Principal Report

NAPLAN
Last week our year three and year five students sat for the NAPLAN tests. Thank you to the staff and students for making the week a success. True team work and collaboration was reflected last week while we needed to make arrangements for the testing. I appreciate the efforts by all of the staff who was flexible, caring, collaborative and supportive.

PULSE CHOIR
Once again we have 12 students who have been selected to attend the Opera House later this year for Pulse Choir. Today the students went to the first combined choir rehearsal. Thank you Miss Trimingham for leading the students in Pulse Choir.

PSSA
WOW! Our kids looked awesome, played amazingly and are an absolute asset to our school. Thank you to Mr Clay and Ms Foord for taking and training the students. Let’s hope this wonderful weather keeps up each Friday. Our Soccer uniforms looked amazing, a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Howarth who brought the uniforms for our soccer team. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER.

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POSSUM PRIDE TOKEN WINNERS – WEEK 3/4

- Claudia 3/6A
- Maddison 1B
- Gavin 4F
- Kobe 6H
- Aliyah KC
- Dakirah 1/2A
- Debbie 3/6B
- Cheyenne 5L
- Matty K/1B
- Jyah 4/6D
- Zanthia K/1B
- Daniella KC
**Amazing work of Art**

If you haven’t seen the children’s fantastic new mural art around our school yet, we suggest you waste no time in coming up to see and enjoy it!! It’s a collective celebration and expression of how your kids see themselves in the context of family, culture and community and it’s a truly amazing work of art!

Several parents have already arrived with camera in-hand to take photos of their child in front of the special piece which they excitedly contributed during the project.

We are all extremely proud of everyone’s efforts so far and we are now currently working on other outdoor projects that will add to a new and fresh look being grown at Braddock.

A huge thanks to everyone – students, teachers and parents – who have supported and contributed to this creative project in some way and who continue to support our school as it strives to provide these somewhat unique learning opportunities for our children.

As a parent or carer, if you would like to actively participate in upcoming art projects that are being planned for 2014, please speak to Ms Lisa, Mr Byrne or your child’s classroom teacher. We would love to have you on-board with us.

Or, if you are able to help us with any art materials, please come and talk with us.

HELP NEEDED!!!!!!!!!

At the moment, we need lots of outdoor paint (preferably water-based), especially if they are of a white, light or bright nature. If it’s on the colour spectrum – we need it!!

No quantity of paint is too small so please check-out those cupboards and backyard garden sheds soon!!

Clean brushes of any size are gratefully accepted too.

But right now, please visit us soon and rejoice in the awesome artistic talents of Team Braddock!!

Mr Michael Byrne
P&C

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Super Special Dancers

We don’t want to give too much away at this stage but here’s a small glimpse of the dance troupe that will represent our school in the Cranebrook Performing Arts’ Festival later this year. The very snappy dance item is contemporary, really creative and very cleverly choreographed by Ms Ashlea and Mr Corey.

Each member of the troupe is highly committed to achieving a very high standard of performance and are practising every day – and having a lot of fun involved in the program!

You’ll just have to wait to see the end result of their efforts but there’s no doubt that Braddock will be an amazing standout during the Festival!!

Braddock Fundraiser

Balfours large anzac and choc chip cookies are being sold for $2 each to raise money for our awesome dance groups. Please show your support and buy a cookie. Cookies will be available mornings and afternoons.

PSSA

PSSA Soccer

On Friday of week three, Mr Clay took a Junior and a Senior soccer team to PSSA for their first round of matches. The Junior team looked fantastic in their new orange kit, kindly donated to the school by Mr and Mrs Howarth. There was also great support from parents who were able to attend.

Many of the students involved had never played competitive soccer on a full size field before, but all of the children performed well. Unfortunately both teams suffered narrow defeats but the signs were promising for the rest of the PSSA season. Players of the match were Matthew from the Senior side and Heleman from the Juniors.

Mr Simon Clay

PSSA Netball

On Friday 16th May, our junior and senior girls played their first netball game in the PSSA competition. Many of our junior girls had never played before and they did so well. Even though they went down 3-1, they enjoyed themselves and walked off the field with big smiles on their faces.

The senior girls also played very well and came away with a 10-1 win. They are looking forward to their next game!

Ms Michelle Foord