What a wonderful turn out for our R.O.C.E.D. breakfast! Thank you to all the parents and carers that came on Monday to the breakfast at Braddock. Thank you to Ms Drage for her organisation and for all the staff that helped. It was a great way to start the morning, with our Books in Homes assembly combined with the launch of the reading program. I am looking forward to seeing the many reading logs next term fill up with the value of 20 mins of reading every day.

Easter Hat Parade
We look forward to the Easter Hat parade tomorrow commencing at 10.30am in the hall. We will draw the raffle prizes at the end of the parade and parents/carers are more than welcome to stay for a cuppa and hot cross bun. I would like to thank Ms Lisa Holt for her organisation of the event, particularly the beautiful prizes and the guessing competition she has put together.

Farewell to three staff members tomorrow
It will be a very sad day at Braddock tomorrow as we say farewell to Mr David MacVean. David has been at the school for the past six years and has been a most valued staff member. We wish you all the very best in your career as the Assistant Principal at Oxley Park Public School. Oxley Park are very lucky to have you!

We also say farewell to Ms Nicky DeSousa, who has been at Braddock for nearly 20 years as a parent of children at the school and as a valued member of the staff. Nicky is retiring and we wish her all the very best and know you will be greatly missed. In addition we say farewell to Mr David Matheson, our school counsellor. David has been a valued member of our school for over 10 years, We wish you all the very best in your new role as counsellor at Blaxland High School. Another staff member that will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the school staff, students and community we wish you all the very best of luck in the future and may you find happiness and success.

End of term……

As we depart on the Easter holiday break please jot this number down to call if you see any suspicious behaviour around the school over the holiday period School Safety and Security on 1300 880 021.

Happy Easter! Stay safe and enjoy time with loved ones.
Workers in the Community with Mrs Scicluna

We have been learning about workers in our community, focusing on the roles and responsibilities that we all have and exploring why it is important we fill these roles. We had the privilege of having two visitors in our school, Firefighter Graham and Senior Constable Gallan. The children were able to listen to our guests as they told us what their role is in our community, their number one responsibility being to keep us safe. We also had the chance to ask some questions, most children asking questions like, 'How many fires have you fought?' and 'Can I see your handcuffs?' It was great to see how engaged all the children were and it was clear that they understood that these two roles in our community are necessary to help keep us safe.

School Cross Country

Our school cross country will be held on Wednesday 22nd April. We would love to see parents coming to support their children on this day.

Lee-Ann Dyson—Cross Country Co-ordinator

Wear Red to School Day

On Friday 24th April, week one term 2, the SRC are running a “Wear Red to School Day” to raise money to purchase some of the commemorative Poppies from Poppy Park. Each poppy carries the name of a service man or woman who has died serving Australia. We would like to purchase a poppy for each class so we are able to do research about each named soldier. Money raised from the poppies will go towards supporting the work of Penrith RSL and Nepean Legacy, who support returning service men and women. We would appreciate a gold coin donation to help pay for the poppies and raise money for these worthwhile charities.

Mr Simon Clay—SRC Co-ordinator
Reading Out of Class Every Day

R.O.C.E.D

“Reading outside of class-time every day”

In Term 2, Braddock Public School will start a program to encourage all students to ‘read outside of class time every day’. We are calling this program “R.O.C.E.D Reading”. (pronounced “rocked”)

Students are required to read, be read to, or read with someone each day outside of class time. Ideally this will be at home as a part of Homework, otherwise reading can occur before school, after school, at lunch time, with friends etc. Students will fill in a “R.O.C.E.D” reading booklet (given out to all students day 1 term 2) and they will earn Deputy Principal Reading Awards for every 10 days they read outside of class time.

Students will be able to read home reading books, Books in Homes Books and library books.

The R.O.C.E.D Reading Booklet students will fill in in term 2.

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REWARD - Deputy Principal’s Reading Award
On Friday, 27th March, two League – Tag teams from Braddock played in the Penrith Cup Gala Day at Emu Plains. The main idea of the day was to participate in non competitive games with other Penrith Schools. We all had a fantastic day and the behavior of the team members was excellent. Thankyou to Mr Davenport and Mrs McGrath for helping with coaching the teams. Thanks for helping with transport too. Thankyou as well to Mrs Newsome for transport and to our parent cheer squad. Miss Ashlea and I were so proud of both teams and were grateful for the parent support, which included oranges and watermelon! Mr Grant Little, Coordinator.
Each year, at Braddock Public School we pay significant attention to commemorating the courage and commitment of the Australian Defence Forces, and that of our Allies, in protecting our free and democratic country from those who would threaten and attack us and for upholding the values, ideals and principles that every Australian holds dear to their heart.

This year, Anzac Day ceremonies will mark 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli during World War I, as well as paying tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of the many thousands of people in wars, conflicts and humanitarian missions since that time.

A special commemorative assembly will be held in the School Hall at Braddock P.S. on Thursday, April 23, 2015, commencing at 10 a.m., to honour this historical occasion and to impress on our students the significance of Anzac Day in all our lives today.

The children of Braddock P.S. run this assembly and do an amazing and touching job with it.

As always, in the spirit of community and friendship, you are invited to join with us for this very important and memorable event.

I made a wish upon a star,
My wish came true and here we are. 
I wished for love and friendship too,
And I got them in a friend called you.

I aim for the moon but hit the stars,
I would really like to go to Mars.
Kenny’s up she’s wide awake,
It’s time to sail across the lake.
Massy as her best first mate,
Kenny’s day is looking great.
With inline skates Kenny can’t go wrong.
Her friend Massy likes to come along.
Off they go hand in hand,
Skating with a friend is extremely grand.

Poem by Tere Taurima 5/6C
Poppy in the Park

On Friday of week 8, representatives from every class had the opportunity to attend the opening ceremony at Poppy Park in Penrith. Each child planted a poppy to represent one of the 102,804 service men and women who have lost their lives while serving their country. We were lucky to be one of a small number of schools who had the opportunity to attend and the children did a fantastic job of representing us at this special event. The Poppy Park is situated behind the bowling club and PCYC in Penrith and is definitely worth a visit to help your children understand the sacrifice made by Australians while serving their country. It is open over the Easter holiday.

Halogen Foundation Leadership Conference

On Monday of week 9, representatives of our year six leadership team got the opportunity to attend a leadership conference at the Sydney Entertainment Centre, along with 6,000 other students from schools across the state. The children had the opportunity to hear guests such as Bindi Irwin, Mike Baird, Rachael Leahcar (the Voice) and Dylan Parker and James Norton (the inspiration for the movie ‘Paper Planes’) speak about leadership, following their dreams and never giving up. It was a long day, but also very enjoyable and as always, our leaders did a great job of representing the school at this special event. I can’t wait for next year’s conference!
What good readers do!

**Good readers**

**Make Connections**

**Visualise**

**Ask Questions**

**Make Predictions**