Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This will be the last newsletter for term 1, 2014. It has been a busy term and I would like to thank all those who contributed to the smooth return to school. Thank you to our P&C for their valued support of our students this term and for their contribution toward Ipad technology and WIFI cabling. Both these additions to the school will assist teachers to better meet the needs of students as part of the ongoing ICT component of communication and engagement.

Next term will see the reintroduction of weekly class market visits. This was a significant program last year and students benefited from the opportunity to purchase fruit and vegetables in a very different setting. Students were also able to develop their social skills, utilizing skills in communication to appropriately greet, farewell and interact with a variety of adults in a work setting.

Our new exercise equipment will be installed during the holidays which will be a great addition to our playground. The equipment will be accessible to the majority of students with an emphasis on our senior students. The equipment will promote health and fitness, socialization and communication.

Thank you to all for your contributions to our chocolate egg hunt and hat parade and congratulations to all the winners of the P&C raffle. All monies raised through P&C fundraising go towards much needed resources for our students.

As a closing comment, the school was acknowledged for its generous donation of equipment to the children of Syria. Standing frames, wheelchairs, commodes and walking frames acquired by the school over the years were forwarded by container to Syria earlier this term and we are pleased that our contribution will make a difference in the lives of children with disability in a country of significant need.

Please enjoy the holiday break and we look forward to welcoming our students back, term 2, Tuesday, 29th April.

Karen McDonell
Principal
Parents, Caregivers and families are invited to watch their child perform. Assembly commences at 9.30am and all visitors need to sign in at the office.

11 April 2014 — Primary Akuete
02 May 2014 — Senior Whitmee
09 May 2014 — Primary Suarez

Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend a music workshop run by Josh Oshlack our Music Therapy facilitator. Josh provides music therapy for students with special needs at many schools. The workshop will be held at school on Thursday the 12th of June between 10am –11am. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend.

Recently you would have received an invoice for any outstanding incursions, excursions and/or school fees also known as Voluntary School Contributions. Due to a computer error some of these invoices were sent to parents who have already finalised their accounts, please accept our apologies and thank you.

For those parents who have accounts outstanding, your earliest attention to this would be greatly appreciated.

These contributions are in addition to moneys provided from government sources. Schools may raise funds from community sources including requests to parents or guardians for voluntary school and subject contributions.

Juniors $60 Seniors $110
Celebrating Harmony Day 21st March

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. At Broderick Gillawarna School we celebrated by wearing orange and trying different types of food from around the world which was kindly sent in by parents. Thank you.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

"Wow" how time just whizzes by, before you know it, it’s that time again, "yes, it’s the holidays". We welcomed all our continuing and new students back to school and hope you have settled in to the school routines.

The P&C Committee planned three fundraisers during term 1, the first two were BBQs outside Woolworths at Revesby that raised $1111. A fantastic effort! Well done to the BBQ team and we take this opportunity to invite all parents, grandparents and family members to join in at any of our future fundraising BBQ events planned throughout the year, even if you joined in for 30mins it would be greatly appreciated. Who knows you might even enjoy yourself and stay a bit longer because we can guarantee you that you would have fantastic company.

The third fundraiser for term 1 was the annual Bunny Raffle that was drawn after the 'Great Egg Hunt'. Congratulations to all the winners. We wish to express our gratitude to all the parents, caregivers and staff who contributed towards the donation of eggs and all of those who purchased tickets.

In 2013 the P&C Committee committed to implementing a Sensory Garden. The quotation for this was $60,000. All the fundraising organised by the P&C including generous donations from parents and the community, we raised over $34,000 putting us at the halfway mark. We hope to achieve the rest of the cost through fundraising efforts in 2014.

We invite and encourage you to participate in any of our upcoming event anytime during the year. Please contact the school office on 97731255 and they will put you in contact with the fundraising team. We would love to hear from you.

We now take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Thank you

Fundraising Team
### PROGRAM

**“Oral Care Training for Disability Support staff”**  
**Held: Tuesday 13th May 2014**  
**6th Flr Lecture Theatre, SDH**

**Facilitator:** Dr Natalie Oprea

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| 9.45  | Dr Antonia Scott  
Faculty of Dentistry  
Sydney University | Senior Clinician  
“Dealing with disabled people”  
A personal perspective. |
| 10.30 | Dr Emma Jay  
Specialist, Special Needs Dentistry | Specialist, Special Needs Dentistry  
“Principles of handling people with autism, intellectual underdevelopment & behaviour problems” |
| 11.15 |  
MORNING TEA |  |
| 11.30 | Dr Helen Carey  
Staff Specialist, Periodontics | Staff Specialist, Periodontics  
“Gum disease and general health” |
| 12.15 | Dental company reps  
Oral hygiene products | Dental company reps  
Oral hygiene products |
| 1.00 – 1.30 | LUNCH & LEARN  
Trade Display/s and Demonstrations | LUNCH & LEARN  
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| 1.30 | Mrs Lindy Sank  
SLHD Dietitian | Mrs Lindy Sank  
SLHD Dietitian  
“Diet and oral health considerations for disabled patients” |
| 2.15 | Dr Warwick Harty  
SLHD Staff Specialist, Prosthodontics | Dr Warwick Harty  
SLHD Staff Specialist, Prosthodontics  
“Expectations and reality” |
| 3.00 | Dr Natalie Oprea, Head of SCD Department, Specialist in Special Needs Dentistry | Dr Natalie Oprea, Head of SCD Department, Specialist in Special Needs Dentistry  
What do you want to know?? |
| 3.30 |  
Evaluation and Feedback regarding future workshops | Evaluation and Feedback regarding future workshops |

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**PlayConnect**  
Playgroups are located in metropolitan, regional, rural and remote areas of Australia.

**How can I find out more?**  
Visit the website [www.playconnect.com.au](http://www.playconnect.com.au) or call the PlayConnect Infoline 1800 790 335 (free call)

For more information about the early intervention available through the Australian Government Helping Children With Autism Initiative, visit the website [www.fahsие.gov.au/autism](http://www.fahsие.gov.au/autism) or call their Information Line: 1800 779 581 (free call)

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**What is a Playgroup?**  
Playgroups are social and educational groups for children and their families. They provide an opportunity for parents to socialize with other parents and children, and to share their experiences of parenting in their early years. The Playgroup movement in Australia began in the 1960s and growing in Australia over 40 years. There are now over 3,000 community playgroups in Australia.

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**Contact Us.**  
For information on playgroups and other early intervention services, contact your State or Territory Playgroup Association: 1800 171 882 (free call)  

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Your Group:

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Egg Hunt & Hat Parade Photos