Message from the Principal:
Parent Teacher Interviews
Thank you to all of our parents who attended our school last week to speak to their child’s teacher. We look forward to working in partnership with our students and their families to have a very successful year. If you were unable to attend please take the opportunity to contact your child’s teacher and make a personal interview time or to arrange a phone interview.

Staffing News
I informed the P&C last Tuesday that I will be retiring towards the end of Term 1. I would like to thank the staff, students and parents of Bradbury Public School for 8 wonderful years. I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to work collaboratively with staff, students and parents to provide quality education for the children in our care. I look forward to the remainder of my time at Bradbury.

Due to circumstances beyond his control Mr. De Braun, of class 6B will be unable to return to Bradbury Public School. I wish him well. Mrs Turner will be teaching 6B for the remainder of 2016. Her parent teacher evening will be held next Tuesday 1st March, 2016 until 5:00pm and Thursday 3rd March until 5:00pm. Parents and caregivers of 6B are invited to come to meet Mrs Turner and to discuss their aspirations for 2016.

Parking concerns
A number of concerned parents have raised the issue of cars parking in the ‘kiss and drop’ zones outside the school in Jacaranda Avenue and The Parkway. The Police and the Council Rangers have been notified and will be patrolling these areas each morning and afternoon.

AGM P&C
Next month’s P&C Meeting will be our AGM and will be held on Tuesday 15th March, 2016. Please join us for a tea or coffee from 6.30pm in the staff room and the Meeting will commence at 7.00pm.

School Banking: There will be no School Banking on Wednesday 2nd and Wednesday 8th March, 2016.
Free Triple P - Positive Parenting Program
A free 7 part series workshop designed for parents of teenagers.

The course includes information on:
- Positive parenting
- Encouraging appropriate behaviour
- Managing problem behaviour
- Dealing with risky behaviour
- Implementing parenting routines

Dates: 8th March, 15th, 22nd, 29th and 5th April 5th and 26th April, 2016.
Workshops are once a week with telephone support sessions included.
Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm, please arrive at 5.45pm for registration.
Where: Level 2 - Momenta Advisors Room, Oran Park Podium Shopping Centre,
351 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park NSW 2570
For information and bookings, please contact the Reconnect Program on (02) 4629 5170 or (02) 4629 5137

Principal’s Awards
Congratulations to all students who have recently received Principal’s Awards.

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Mrs. M. Webb,
Principal

STUDENT NEWS
Congratulations to a former Bradbury Public School student, Blake Bell, the older brother of Jay Walsh-Bell in Year 5, for making the NSW Softball side and being undefeated in the National competition. Blake was then selected to represent
Australia in the Australian Softball Colts team, which is a fantastic achievement. If anyone knows a local business or company that would like to sponsor a very talented local sportsman, could they leave their details at the office so the information could be passed on to his family.

We are always looking for families/parents/carers to help out with Gala Days, helping with equipment, shade shelters, umpiring or scoring. If you are able to help could you please let the office know? Gala Days this Term will be Friday week 7, 11th March and Friday week 10, 1st April.

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday Week 6, 2nd of March. Students need to be able to swim 50 metres confidently. If your child is attending and you can assist on the day could you please inform us by ticking the box on the note which will be coming home soon?

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hearing Aid: A hearing aid belonging to a Kindergarten child has been lost in the playground. It is the part that sits behind the ear and is bright blue and clear in colour. It is quite an expensive item to replace and as you can imagine mum is very upset. If you or your child has found the hearing aid would you please hand it in to the office staff?

COMMUNITY NEWS

Multilit Morning Tea
Please come to our information and refreshment session about Multilit.

WHEN: This Thursday morning, 25th February from 9:30am – 11:00am.
WHERE: In the old Hall, down the steps from the Office then in the Multilit room next to the Library.
WHAT: Multilit is a sounds and reading support program which helps kids develop their skills.
WHO: People who have some time to spare each week, want to help kids and are okay at reading.

Beyond Blue Morning Tea
Save the date Thursday, 17th March 9.30am - 11.30am in the old Hall.
Come and join our community fund raiser to support this charity. More details soon.

Harmony Day
We will celebrate Harmony Day on Monday, 21st March, 2016. Please stay tuned for details of what your child's class is doing.

Community Information Day
WHEN: Thursday, 24th March from 9.00am - 1.30pm. We will stop in time to go to the Hat Parade.
WHERE: Room 14 at School
WHAT: Draft timetable:
     Cyber Safety,
     How our school works
     Opportunities for all at Community Hubs.
Please return your RSVP when invitations come out with the timetable in 2 weeks, to help with catering. We look forward to your involvement at BPS in 2016.

Kind Regards, Mrs Elvery
for Fostering Community Relationships Committee.

2016 House Captains and Vice Captains.

Campbell Captains: Nabil Chebboub and Courtney Brown.  Vice Captains: Riley Keogh and Ella Beveridge
Hume Captains: Kai James and Lilly Henderson  Vice Captains: Taydon Hanthorn and Rollin Gao
Macquarie Captains: Josh Pappas and Jake Renczewicz  Vice Captains: Joshua Matikainen and Emily White
Hovell Captains: Farhan Anjum and Brianna Cunningham  Vice Captains: Asif Bhuiyan and Aydin Uysala

Help Needed:
If any parent is able to share any coaching expertise in cricket, softball and tiger tag and are free on our Gala days and Friday sports sessions, Stage 3: 9:00am to 10:00am and Stage 2: 10:00am to 11:00am, and would like to come and help out could they contact the office.

Miss L. McDowell, Sports Co-ordinator
Band Term 1, Week 3.
Welcome back to Band in 2016. We are looking forward to another exciting year in Band and I am happy to announce that we have many students starting in our beginner program. Band started on Wednesday, 10th February for the current members in Training Band and Concert Band and the beginners will have started on Monday 15th or Tuesday 16th February depending on their tuition day. Beginner Band students met to have their instruments allocated to them for the year. The instruments will be handed to all new students once payment of fees is made at the front office. Current students have been handed their instruments on the condition that payment was made by the end of last week.

From 2016 onwards, all fees will be due in week 1 of each term if your child is to continue in the band program for that term. Please contact the front office in week 1 of the term if you unable to pay these fees by this time as unpaid fees will result in instruments being collected and returned to the storeroom until contact is made by the student's parent or caregiver regarding the situation. As of Term 2 the tuition component of the fees will be rising from $80 to $90 per term. This has been necessary to keep the band program sustainable and we thank you for your anticipated understanding in this matter.

Tuition Times
These are now posted on the window of the new hall. Beginner groups will stay the same for Term 1 but will then become fluid, as the progress of each child determines which group they will be placed in from Term 2 onwards.

Practice Sheets
The practice sheets have been handed to the Training and Concert Band members. Regular practice is essential for satisfactory progress to occur. Practice sheets must be brought to each tutorial session.

Information Booklet
This booklet will be handed to students in Week 4. Please read it with your child and return the tear off slip entitled Band Obligations.

If you have any further questions the best way to communicate is by letter writing. Your letter will be placed in my tub in the staffroom by the office staff and I will reply as soon as I am able.

Mrs S. Cartledge
Learning Support Teacher and Band Coordinator

Library News
Welcome back to a new year of reading. All students should have had the opportunity to borrow books, even our new kindergarten students are beginning to borrow. Please note that all K – 2 students should have a suitable Library bag to transport their books home. Primary students must have a folder and optional bag for book protection and to keep their PRC sheet together with their books.

Students in Years 3 - 6 have again been set the challenge to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge, PRC, before August. They can begin now and include books read in the holidays with your signature.

A SUPER congratulations to Eamon McC. in year 3, who has already completed the PRC challenge. Well done SUPER reader. He obviously likes reading and is keen for my free hot chip lunch offer to the first 30 students to complete the PRC.

BOOK CLUB
Keep a look out for our first Book Club brochure coming soon. Please read and follow the instructions carefully to avoid disappointment. Let's set up our students for success in life by helping them learn to read well. Read to them, even older students, read with them, model reading for pleasure, demonstrate the everyday uses of reading, ask questions about what they have read to check understanding, read the same book and share your favourite parts, keep dictionaries handy to learn new words, learn a new word and use it every day for a week and much more.

Happy reading
Mrs. J. Smith, Teacher Librarian