Parent Feedback Session

On Monday I facilitated a feedback session for parents to share the results of the focus groups held late 2014. I also discussed the directions for the school strategic plan for the next three years. We have exciting times ahead with planning the purpose of our practice. As always at the heart of everything we do here at Braddock, student learning outcomes is at our core by providing excellence, opportunity and success for all. We had time for discussion around some of the frustrations. One area of discussion is the crossing at the front of the school on Laycock Street. I will contact Mr Ayres office and ask if he has time to come and speak with us to discuss your concerns as parents and as voting community members.

Anti Bullying Policy

The Anti Bullying policy and procedures was also discussed as part of the parent feedback session, as was the consistency of our student welfare practices. Please find attached the current Anti Bullying policy for your perusal and feedback. The class teachers and students will be discussing the policy in class and with me over the next few weeks and we will have the review of the policy completed by the end of term 1. As always, please feel free to come and chat with me with any suggestions for ways we can improve.

P&C news update

On Monday afternoon I met with the current 2014 P&C executive members to discuss the future of the P&C at Braddock for 2015. The P&C have called their Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 19th March at 1pm in the Cottage. All parents are invited to attend the meeting. Nomination forms have been sent home by the P&C to call for new nominations for 2015. The meeting will be finished by 2pm so all parents are welcome to attend the whole school assembly for Harmony Day.

That’s my team!

Today students and staff got behind our first school fundraiser and dressed in their favourite sports team colours. Thank you to all that gave a Gold Coin Donation. We raised $167.00 Great effort—Thank you for your support.

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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Our first five weeks in 1/2N have been fun and very busy. We have spent a lot of time getting to know each other as we are a combination of different classes from last year. 1/2N have welcomed three lovely new students to our school, Kalanii, Jeremiah and Cassidy, who are a wonderful addition to our class.

Here are some photos of what we have been doing in class, learning months of the year, using different units to measure objects in our classroom, reading groups and spelling activities.

*Measuring is fun!*

*We work hard on our reading and spelling every day in 1/2N!*

*Working together to order the months of the year.*
Thank You Mr Terry for our Netball court

Our PSSA & NAIDOC cup Netball teams will be absolutely unstoppable with their new court to practise on!
Thank You Mr Terry our GA for creating the space suitable for training and game playing.

Premier’s Reading Challenge is happening again!

This year Braddock students are encouraged to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge in order to receive a certificate at the end of the year.
K-2 students must read 30 books from the K-2 booklist and 3-6 students must read 20 books from the 3-4 booklist or the 5-6 booklist.

Booklists can be found at https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

K-2 students can read the books on their own, read them with someone, or someone can read the book to them.
3-4 & 5-6 students must read the books on their own, but someone can help them choose the books.
In a series on the PRC booklist, students can read any two books as PRC books. They can also read up to five other books from the same series as Personal Choice books.
Students will receive opportunities to complete the challenge at school, but it would be great if they can be encouraged to read extra books at home to help them complete the challenge.
The challenge closes on 21 August 2015.
Happy reading!

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.
The simplest way...
Six steps to packing a healthy lunch.

Follow these tips to make lunch-packing a cinch!

Bread/cereals: wholemeal or wholegrain bread, wraps and pita. For a treat, pack pikelets, rice cakes or homemade muffins and slices.

Fruit: Serve in fun ways; try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly, and cut whole fruit into small pieces.

Veggies: Pack carrot or celery sticks with hummus.

Reduced-fat dairy: A slice of cheese, yoghurt or custards are all great lunch box items.

Lean proteins: cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein, and a great source of fibre too!

Water or milk: Water or reduced-fat milk are the best drink choices for the lunch box.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

The simplest way...
...to protect your skin

Have you been sunburnt this summer?

Too many Aussies are still getting sunburnt. On a fine summer day, sunburn can occur in as little as 10 minutes and cause permanent damage to your skin.

What you need to know:
- The more often you are burnt, combined with your accumulated lifetime exposure to UV radiation, the higher your risk will be for developing skin cancer.
- You can’t see or feel UV radiation. It is present every day, can be high even if the temperature feels cool and can pass through clothes.
- Protect your skin in five simple steps! Slip on sun-safe clothing, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek shade and slide on your sunnies.

For information about SunSmart visit sunsmartnsw.com.au
The simplest way
...to make pineapple sorbet.

On a hot summer's afternoon, there's nothing better than some refreshing sorbet. Why not make it yourself? It's easy, cheap and fun!

Ingredients
440g can crushed pineapple in natural juice, frozen

Method
Roughly chop frozen fruit and place in the bowl of a food processor. Process until fruit becomes granular. Scrape down sides of bowl with a spatula and process again. Repeat 4-5 times until fruit mixture is a smooth, thick and creamy texture. Spoon into bowls and serve immediately with fresh fruit, if desired.

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The simplest way
...to make a healthy afternoon tea.

Try these simple ideas for making snacks that will satisfy even the fussiest eater...

- **Home made hot chips**
  Slice potatoes into thin discs, and arrange on a baking tray sprayed lightly with olive oil. Grill until golden, and serve with a small amount of tomato sauce.

- **Bite sized fruit with yoghurt**
  It's a fact - kids are more likely to eat fruit when it is cut up into small pieces. Try serving some diced fruit with some reduced-fat yoghurt. It's a winner.

- **Vegie sticks**
  These are so easy to prepare and make a super healthy afternoon tea. Try cutting up some carrot or celery sticks and serving them with hummus.

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SCHOOL BANKING IS HERE!
Give your child a head start in money matters

Braddock Public School will be taking part in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program. It's a great way to give your child a financial head start by helping them to learn about good money management and the importance of saving.

What is School Banking?
School Banking is a program designed to help your child develop strong financial literacy skills for the future. With the help of the School Banking Co-coordinator, kids can start saving regularly through the school. Best of all, the School Banking program makes saving fun with an exciting Rewards Program that encourages regular participation.

Encouraging good savings habits
School Banking gives children hands-on experience at handling money and seeing it grow. The program helps them develop the knowledge, independence and confidence they need to manage their finances successfully as they get older.

Earning fun rewards
Every time your child makes a deposit through the School Banking program, regardless of how much, they receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once they have saved enough tokens, they can swap them for fun Dollarmites gifts, like wallets and money boxes.

What’s involved?
In order to participate in the School Banking program your child will need a Commonwealth Bank Youth saver account which you will be able to open via the school. Your child will then receive a deposit book and wallet to bring their weekly deposits to school. The amount doesn’t matter – it’s all about learning the habit of saving.

*No identification is required for your child however if the parent/caregiver is not a Commonwealth Bank customer photo identification is required.

Banking Day?
Banking Day will be FRIDAY. All banking is to be handed to the child’s class teacher in the classroom, where it will be placed in the GREY satchel. One student is to bring the satchel to the office for the School Banking Coordinators. It will then be processed and classroom teachers will return your child’s bank book to them.

Commonwealth Bank – Gail Anderson School Banking Specialist
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.
10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO help your child learn to write

1. Write in front of your child and talk about what you are writing, for example shopping lists, cards, letters and notes.

2. Display paintings, drawings and pieces of writing that your child brings home from school or pre-school.

3. Give your child different types of paper and different pens, pencils, crayons, chalk and textas for drawing and writing.

4. Encourage your child to draw and to write about their drawing. They might like to keep a scrap book or photo album where they can keep their pictures. Help them to write labels for their photos and drawings.

5. Play word games. Play 'I Spy' or 'Scrabble' together. Help your child to find little words in big words and to write them down.

6. Encourage your child to write. They could write messages to you and other family members, or cards, menus, invitations and letters to friends, family, neighbours and school teachers.

7. Encourage your child to write around the home. They might like to write signs, poems, favourite recipes and instructions, or to label things that they design and make.

8. Praise your child for trying to write words that are new to them.

9. Encourage your child to use technology to help with their writing.

10. Encourage your child to keep a diary and to write in it regularly.