERM 3 11 JULY - 16 SEPT. **TERM 4** 03 OCT. - 20 DEC.

16 OCT - 11 NOV INTERSCHOOL SPORTS & LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP
 06 NOV YEAR 6 GRADUATION BEAR/BALL (\$14 PAYMENT DUE)
 10 NOV ICE CREAM DAY (ORDERS CLOSED 4TH NOV.)
 17 DEC YEAR 6 GRADUATION (NOTICE TO FOLLOW)
 17 DEC REPORTS TO GO HOME
 18 DEC LAST SCHOOL DAY 2015 (FINISHING TIME 2:30PM)

JIM BELL, PRINCIPAL

JENNY REID, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Curriculum Day - 2nd November

As you are aware, Monday 2nd November was approved by School Council as a student free day for the purpose of staff professional development. The day commenced at 8:00 a.m. and from the very onset, staff were immediately engaged in the session which had *Reading* as the focus! In particular, Judy Anderson, Heather Ghazarian, Michelle Mason and Marina Botros continued the training of the staff in the CAFÉ reading strategies.

Donned in white tee-shirts and collectively spelling out the acronym CAFÉ; the Daily Five, Judy gave an overview of the day's activities prior to handing over to Heather, Michelle and Marina; the facilitators of the day's activities.



What is CAFÉ the Daily Five????

- C** stands for COMPREHENSION
- A** stands for ACCURACY
- F** stands for FLUENCY
- E** stands for EXPRESSION

So the strategies which are taught focus on developing

these essential elements of students' reading ability irrespective of age. Some strategies are tailored more to junior years and others are more tailored to senior years. CAFÉ the Daily Five is not a reading program but more so a "toolbox" of strategies for teaching and developing reading skills.



Year 5 and 6

As reported in last week's newsletter, our Year 5 and 6 Mini Fete was a huge success, however, part of its success was due to the support provided by our wonderful sponsors!! A HUGE thank you is extended to the following businesses who donated to our fete!

- Reject Shop, K Mart and Royan's Truck Repairs
- Target, Arcane Artefacts, and Melbourne IT Solutions
- Anaconda, Pancake Parlour and Priceline
- JB Hifi, Premier Hair and Hairhouse Warehouse,
- Hairway, Grill'd and Bakers Delight Fountain Gate
- Brumbies, Bemersyde Bakery and the parents.



Year 5 and 6 Teachers

Student Transfers and Enrolments 2016

In order for us to arrange staffing, grade structure, budget allocations and various other school functions for the 2016 school year, it is imperative that we are able to ascertain student numbers for next year. The more accurate with our future planning, the smoother we can make the transition for the children from one year level to the next. Parents are requested to contact the office of additional enrolments for Years Foundation – Year 6, if they have not already done so.

If any families are aware that their children, other than the current year 6 students, **will not** be attending Brentwood Park Primary School next year, could you please notify the office or your child's classroom teacher.



Thank you for your cooperation. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Music: Count Us In: Celebration Day – Thursday 29 October 2015

“Music: Count Us In” (MCUI) is Australia’s biggest school initiative, with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,100 schools nationwide. Music education has been proven to improve students’ literacy, numeracy, school attendance and confidence.

“Music: Count Us In” brings teachers, parents, students and the music industry together in celebration, as more than half a million people unite to sing the same song at the same time, right across the country.

This year, all students from Brentwood Park P.S. participated in this event. We assembled at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 29th October to sing the song “Gold”, a song which celebrated the value of friendship and our hopes for a bright future.

The Year six students provided the musical accompaniment; playing electric and acoustic guitar, keyboard and percussion.

It was heartwarming and unifying experience!



BOOK FAIR and ART EXHIBITION

Book Fair

This current week has, once again, been one to stir student enthusiasm in literature and student pride in their artistic abilities with our Annual Book Fair and Art Exhibition. Our Multi Media Centre has been transformed to complement our “Christmas” Book Fair theme, noting of course that a selection from the vast array of books on display would make wonderful Christmas gifts! Embracing a love of reading, developing good reading habits and enjoying the benefits of becoming lifelong readers are “gifts” in themselves!!

The week has provided all the children with the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during their designated class time, as well as before and after school, on designated days with their parents!

Thanks is extended to our staff member, Annette Wright, for the organisation of this event.

Art Exhibition

Running simultaneously with Book Fair is our Art Exhibition. The corridors of the administration building and tabled displays within the multi media centre have been adorned with an assortment of artworks!

Two dimensional and three dimensional artworks are on display and showcase the variety of art experiences the children have enjoyed throughout the year! Every child would have at least one of their artworks on display!

The children are very proud of their work and I hope parents, relatives and friends of our students will take the opportunity to attend both events as both are rewarding experiences!

Thanks are forwarded to our staff member, Joi Zappia, for the organisation of this event.



Skoolbag



Smartphone school to parent communication

PLEASE DIRECT MONEY FOR EXCURSIONS, ETC TO YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER - NOT TO THE OFFICE.

Please hand money and permission slip in sealed envelopes to classroom teacher first thing in the morning. By following this process teachers are aware that your child will be attending the excursion and mark them off their lists. Money is collected by office staff and processed each morning and a receipt given back to teachers along with permission slips. All money is tallied and banked daily – no money is left on the premises.

If you wish to pay by credit card, a proforma is available from the office. This can be filled out with details and placed in a sealed envelope and handed to your classroom teacher

Please deliver cash in a sealed envelope with your child's name and grade on the front by 9.30 a.m. If you have a number of children attending an excursion you can place all money and permission slips in the one envelope with children's names and grades on the front and deliver to one of the children's teachers. The office staff will be able to allocate money to the children's particular items and distribute permission slips and receipts back to teachers. Envelopes are available at the office.

If you have a large amount to be paid or need to process an EFTPOS transaction through a savings account you can make arrangements to pay at the office.

We also have a new Qkr payment system on our Skoolbag app. If you download our Skoolbag app and Qkr payment app you can now pay for your child's excursion on line.

All change will be delivered to the children in the afternoon.

Re-imburements will only be made under certain circumstances – they will be made by cheque (no cash transactions are made).

Notices are sent out with a final collection time – **please adhere to this time.** All money and permission slips are required to be sent back by this date – otherwise your child will not be able to attend. This enables us to confirm bookings and numbers with bus companies and organisations we are visiting. Also we need to send details to the Department of Education Emergency Management for all excursions, camps, etc. We also need to accommodate students who will not be attending.

We would appreciate it if parents could please follow these processes.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Term 4



Week ending 16th October 2015

FTL	Ellanor	For the great effort she put into her Math test.
FBV	Kade	For consistently working hard on his learning tasks to achieve his best.
FSM	Gabriel	For making new friends at Brentwood Park P.S. We are glad you are in FSM!
1HG	Leigh	For being a super sensational reader who thinks carefully about what he reads at the year one level.
1MB	Olivia	For her spectacular mini fete recount. Well done, Olivia!
1MM	Mikayla	For improving her ability to concentrate and complete her work independently. Well done!
2AD	Jada	For demonstrating excellent work in her literacy centres this week. Well done!
2RG	Vernicia	For your "up levelling" of your recount on the mini fete! Well done!
2/3C	Sarah	For your outstanding efforts this week in maths, accurately solving equations and showing regrouping. Well done!
3ER	Isobel	For showing resilience and a "can do it" attitude.
3LP	Ewan Chris	For consistently displaying the school values each and everyday and for being OUTSTANDING role models.
4SM	Tye	For maintaining a positive attitude towards his learning; demonstrating persistence.
4VK	Lydia	For working super hard to learn how to find equivalent fractions.
5CH	Taj	For showing your YCDI skills in your everyday learning. Keep up the good work!
5CP	5CP	For their outstanding team work, persistence and confidence with the mini fete!
5LF	5LF	Congratulations on an amazing effort running mini fete. Well done!
6JA	6 JA	On a magnificent effort running their stalls at the mini fete. Awesome!
6JD	Casey	For her terrific improvement in her TORCH result. Well done!
6TS	6TS	For their admirable teamwork and huge profits made at the mini fete!

'SPECIALIST' Stars of the Week

Health & P.E.	3LP	For super hockey goal shooting.
Visual Arts	6TS	For their brilliant distorted face collages.
Performing Arts	6TS	For displaying all our school values during rehearsals and the Performance of 'Gold'.
LOTE	FTL	For your excellent Chinese writing!

