Welcome back everyone! We have had a busy and productive first full week of Term one. Our Kindergarten students began school this week and although we had a few tears, overall they have settled extremely well into school life. Well done and thank you to Mrs Brooks, Mr Little, Ms Daly and Mrs Sloane for your efforts in settling the children into routine.

School Carpark
Just a reminder that there is no onsite parking for parents on the school grounds. The school driveway gate is closed at various times during the day for the safety and wellbeing of students and staff. You may notice some vehicles enter the school via the driveway in the afternoons, these are DET employees who are Assisted School Transport drivers for students who qualify for the service. These are the only vehicles allowed to enter and exit the site and we ensure they have left the school grounds by 2.45pm for the safety of students accessing the front gates at 3.00pm. Thank you to the parents who have not tried to park onsite. We appreciate your support in keeping all our students safe.

School Crossing Flashing Lights
You would have noticed we now have flashing school crossing lights at both ends of Laycock Street in an effort to remind drivers that the 40 km school zone is in effect. I am looking to organise a meeting with Mr Stuart Ayres office to discuss how he may be able to assist us in requesting another audit from roads and maritime services to assess the need for a crossing supervisor. I will keep you updated of any changes.

Update regarding the school APP
We are currently in the process of changing the company that provides our school app. We have had issues last year with the previous company not being able to send push notifications and a range of other glitches. We have investigated a new company that have assured us that the new school app will be extremely efficient in communicating with our community. As soon as details arrive at school we will forward the new app details home. Please feel free to delete the current school app as it will not be updated. I thank you all for your feedback that has led to this change in company.

Special Dates:

February 2015
11-12th: BELL starting for 2015
12th: 2 pm School Assembly — Induction for SRC
18th: School Photo Day—9am sharp
18th: AECG Meeting 3.45pm
18th: Meet the teacher BBQ 4pm—5pm
23rd Feb: Swimming Carnival

March 2015
4th: District Swimming Carnival
5th: 2pm School Assembly
13th: National Apology Day
19th: Harmony Day
19th: 2pm School Assembly
30th: Healthy Harold Life education

April:
1st: Healthy Harold Life Education
2nd: Easter Hat Parade
School Uniforms:
Please remind your child that correct school uniform must be worn every day to school. This includes the correct school hat. Hats may be purchased at the front office for $10.00. School uniform items are also available for a very reasonable price through the school office. Thank you for your support in purchasing the school uniform as the students look fantastic.

Contact’s details:
At the beginning of every year it is very important to update your contact and address details if they have changed so the school can contact you in an emergency or issue regarding your children.

Canteen
This term Miss Sarah will be taking temporary care of the canteen for Braddock Public School as the canteen lease expired in 2014. The tender process has begun and we should have a confirmed canteen owner by the end of the term. Currently there is no credit. Any questions please see Sarah and she will be happy to assist you as always. We would like to thank Healthy Bitz for servicing Braddock and the families over the years.

Early/Late passes
If your child is late to arrive or you require an early leavers pass for your child please attend the front office to sign the slip for the class teacher. Remember intense learning starts at 9am so please try to be on time to limit disruptions in the classroom.

School Contributions and Technology Levy
The total amount payable is $20.00 per child. $10.00 school contribution and $10.00 for technology levy. Accounts will be sent home next week for payment. The family contribution assists in the provision of a variety of classroom and school resources, awards and rewards. The technology levy assist’s with the costs associated with providing the latest computers, iPads, printers and school APPS for students.

It would be appreciated if contribution fees are paid by **Friday 20th March, 2015**. You can pay by cash or eftpos in the front office. Please be aware part payments are also available for your convenience. There will be a lucky draw for parents who make the payments by the 20th of March.

Medical
Any changes in your child’s medical history must be updated as a matter of urgency to help us support your child at school. New medication should be bought to the office and signed in accordance with our medical procedures. Please make an appointment with Ms Gillian Tringham to support you with updating health care needs of your children.

School Banking
School banking resumes Friday 13th February for students. Please give your child’s bankbook to your teacher. Kindergarten parents will soon be asked if they would like to participate in school banking and application forms will be sent home.
Ms Drage spotted the Garden Club Leaders being SAFE....

At Braddock we are
Safe
Respectful
Responsible
Learners

**Week 1 • Possum Pride**

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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY 2015
WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 2015

*Sibling envelopes available from front office

Uniform Shop Open—Front Office

- Polo shirts $25.00 All sizes
- Shorts $25.00 All sizes
- Skort $25.00 All sizes
- Dress $40.00 (sizes 6-10)
- Caps $10.00 One size fits all
- Jackets $30.00 All sizes

We now have EFTPOS facilities for your convenience

Please remember
No Parking on school grounds for everyone's safety.

Please remember
School Zones are now in force.
Ms Drage's gardening team - beautifying our gorgeous school in their own play time. The team are led by Callum and Dylan, who have shown they are safe and responsible leaders.
Don’t forget that next Friday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Also to be a part of the Win a Trip to Disneyland bank more than 25 times of the course of 2015 to have an entry in the Competition. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Braddock Public School.

Yarramundi

Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. (AECG)

Our first meeting for 2015, organised by the new Local AECG Management Committee, will be held at Braddock Public School on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, commencing at 3.45 p.m. in the “Making Tracks” Room.

We share the vision of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. which is to provide advice on all matters relevant to education and training with the mandate that this advice represents the Aboriginal community viewpoint. It seeks to promote respect, empowerment and self-determination and believes the process of collaborative consultation is integral to equal partnerships and is fundamental to the achievement of equality. The local AECG also advocates cultural affirmation, integrity and the pursuit of equality to ensure that the unique and diverse identity of Aboriginal students is recognised and valued.

We hope to meet and greet representatives from all our local schools at this very important first meeting for 2015. Let’s make a real difference to Aboriginal education in our local schools this year!!

Looking forward to seeing you,

Ms Lisa Holt
President of our local AECG
AED Braddock Public School

Mrs Kim Smith
Principal
Braddock Public School
Bookings

Bookings are essential for all groups and workshops. All groups and workshops are free unless there is a cost for workbooks.

If you register for a group, and then are not able to attend, please contact us to let us know that you are not coming. We often have a waiting list for groups and when you do not attend, you deprive another parent of coming to the group.


Refreshments

Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own snacks. Most of the groups do not have a scheduled break.

Child minding

Child minding is available for some groups. Bookings are essential to ensure we have the correct caregiver-to-child ratio. Child minding services are provided by Care Pair and/or Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services.

Please bring snacks, lunch, and drink bottle for your child (no peanut products please). Please dress your child in play clothes and sturdy shoes. Please bring a hat and nappies. And label everything. Parents are responsible for toileting or changing their child.

Transport

All venues have parking available. They are also accessible by public transport—please ask for more information when booking your place.

Contact Details

Narelle Smith Family Worker
Mobile Phone: 0409 986 321
Centre Phone: 4721 8520
Email: Narelle@nepeancommunity.org.au

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**GROUPS**

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| **Triple P parent group** Child minding available. Morning tea provided. | Thursdays 6 sessions 26th February to 2nd April 9:30am - 12pm | Kooyonga, 15 Kington Close and Pendock Way, Cranebrook |

| **Triple P refresher** Are your Triple P tools getting a bit rusty?Come along for an open discussion on your parenting triumphs and challenges. | Fridays 20th & 27th February 10am - 12pm | Floribunda Community Centre, Glenmore Park |

| **Circle of Security** Increase your awareness of your children's needs and your responses to those needs. Become aware of the learned patterns that get in the way of being able to be a bigger, stronger, wiser, and kinder parent. Learn the importance of belonging and connection, and relationship repair. | Wednesdays 7 sessions 17th February to 1st April 10am - 12pm | South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre |

| **Cool Little Kids** This group is a treatment programme for parents of children aged 3 to 6 years who are excessively shy or are demonstrating anxiety at home and in the community. This group has a 1 week break in the middle. Cost: $20 for the workbook | Tuesdays 6 sessions 17th February to 31st March 11am - 1pm | South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre |

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| Support for your Special Playtime and/or Circle of Security skills.
10 THINGS YOU CAN DO to help your child learn to read

1. Create a positive reading environment at home. Be a reader yourself and encourage your child to read for pleasure as well as information.

2. Make learning to read part of every day. Show your child the written words and symbols that are all around us.

3. Make reading an activity that you and your child can both enjoy. Let your child participate in the reading.

4. Provide a variety of texts at the level your child can read with you. Stories, comics, poems, plays, cartoons, reference books, magazines and children’s recipe books all help your child to read.

5. Re-read books. Let your child become familiar with the words, the story and the fluency of an adult reader.

6. Be confident in your child’s abilities and proud of their achievements.

7. Don’t expect too much too soon. It takes time for children to learn to read so be guided by the pace they set. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later.

8. Work with your child’s teacher. Complete home readers and sight words with your child and speak to the teacher if you have any concerns.

9. Set aside a special time for reading with your child. Aim for 15 to 25 minutes with no interruptions each day.

10. Talk to your child. Engage them in your conversations so they learn new words and ways to express themselves.