Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first school term in 2015. My name is Wendy Milburn and I’m relieving for Karen McDonell for the year. My substantive position is Principal at Chalmers Road School in Strathfield which is the same type of school as Broderick Gillawarna School. My teaching career has always been in special education as I have a deep passion and commitment for working with students with special needs and their families to assist them in reaching their potential and independence in life.

I have been warmly welcomed by everyone and right from the first day here, I see the wonderful work all staff do to make BGS such a wonderful place. It is clearly evident, that staff, are committed to providing the best education and opportunity for your child or children. I have thoroughly enjoyed already, seeing some amazing teaching, high student engagement and above all, the enthusiasm and motivation provided by teachers and SLSO’s in the classrooms.

It’s only been 3 weeks and I’m still learning everyone’s names and roles (and getting a few wrong!) and don’t know every student yet, however the level of activity that is occurring across all stages of the school is highly commendable of a school that has set high standards of expectation and education for your child.

I’d like to invite any interested parents to come to the first P&C meeting for the year on Tuesday 3rd March at 9.30am. This is your child’s school and your input into providing the best opportunities for their educational future is encouraged as it is so important. Many activities have already commenced across the school such as swimming, music therapy and Indigenous games. I have met a number of parents already and have been warmly greeted and look forward to meeting many more of you over the next few weeks as you come in for your son and/or daughter’s PLP meetings.

Thank you

Wendy Milburn
Relieving Principal
The students of Senior Carroll 2015 have begun work at school with gusto. We celebrated Australia Day by making our own Australian flags and listening to a Dreamtime Story “ Warnayarra the Rainbow Serpent”. A large Rainbow serpent on the back wall of the classroom was painted and all students decorated the serpent with red, black and yellow hand prints. We are going to add some more lines and dot printing to it. In the story the Rainbow Serpent came to the village in a storm cloud and was so powerful it destroyed the village huts, windmills, water tanks and gardens with its powerful tail. Whenever a storm is building, look carefully in the dark clouds for signs that the Rainbow Serpent is returning. We cut strips of coloured foam and glued them onto some black paper. Now we have lots of Rainbow serpents slithering across the walls of our classroom.

During Literacy sessions we have begun looking at the text “Who Sank the Boat?” This is a story about the animals of Mr Peffer’s farm. One by one they climb into a small boat. The cow is the first to get in, followed by the donkey, sheep and pig. The boat was still floating on the water until the tiny little mouse hopped in. All the animals walked back to the farm wet. We are trying to work out who sank the boat? The students have been placing the animals into the correct order of getting into the boat. We have also been using the animal puppets to try to work out just which animal sank the boat. The students used their hands to mix green, blue and white paint together on their tables and took prints with large sheets of paper. We have begun to make a display of the lake with the boat and all of the animals.

On Tuesday morning all the students in Senior Carroll went swimming for the first time in 2015. The water was great and we all had a good time moving around the pool. We have begun training for the NSW Boccia championships to be held later in the year. Every year a team from Broderick Gillawarna school compete against a number of other schools, but so far we have not been lucky enough to come first. Maybe 2015 will be our lucky year? On Wednesday we all participated in the Indigenous Games session. There were tunnels to crawl through, stepping stones to walk on and hurdles to step over. We also used the outdoor bowling alley to knock over as many pins as we could. A great time was had by all.

So, as you can see, the students of Senior Carroll have been extremely busy in the first week back to school. Keep a look out for the next exciting chapter of Carroll’s Class Capers.
The Parents & Citizens Committee will be holding their first meeting for 2015.

Date: 3rd March 2015          Time: 9.30 am          Where: School Hall

All Parents are welcome

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Cancer Council NSW

The simplest way
to improve the health of your family and save money

Come to our FREE Healthy Lunch Box Session

Date: Wednesday, 18 March
Time: 9am-9:45am
Venue: Broderick Gillawarna School

Eating enough fruit and veg every day can help protect your kids against diseases including some forms of cancer. This popular session run by Cancer Council NSW as part of the Eat It To Beat It program will give you:

- New and exciting ideas for healthy lunch boxes your kids will love
- A Show Bag including a great healthy lunch box kit and planner
- Simple ways to get the whole family eating enough fruit & veg

Don’t miss out - registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 13/3/15 by calling or visiting the school front office.

During 2015 we will be evaluating Healthy Lunch Box sessions with the help of researchers from the University of Sydney. Participation in the evaluation is completely voluntary.

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Eat It To Beat It
**Assisted School Travel Program**

**Parents play an important role in supporting the safe travel needs of their child to and from school.**

To be eligible to apply for ASTP, a student must:
- (list of criteria)

Who approves applications and organizes ASTP?
- (list of criteria)

Complete Part A of the Application for Assisted School Travel form which is available from the ASTP website or ask your child's school principal for a copy.

What additional supports are available?
- (list of supports)

Sometimes a child's travel support needs change. The school, in consultation with you, will complete a Change Request form when this occurs.

What happens if I move?
- (description of process)

What can I do if my application for ASTP services is not approved?
- (description of process)

What are my responsibilities as a parent?
- (description of responsibilities)

Where can I find further information?
- (URLs and contact information)

Further information:
- Assisted School Travel Program
- Contact details
- Website

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