

2020 – TERM 2 – WEEK 5

Communication

Each term three newsletters are published and uploaded to the SchoolEnews app.

Week 1 – The term calendar, assembly dates and a report from the Principal.

Weeks 5 and 10 – Updated calendar, reports from all classes, library news, sport news, award recipient names, community news and advertisements.

Incidental news items and reminders will be posted as they occur on SchoolEnews.

2020 TERM 2	
Monday 8 June	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
Friday 3 July	Last day of Term 2
Term 3 Tuesday 21 July	Students return to school

From the Relieving Principal

Welcome back!

It has been so lovely to have the buzzing of the students back in the school on a more consistent basis over the last two weeks. The staff have really enjoyed being able to teach face-to-face and do what we love best! It certainly has been a challenge for everyone and we appreciate the assistance of parents with the learning from home. We now look forward to the next phase, as of today, of having students on site on a regular basis and we can concentrate on moving forward. Onward and upward!

It has been wonderful to hear parents supporting the hard work our teachers have had to do and are continuing to do during these challenging times, we really appreciate all the support. Teachers have had to work even harder, if that's possible, during the phased return to school. They have been juggling face-to-face teaching, supporting student learning at home, playground duties at school daily, online professional learning, assessing work being submitted and continuing to plan and program for this period of learning. We are all glad that some normality can resume.

We still need to limit the amount of people in the school and adhere to social distancing guidelines as best as possible. We will continue to have discussions with the students about general hygiene and interaction with others and would greatly appreciate if you too could chat to your children about this. **Washing their hands with soap and water as soon as they get to school would be a great start!**

Drop off and Pick up

Thank you for your support with dropping off and picking up your children outside the school gate promptly. We know it's tempting to catch up with people you haven't seen for a while so we appreciate that people are doing the right thing and not congregating near the gates or on school grounds. We know this hasn't always been easy for some students as well and it's great to see them show resilience as they say goodbye at the school gate. To try to limit congestion and get students through the gate quicker, we have changed the flow of cars in the car park. As we have previously done a few years ago, we have 'removed' the carparks near the school fence to enable two rows of cars to drive past. In the morning, please accompany your child to the sidewalk from your car. A teacher will accompany your child/children back to the car in the afternoon. **It is vital that you have your name displayed and if need be, please put your window down to let us know who you are after.** Again, we ask for your patience during this trial time and as always, please respect other parents, students and teachers.

Congratulations Leaders

This time hasn't been easy on anyone, that we are all in agreeance with. Throughout this time, the Year 6 Leadership Team have shown outstanding leadership qualities and gone above and beyond to produce virtual assemblies and promote their SRC suggestion of the *Great Camp In* Fundraiser including making an exceptional video to go with it. Well done on getting all your school work done on top of your leadership duties whilst learning from home.

Canteen

The canteen will **open again this week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday ONLY**. Some points to note:

- There will be a **limited menu** – no sushi this term
- **Flexischool online orders only**
- **No over the counter sales** at recess or lunch **or cash ordering** before school

Thank you Meisha, Wanda and Ghania for your patience and understanding through all of this. We know it hasn't been easy for you all either.

Enhanced Cleaning

We now have cleaning staff working during the day which helps keep our school as hygienic as possible for our students and staff. All hard surfaces and high-touch areas are being cleaned throughout the day. This includes play equipment (including skilling ropes etc.), toilets, door handles, railings, outdoor benches, taps, the office and staff room areas. Classrooms and learning spaces are thoroughly cleaned before and after school when students are not in them.

Our sick bay has additional PPE equipment including hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes. As has been the case throughout the COVID-19 period, **if your child is unwell for any reason, they must not attend school**. If your child **presents as being unwell at school (cough, cold etc.), then they will be sent down to sick bay where either Deb or Anne-Marie will call you to pick them up immediately**. If you are unavailable, emergency contacts will be called. Please ensure your details are up to date (including emergency contact details) and that you make yourself available to pick your child up if need be. This was also communicated in the Department information sheet provided to you via the app and email last week. If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school office so we can update our attendance records accordingly.

Hall Update

As the students have noticed on the days they've been at school, the hall is coming along nicely and we are really looking forward to the day we can all fit in comfortably and have our very first assembly in the new hall! How exciting!

School Infrastructure NSW has provided an update about our new hall. Work continues, with the roof recently installed and the structure itself completed. For the next few weeks, we will see the cladding of the external walls and the framing and sheeting of the ceilings. We are getting very excited as we start to see the design really coming to life!

Please contact School Infrastructure NSW on schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au or call 1300 482 651 with any enquiries.

Once the new hall is complete, they will start working on the conversion of the Old Hall back into two classrooms. We are hoping that this will commence in Term 3, weather and unexpected building delays permitting of course. To help with the speed of the Old Hall conversion, they will be commencing on the balcony starting next week. This will be cordoned off so there will be no access from the stairs or the inside of the hall to the balcony but the hall can still be used. This will not affect OOSH or the school if we need to use the hall at any point.

Lost Property

With students returning to school, the volume of lost property has increased. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled. Any unlabelled food and drink containers will be discarded at the end of the week as a measure of hygiene.

Skye Surrest

Relieving Principal

Merit Awards Weeks 2 – 4

	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
KAL	India & Chogyi	Flynn & Aman	Dylan & Thomas
KH	Hayaan & Kabir	Abel & Jordi	Mila & Laura
KM	Lamdhen & Jigme	Isla & Otis	Levi & Rafael
1E	Kaito & Clio	Tiger & Thomas O	Caden & Kaylee
1G	Tyson & Aniyah	Anastasia & Zak	Kean & Xanthe
1M	Emmie & Harvey	Aaliyah + Louis	Harry & Archie
2L	Ben & Shahraan	Harriet & Angus	Isaac & Leilani
2R	Deon & Jackson	Nevaeh and Phoebe	Lotop & Nicholas
3/4C	Alissa & Albert	Mosa & Marni	Eve & Kaiden
3/4L	Leorah & Liam	Scarlett & Thomas	Georgia & Cooper
3/4B			
3/4G	Arto & Maia	Edward & Gage	Lucas.M & Dexter
5/6G	Tyson & Jaden	Tanya & Jenny	
5/6A	Peter & Tavi	Rebecca & Faith	Aria & Hayden
5/6K	Alana & Cruz	Paige & David	Advith & Emma
Library		Nike & Tiffany	Akira S & Ella
Art	Tu		

Early Stage 1 News

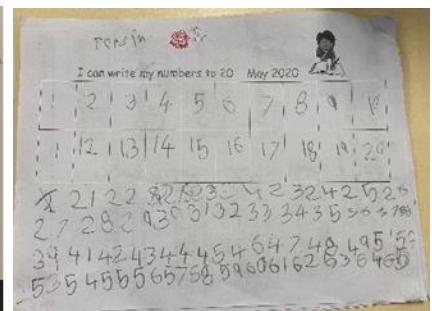
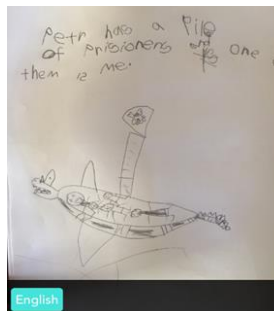


What an interesting start to Term 2 we have had! Well done to all the children who have been working hard from home. The teachers have enjoyed seeing photos and videos of your work on Seesaw. This term we are learning our new Unit 2 sounds and exploring books from the amazing author, Pamela Allen. The children have enjoyed stories such as 'Who sank the boat?' and 'Daisy All-Sorts'. In Mathematics we have been working on numbers, counting forwards and backwards and playing games such as one more and one less to develop our number sense.

We were delighted to see the children in Week 3 and 4 for their one day of face-to-face teaching. We were greeted with lots of smiling faces and squeals of excitement when the children spotted their friends. On our day back, we have been learning how to write a sentence, revising our sounds and developing our number knowledge. We have also been learning about hygiene and how to wash our hands thoroughly. I think everyone is an expert at handwashing now.



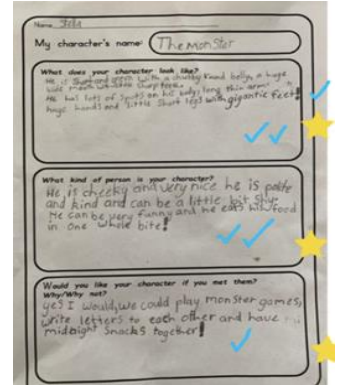
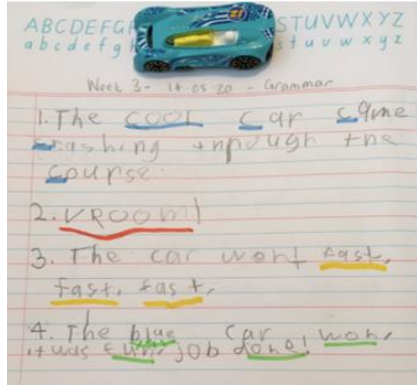
The teachers are looking forward to having our students back in class full time and would like to thank parents for their hard work home schooling during these challenging times. Parents, you have done a wonderful job!



Mr Hurley, Mrs Kovacs, Mrs McNamara and Mrs Dixon

Stage 1 News - Year 1

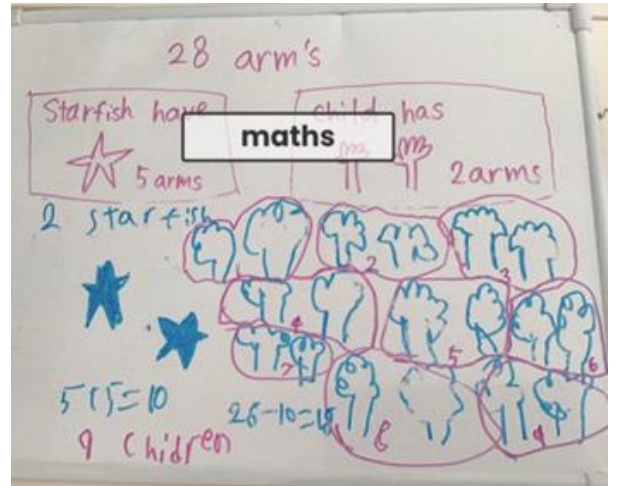
So far this term in Year 1, we have been exploring many exciting topics both at school and at home!



In literacy, we have been diving into different texts all about monsters. We have been focusing on how the authors of books use vibrant language to make their writing entertaining and impactful. We have explored how vocabulary and different literacy techniques come together to make the stories exciting. We have also been creating suspenseful and intriguing sizzling starts through the use of actions, sounds and wow words and reviewing some literacy techniques from last term, including alliteration, onomatopoeia, repetition and rhyme. We have had fun creating our own pieces of creative writing using some of these language skills.

In numeracy this term, we have been developing our number sense through a range of number games and activities. Through these, we have been practicing and applying different counting strategies which we will continue to use through Year 1 and beyond. We have also been deepening our understanding of time, including the sequence and time at which we complete everyday activities. As always, our maths lessons and activities are accessible for all of our mini mathematicians in Year 1, with the chance to extend every activity as needed. It has been fantastic to see the children's understanding of mathematics develop throughout the year so far!

Austin playing the Nim game with Nan



We love seeing our students grow through their learning!

Miss Goodearl, Miss Maxworthy and Mr Murray

Stage 1 News - Year 2

What an unusual and memorable journey we have taken together over the past 2 months! We have all faced many changes to the way that we teach and the way that we learn. We have been so impressed by the way our Year 2 students and their families have accepted the challenge and completed their online learning. We have been amazed with the calibre and the volume of the work submitted and have had so many messages about the positive outcomes from working together at home. Of course, it has not been easy for everyone, but please be reassured that everyone has done their very best and we will all certainly remember this point in time in years to come!

Below, is a selection of some of the fantastic pieces of work that we have received.

Recount Writing - Worksheet

Name JJ 

Recount Writing - Scaffold

Title My birthday ✓

Orientation On my birthday eve I went to the airport with my family to fly to Noosa. ✓


First, I was happy but then a big storm came and the plane was canceled. I was sad. ✓

Then, we had to stay at the hotel and wake up at 4am. I loved the night bus in the dark. ✓

Finally, we got on the plane. The captain called my name and said happy birthday to me and gave me yummy gummies and cookies! ✓

Concluding sentence It was fun in the end. ✓ 

Ivy

by Eva Vasilangos, 2L

"Boring Ivy!" Wet, cold, slimy tears streamed down Ivy's face. Ivy felt extremely sad. She did not like her school. She wanted to run away and that is exactly what she did. When Miss Anthony asked her to accompany Will and Draco while they went to the toilet she felt like Miss Anthony had just revealed her very own escape plan. Her thin, smooth lips curved upwards forming a tremendous grin. "Of course!" She replied chuckling cheekily. As soon as they got to the bathroom Ivy shoed them away. She was quite delighted with herself although on the other hand the twins were furious with her. Ivy breathed a sigh of relief when she caught a glimpse of them stomping into the bathroom. Then she ran out of the school not daring to look back just in case they were already done.

Ivy ran on and on until she reached the river where she swam on and on. The river led to a magnificent clock tower. Lava was spilling out of the enormous gaps that were built in to the thick, heavy, brick walls. This was telling Ivy that it was ancient. Ivy was surrounded by fog which was blocking out the sun and making it hard to see. Suddenly a door opened. Ivy jumped. A roar came from inside. Ivy strolled nervously into the room and found herself on a dragon's back. Then before she could run the dragon took flight. They flew round the world and landed although while they were landing she fell into a prince's outstretched arms and they lived happily ever after!!!! !!!!!



Ms Lohr and Mrs Richardson

Stage 2 News

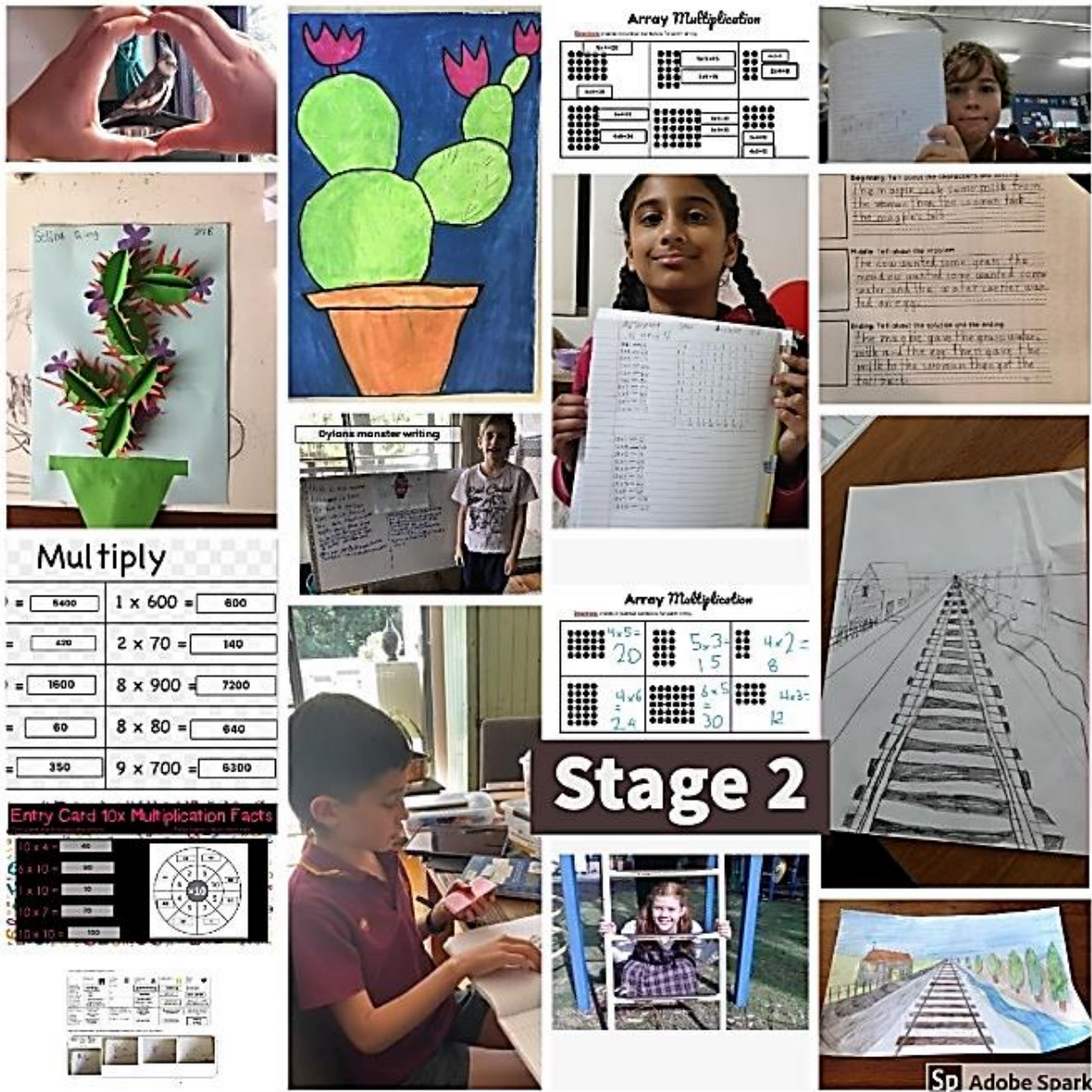
Stage 2 have adapted very quickly this term to the changes of learning from home. There have been many brilliant examples of work from Year 3 and 4 students at Brookvale. Learning has taken on a whole new look this term, posting videos, photos, voice recordings and editing worksheets online. Stage 2 continue to learn about how explorers have shaped this nation. In Creative Arts, we have been dancing, painting, drawing using one-point perspective and using the framing technique to take photos.

Students in Year 3 have begun to take part in the 'Just Like You' program which will be run over two weeks. This program aims to teach all students that understanding, accepting and including people with a disability is a positive act we can all do, as we share so many qualities in common.

Literacy and Numeracy continue to be the main focus of our teaching and learning and students returning to school on their house day have been focusing on reading accuracy, fluency, comprehension and writing skills when creating informative texts. In Mathematics, students in Stage 2 have focused on the multiplication strategies, identifying patterns in numbers and strategies to solve difficult equations.

We have been so happy to see so many students return to school one day a week and look forward to you all being back at school full time from this week onwards! Please enjoy a snapshot of some of great work happening at home and school.

Mr Gadd, Mrs Bortz, Miss Gregersen and Miss Britton



Visual Arts News

Term 2 is all about photography. So far, here is what our amazing students have creating:
 Early Stage 1 has been learning how to take a photo from a bird's or worm's eye point of view.

Rafael KM - worm's eye view



Ava - KAL - bird's eye view



Stage 1 has been creating a one colour photo and colour wheels.

Genevieve 1M



Isaac 2R

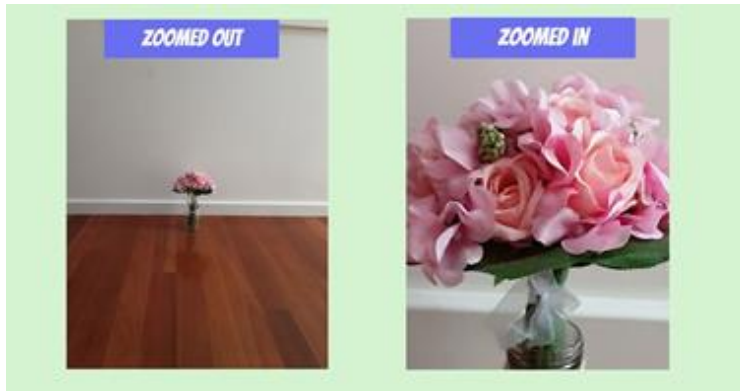


Jackson 2R



Stage 2 has been practicing their zooming in and zooming out skills and learning how important accuracy is when drawing one-point perspective.

Chloe 3/4C zoom in and zoom out



one point perspective



Stage 3 has been creating optical illusions.

Molly



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We will continue with developing our photography skills until the end of term and I look forward to more amazing artworks!

Miss Davey - Art Teacher

Stage 3 News

What a fascinating end to Term 1 and start to Term 2 Stage 3 have had! From the news of NAPLAN being cancelled to the news of Camp being postponed, there has been a mixture of emotions and feelings running through Stage 3. We kept in constant contact through the use of our Stage 3 Seesaw page and our weekly Zoom meetings. It was wonderful to see how well Stage 3 adapted to online learning through many different online applications such as StudyLadder, Reading Eggspress, Typing Tournament and Matific. We loved seeing students not only completing all of their school work but assisting around the house. Students were challenged with baking and cooking lessons, organising and folding laundry, cleaning different areas of the house and cleaning up after their pets. It has been a challenging time for everyone, but we are very impressed with the maturity shown from our Stage 3 students. It was fantastic to see the Year 6 leaders step up to the challenge of running an online, virtual assembly for ANZAC day and Week 2 to help students maintain the routine of a weekly assembly item! Great work Leaders!

This has been a real eye-opening experience and as much as students loved telling us how great it was to stay in their pyjamas all day, help themselves to food at any time and work from the comfort of their couch, it was great to hear when they returned for one day a week in Week 3 that most students felt that 'nothing beats a real life, three-dimensional teacher'. We look forward to some more normality sooner rather than later!

Stay safe and thanks for all the support from home.



Stage 3 Teachers

Mr Gray, Miss Kovacs and Mrs Antill-Cassie.

The Great Camp In – 29-30 May



This year while we are stuck at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Brookvale Public School has chosen to help raise funds for the Taldumande Youth Services campaign. Taldumande Youth Services is a not-for-profit organisation that helps and supports young people aged 12-21 and their families. They raise funds for homeless youth on the Northern Beaches and in Sydney.

Brookvale P.S student leadership team with the help of teachers, are excited to announce our participation in The Great Camp In!

We need your help to make this a success, all you need to do is visit our school's fundraising page and enter your donation (any amount above \$2).

<https://www.taldycampin.com/lite-ui/?controller=pledges&action=showPledge&id=8>

You can also donate cash in school by sealing in an envelope with your name and class and delivering to Miss Kovacs.

Your donation will not only support Brookvale P.S by helping us reach our fundraising goal, you are supporting the local homeless youth who need help more than anything during this crisis.

Completing the Great Camp In is very beneficial and there are many ways you can participate. You can:

- Camp in your bed but with less blankets on
- Go 'old school' and set up a fort in your living room or
- Camp outside in a tent.

There will also be a prize for the best Camp In fort/tent. We can't wait to see everyone's entries!

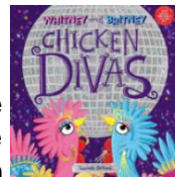
Stage 3 Leadership Team

Library News

Please remember to RETURN all your books otherwise you will not be able to borrow. All returned books are quarantined in the Returns box until the following Monday morning when they are scanned and shelved.

Some important dates coming up:

National Simultaneous Storytime Wednesday 27 May 2020 <https://www.alia.org.au/nss>



This is an Australian annual event to promote the value and joy of reading to children. If you are at home with preschool children on this day consider tuning in. Register on the above website (it's free). **At school all of K-2** will be listening to this picture book (Whitney and Britney chicken divas) and completing craft activities around the theme.

World Poetry Day Competition

Students may enter this competition which this year has as its theme how poetry turns everyday objects into poetry. Information on how to enter is found on our library website or

https://readingaustralia.com.au/2020/02/world-poetry-day-competition-2020/?_open=1

How do I enter?

1. Write a poem (20 lines or less) about an object of your choice.
2. Upload your poem via the submission form on the [Red Room website](#). Click on Australian submissions.
3. Enter before the closing date: 5 p.m. Friday 10 July 2020*.

We have some exciting new books that have come into the library: Here is a teaser:



Mrs Murphy-Haste - Teacher Librarian

Update from the P&C

It has been a challenging few months for the entire school community. Firstly, congratulations to all on managing a difficult transition to crisis schooling from home. It is a credit to our parents, teachers and children that the experience has been largely positive and allowed for continuation of learning.

The P&C were forced to postpone our Annual General Meeting which needs to occur face to face and have focussed on how we can support the school community during these times.

Our Facebook page, @brookvalepsandc, has been regularly updated and I want to thank Caryn Medak particularly for her tireless efforts on Facebook. The 30-day LEGO challenge was well received and supported and based on the photos and comments, provided another avenue for fun at home.

Our School Hall construction is powering ahead and I am looking forward to its completion and the return of the school oval.

For Mother's Day our usual stall and breakfast was not possible, so I was thrilled we were able to partner with local cafes to provide coffees for our wonderful Mum's. It was again well received and our local cafes appreciated the extra business and exposure.

We will continue to focus on supporting the school community and look forward to our kids returning to school on a full-time basis.

Once we can schedule an AGM, we will promote it via the School eNews app and on Facebook.

You can join the P&C via this link for \$1.00:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BIKY>

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