Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first Brabbits for 2016, we have all been busy settling into learning routines and working hard in our many key learning areas. So far this term we have had students represented at the swimming carnival. Thank you to Mr Hall for their organisation. We have had our school photos, the senior football team is off to the Greg Alexander shield next week can I thank Mr Little and Mrs McGrath for your organisation. The school leaders went on an excursion to Homebush for young leaders day, thank you to Mrs Connor and Mr Hall for your organisation. As a principal its such a pleasure to receive positive feedback about the school. On Monday we received wonderful feedback from a commuter that was travelling to work on the express train, I have included the contents of the email for you to read. “I had the pleasure of being on a train to Parramatta with some of your students this morning, they were courteous, well mannered and beautifully presented. Being an early express service to the city the train was packed and despite there being standing room only I observed the students apologising each time they accidentally were knocked into the other passengers. They are great representatives for your school and the teachers accompanying them should be proud of them”. Mr Hall shared the email with students as soon as it was received. I would like to thank the students and staff for their exceptional representation of our school.

We have our wonderful electronic school sign fully operational! The purpose of the sign is to provide the most updated information. Thank you to everyone for all your efforts specially the former P&C, families and staff from over the last few years for your financial support which helped pay for the sign.

As always we pride ourselves on safety first at Braddock. Just a reminder for parents and carers there is no onsite parking available, in particular no access to the school via the driveway between 8.30am and 9.15am and 2.30pm till 3.10 pm. I have been in contact with the Penrith city council and requested a space for disabled parking be made available out the front of the school on Laycock Street.

School contributions are now due. Please support our school by paying the $20.00 This money is directly used to support the technology programs within the school, as you can appreciate a new ipad screen has a replacement cost of $150.00, therefore contributions are valuable in supporting the longevity of maintaining technology programs.

Easter Raffle tickets have been sent home already with families. Thank you to many parents for your donations of easter goodies. Please keep sending in your donations of eggs or bunnies. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March at the parade. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to wrap and sort the prizes. We have the first prize made up and on display in the front office.

I will be away on long service leave from 8th March till 1st April inclusive and Ms Drage will be relieving principal in my absence. If you have any concerns, suggestions or compliments please ensure you come and speak with me or Ms Drage whilst I am on leave. Have a wonderful rest of the term and I look forward to seeing you all in week eleven.

Special Dates:

**March:**

4th—Thats My Team Mufti Day

2pm First Foot Forward Incursion

7th—Whole school Assembly

21st—Harmony Day

24th—Easter Hat Parade

25th—Public Holiday

Good Friday

28th—Public Holiday

Easter Monday

**April:**

8th—Last Day Term 1

27th—1st Day Term 2

For Students

Anzac Day Assembly
Office...

Uniform Shop:
Open from 9.30am to 2.30pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please bring correct money or Eftpos. Thank you.

Information Update:
Should you have any family, health or other information you would like to update please let the front office know and we will happily update the information.

Health Care Plans:
Please provide the office with your up-to-date health care plans for Ms Trimingham’s records.

Administration
Jackie

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students in the next week. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Ms Drage
**Attendance**

Being at school every day is important to ensure students progress. Excellent attendance ensures students do not miss the introduction of new learning and the chance to practice their learning. When you consider that a day off a fortnight means a student has missed 20 days per year, this is equivalent to having missed 4 weeks of school. Can you imagine how much learning a student would miss if they had 4 weeks away from school? At Braddock every student in every classroom is currently tracking their own attendance, and for every day they are at school they place a sticker on a grid, to keep track.

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*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**

**3/6B Robots versus Humans!**

Mrs Bayliss and 3/6B have been very busy in their classrooms so far this term. If you were to visit the room, you could easily think it was a classroom for robots as well as children, as each of the students have constructed their own robot and these robots are on display in the classroom. The student have displayed a great deal of creativity, mathematical knowledge and planning to create their robots. The class has also been comparing and contrasting robots and humans and have created a Venn diagram to compare what is similar and different between robots and humans, and what characteristics they each share. They have also used robots in science and it was fascinating to watch the students create a paper robot and make the robot walk up a two pieces of string which were attached to the ceiling. Great work 3/6D and Mrs Bayliss!
Awesome Work Wall

Students are regularly sent to the office to show awesome work. We also notice awesome work and effort as we move around the school. In the office we have a ‘awesome work wall’ where we photograph and put this work on display. This is some of the awesome work.
Awesome Work Wall
THE BELL 2016

In the past few weeks we have welcomed our new possums to the BELL. It has been wonderful getting to know each student and their families! We have been having a lot of fun getting to know each other, making craft, reading stories, moving to music, playing outside and much more!
The BELL Possums 2016
At Braddock we are SAFE RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS

PBL NEWS...

PBL AWARDS

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POSSOM PRIDE

WEEK 2, TERM 1
• 1/2N—AKAYDEN
• 1/2N—JAKE
• 2/6A—ISABELLA
• 3/4C—SUMMAH
• 3/4D—JAYDEN
• 3/4D—DONAYE

WEEK 3, TERM 1
• 5/6C—ERIN
• KB—AYDEN
• 1/2H—KAYD
• 1/2H—SHARNICE
• K/1L—LILY
• 5/6C—RILEY
• 1/2N—LIANA

WEEK 4 TERM 1
• 3/4D—LIZA
• K/1L—STEVEN
• K/1L—LIAM
• 1/2H—AMY
• 1/2N—AALIYAH

WEEK 5 TERM 1
• 3/4D—LIZA
• K/1L—STEVEN
• K/1L—LIAM
• 1/2H—AMY
• 1/2N—AALIYAH
Playgroup Plus, located at Barnardos Penrith is for all members of the Penrith community, free of charge.

Our Playgroup program gives children an opportunity to have fun, make new friends and develop new skills through informal play.

Playgroup Plus also allows parents and carers to spend quality time with their children, encouraging, helping and learning about their child's development and interact with their children.

Every Thursday (during school term)
10am-12pm
For more information or to register contact: Lucy or Kristal on (02) 4729 1211

Activities include:
- School readiness activities
- Construction play
- Imagination play
- Messy play
- Outdoor play
- Gross and fine motor skills
- Arts and crafts
- Dance and singing activities
- Story time
- Crunch and Sip (Healthy Morning tea)
- Professional guest speakers
- Outings
Looking for great value for money, friendly, non-intimidating atmosphere to workout? Looking for a gym that caters for kids? We are a locally owned and operated family Fitness Centre.

- Fully Equipped Gym & Group Exercise Classes included.
- Personal Training sessions and Program assessment available.
- Fit 4 Kids Fitness classes (5-10yrs old).
- Fully Equipped Ladies Only Weights section.
- Child Minding facilities available.

Take advantage of our new family deal, 2 adults & 2 kids under 18 for $50 per month on 12 month contract. 4732 1233

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Friendly Service with Professional Care

29th Annual Penrith Working Truck Show
Sunday 20th March 2016
8am - 4pm
Presentations 4pm - 5pm

THE BEST IN COUNTRY MUSIC
ADAM BRAND AND THE OUTLAW

Gulf Western Oil
MUSCAT
Girth Accessories

Fun and Excitement! Plus much more!
Adults FREE with paid children under 18

Saturday 27th February
Penrith Rugby Club v Brumbies
Main Game 5pm
Season Opening Presentations & Cocktail Function from 7pm