Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended the parent carer/teacher afternoon. I’m always humbled by the support shown to the school and the results that brings for your children. Every year we are seeing more and more parent/carers here at Braddock PS. Our aim is to develop collaborative partnerships across the school and the attendance at the BBQ and numbers in classrooms following this demonstrates your commitment.

AECG update

What a great success for the newly appointed Yarramundi AECG committee with the inaugural meeting being hosted here at Braddock PS on Wednesday coinciding with the meet the teacher afternoon. We were elated by the attendance which exceeded our expectations. Our very own Ms Lisa Holt, president of the committee opened proceedings at 3.45pm to a crowded room full of enthusiasm and committed vigour for the new year. We will let you know when the next meeting is being held.

School focus group feedback session

Last year many parents and carers met with Chris Brooker and participated in parent focus group sessions. I would like to invite all community members to come to a feedback session. Mrs Brooker shared the feedback to school staff and I would like to share the feedback with you all. I will run two sessions on Monday 2nd March in the Making Tracks community room.

Monday 2nd March at 9.15 am and again at 2.15pm.

All welcome to come along and hear about our schools direction and vision in our school planning cycle.

NO DOGS on school grounds

Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on DET school lands. Please ensure that if you bring your dog to school in the mornings or afternoons it is not brought onto school grounds.

Mrs Kim Smith
Principal
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. We have EFTPOS facilities for your convenience.

- 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

School APP:
Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to please install our Skoolbag School App.

To install it, just search for our school name “Braddock Public School” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Please download the app that has Skoolbag under the logo. We are hoping for great things with a new and improved app company.
## PBL Class Awards

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## Student Awards

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**Possum Pride**
Easter at Braddock

Braddock Public School holds its festive Easter Hat Parade each year, which generates fantastic colour and creativity throughout our school community and is lots of fun for everyone who gets involved!!

This year, we aim to make our Special Family Event the best ever!! Once again, we need your generous donations of Easter eggs to make our Door Prizes and Easter Basket Raffles Egg-tastic!!!

If you are able to contribute, please send (or hand) donated eggs to your child’s Classroom Teacher, Ms Lisa or Mr Byrne.

Meal Deal

That’s my team

6th March 2015

Get in the spirit of a footy game with a pie or sausage roll with sauce + a popper and yummy ice block

$5.00

Childs name: ____________________

Class: __________________

Choose one from each row:

- Pie
- Tomato sauce
- Orange popper
- Ice block
- Sausage roll
- BBQ sauce
- Apple popper

Orders due in to the canteen by 2nd March

Sorry, but no refunds if your child is not in on the day
Child Dental Benefit Scheme is coming to Braddock!

Students must return their notes to participate in the FREE dental check up here at school Wednesday 25th February.

Dentists are visiting our school to conduct non-invasive assessments on students teeth and provide parents with an assessment cart to take to your dentist. No dental work is carried out on the day. Dentists will be carrying out assessments using disposable dental equipment. They will also be discussing dental hygiene in class. When you take your card to your local dentist you can take advantage of the Child Dental Benefits Scheme. See flyer attached to note sent home for full details on eligibility.

Whooping cough

There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) among primary-school-aged children and a modest increase in high schools. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to younger brothers and sisters at home and can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Children with symptoms should see a GP. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken five days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it's a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

Student Banking

Commonwealth Bank will be visiting the school on Monday 23/2/2015 at 8.30am and Tuesday 2.30pm to hand out new account forms for Dolomite accounts. School banking is very important for children to learn the importance of banking on a weekly basis and the value in saving money. Dolomite account holders also earn points to get great prizes after they have banked for a number of weeks. Remember your child can bank as little as a $1.00 per week to be eligible for prizes.

Important information—Dental Visit for Braddock - Wednesday 25th February, 2015.

Year 5 & 6 Canberra Camp—Deposit Due

Where: Carotel Hotel—Canberra ACT
When: Wednesday 17th June to Friday 19th June 2015 [Week 9, Term 2]
Cost: $290.00 [Includes Coach travel, 2 nights accommodation and all meals and activities]
Deposit: $20.00, this is a Non-Refundable deposit to secure your child’s place on the camp as there are only 44 places available. The deposit must be accompanied with a signed permission slip.
Blacktown Premier Spurs Soccer Club Inc.
Po Box 4053
Marayong NSW 2148
Email: blkpremier@hotmail.com
Website: www.premierspurssoccer.com.au

Join the “Champion” Blacktown Premier Spurs Soccer Club

Online registrations will open on the 2nd January 2015 (U5 - Youth League Boys & Girls)

2015 registration includes Soccer Starter Pack Valued at over $100.00

Go to: www.premierspurssoccer.com.au and follow the links

Don’t miss out, register early & keep your kids active with the largest participation sport in Blacktown and the world SOCCER!

About Blacktown Premier Spurs Soccer Club:
A family orientated soccer club playing in the Blacktown District Soccer Football Association (BDSFA) competition. Spurs fields teams in the U5 - Youth League, Senior Men’s and Ladies League’s and O/35 competitions.

Last season Spurs had almost 300 players registered...

For More Info Visit:
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION

Monday 9th March
9:00am - 11:00am
Jordan Springs Town Centre
Lakeside Parade
Jordan Springs
(next to the Jordan Springs Sales and Information Centre)

Join us for a fun morning, celebrating women's achievements with community performances and hear from inspirational guest speaker Dr Elaine K-Harding on ‘The Secret to Making Positive Change Happen’. Refreshments provided.

WHEN: Wednesday, 4 March 2015
9am registration (9:30am start) - 12pm

WHERE: St Marys Corner Community and Cultural Precinct
Memorial Hall Cnr Great Western Highway and Marrs Road St Marys
(joining entry via 29 Swanton Street)

RSVP: Event is FREE. For catering, please let us know if you are coming by Monday 2 March 2015
Call Penrith Women’s Health Centre on 4721 6746 or email phwc@phwc.org.au

Free childcare is available on the day (bookings essential – limited spaces available)
Call Penrith Women’s Health Centre on 4721 6746.

Special thanks to all the organisations who participated in the Penrith HSC Organising Committee.
10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO help your child learn mathematics

1. Play games together (number games, card games, board games, dice games, computer games).
2. Use the language of mathematics – words like ‘under’, ‘over’, ‘bigger’, ‘smaller’ when your child is young or ‘prism’, ‘pyramid’, ‘cone’ when your child is older.
3. Discuss the mathematics your child is learning at school. Ask your child to explain what they have learnt and how they can use the ideas.
4. Show your child the mathematics that people use every day – for example, in an Australian Rules football game you need to count in sixes for goals and ones for behinds.
5. Show your child the mathematics that you use every day – for example, in the kitchen you measure ingredients or use a timer.
6. Show your child the mathematics that is all around them, such as money, maps, distances, patterns, time.
7. Solve mathematical problems with your child, discussing and comparing different strategies. Remember that there may be several ways to solve the same problem.
8. Encourage your child to try different strategies when solving problems, including the use of diagrams, and to check solutions for accuracy.
9. Provide opportunities for your child to investigate mathematical ideas such as estimating; probability; 2D and 3D.
10. Use technology, including calculators and computers, to solve problems, and graphics programs to create shapes.