From the Principal...

Open Day
What a wonderful day we had last Thursday! We had an overwhelming turnout of 84 family members come and visit open classrooms. I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and carers that came to see students work. Also thank you to the teachers for their tireless commitment and dedication to our wonderful profession.

Whole School Assembly
Thank you 2M for hosting a very special assembly last Thursday for Education Week, showcasing your talents as wonderful students at our wonderful school. Thank you to Mr MacVean for a polished and flawless assembly.

Voluntary School Contribution
WOW!!! We have had an overwhelming response to the Voluntary School Contribution, thank you. We have had many parents and carers pay within the first week which was fantastic. It is great to see parents and carers supporting their children’s education. I would also like to acknowledge the families that were able to donate above the contribution; we really have a great community that only wants the best for their children. The voluntary contribution will be used to support all 200 students enrolled with the purchase of quality classroom resources, musical resources and sports equipment.

General information
I will be absent from school over the next two weeks, as I am taking some personal leave. Ms Michelle Drage will be relieving as Principal from 11th to 22nd August. As a proud member and Principal of this fantastic school I would like to thank all the staff, students and families for working together in partnership.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER.

WEEK 5
Tuesday, 12th August      Cranebrook Performing Arts Festival
Wednesday, 13th August   Cranebrook Performing Arts Festival
Thursday, 14th August    Whole School Assembly - 2pm
                        Pulse Choir - Performing Sydney Opera House
Friday, 15th August      PSSA

WEEK 6
Tuesday, 19th August     Book Fair and Book Parade
Wednesday, 20th August   District Carnival
Thursday, 21st August    District Carnival
Friday, 22nd August      PSSA

WEEK 7
Tuesday, 26th August     School and Team Photos
Thursday, 27th August    Whole School Assembly - 2pm

POSSUM PRIDE TOKEN WINNERS
WEEK 3/4

- Gavin 4F
- Kurtis 2M
- Katelyn 2M
- Natasha 3C
- Xanthia 3C
- Connor 5L
- Eowyn 5L
- Jake KC
- Matty K/1B
- Shanna 6H
- Alex K/1B
I also congratulate the dance groups and choir groups for their commitment and dedication. I would like to wish the dancers and singers all the very best as they perform next week in the Performing Arts Festival at Cranebrook High School. Can I also wish the Pulse Choir all the very best as they prepare to travel to the Sydney Opera House next Thursday to perform in the combined choir. I look forward to attending both events and am extremely proud of your efforts.

Mrs Kim Smith  
Principal  

Athletics Carnival 2014

The 3-6 carnival provided opportunities for all students to compete in 800m and 100m races, high and long jump, shot putt, captain and tunnel ball. For running races, ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third, based on times in heats (as we did not run finals). For high jump, long jump and shot putt, ribbons for first, second and third will also be handed out based on distances. All ribbons will be awarded at our week 5 whole school assembly.

Throughout the day students were able to earn points for their House Group. Points were not only awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in events, but every student who participated received points for every event they entered. Age managers also awarded points for students who were encouraging others, being excellent sports and generally displaying awesome Braddock manners.

After all the points were tallied, the results were:-

1st - NEPEAN – 1 183 points
2nd – WOLLONDILLY – 935 points
3rd – WARRAGAMBA – 875 points

It was impressive to witness the way all Braddock students participated. We were also fortunate enough to have year 11 students from Cranebrook High School assist in various ways throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who assisted in making the day a huge success.

Michelle Drage  
Deputy Principal

Education Week

Education Week for 2014 was celebrated at Braddock last week in a back-to-school day for parents and carers of Braddock students. The day kicked off with roll call with Mrs Smith. Then lessons taught by teachers and staff to offer insight into the workings of the 21st Century classroom commenced.
Mr Clay led a writing lesson on the iPads, Mrs Brooks taught maths games from our TENS program. Ms Drage took parents through discovery learning on inertia and Ms Lisa Holt ran a fascinating session on the Australian National, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. Parents earned Possum Prides whenever they were caught being safe, respectful, responsible learners. Parents enjoyed refreshments and were awarded Merit Certificates by Mrs Smith in the library. Following this, parents went into open classrooms to view the excellent efforts of Braddock students. Afterwards, a Xmas in July lunch was held in the Making Tracks room followed by a ‘surprise’ performance of our senior dancers under the COLA. In the second break, parents played games on the grass and basketball court with kids and staff, wearing themselves out before joining the school assembly run by 2M. This was opened by a performance by the PULSE Choir who are performing at the Sydney Opera House on the 14th August. Mr MacVean ran a slick show and awards were presented including special possum pride draws for three parents who had gained these in the first session of the day. Finally, a slideshow of photos of the back to school morning was played. What a wonderful turn out and I’m sure many parents, grandparents and carers all slept well that night!!

Gillian Tringham
Assistant Principal

**Comprehension Strategies**

This term all classes at Braddock are focusing on building reading comprehension strategies. So far this term we have explicitly looked at Predicting, Visualising, Making Connections and Questioning.

**PSSA - Netball**

Last Friday our junior and senior PSSA netballs teams travelled to a very windy Jamison Park to play against Penrith Anglican College. Most of our junior girls have never played netball before this season and they continue to improve every week but unfortunately they went down 13-0. Our senior girls continue their undefeated streak but they were really tested this week with a close result of 9-8. Well done girls, you are doing yourselves and your school proud!

Michelle Foord

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When you visit any classroom you will see posters designed to remind students of what good readers do. Below are two poster examples of strategies we have addressed so far.

Michelle Drage
Deputy Principal
Reading News
Congratulations to Year 1 students, Sharnice and Kayd, who have successfully completed the Reading Recovery program. We are so proud of your achievements!

Sharnice and Kayd worked exceptionally hard during Semester 1.

Just starting on the program, Khodi shows off his writing and reading during one of his first lessons this term. Very exciting!

Alison Daly
Reading Recovery

Imagine Nations Church
Imagine Nations church is a Christian church that is passionate about helping others. Within our community one in three women are affected in some way by cancer. To contribute to the solution we host an annual ‘Girl’s Night In’ to raise both awareness and funds for women’s cancers.

Last year we had a fabulous night with over 480 women who raised an incredible $20,000 for women’s cancers for the Cancer Council, Australia.

This year on September 19th 2014 we will feature guest artists, live music, give-aways, dinner, market stalls, auction items and delicious treats. We expect over 550 women to attend.

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Junior Indoor Soccer
STARTING MONDAY 1st September 2014
• Times from 4:30, 4:55, 5:20, 5:55pm
• 5 A SIDE
• U/6-U/16- Boys and Girls
• $7 per game per child
• Individuals and teams welcome!
• Rego includes a playing shirt and shorts

ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS:
Week days 4pm-6pm from 30th June 2014

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SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2014

**NO STOPPING**
Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP** your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

**Maximum Penalty**
$415 + 2 Demerit Points

**P**
Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

**Penalty**
$173 + 2 Demerit Points

**BUS ZONE**
Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

**Penalty**
$311 + 2 Demerit Points

**DOUBLE PARKING**
You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

**Penalty**
$311 + 2 Demerit Points

- **STOP in a NO STOPPING zone:** $311 + 2 Demerit Points, or **STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing:** $415 + 2 Demerit Points
- **STOP on path/strip in built up area:** $173 + 2 Demerit Points
- **STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit:** $519

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. Current to 30 June 2015. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.