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We believe that education is about children first and foremost. Identifying and developing the whole learner is core to our philosophy. We are advocates of children for children and know that social justice is integral to community success. In our team we know that education makes the difference.

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Community,

What an amazing few weeks we have had here at Briar Road Public School. From NAPLAN to Reconciliation Week we have experienced it all and it has been a wonderful celebration and recognition of the amazing talents of each and every student at our school. This week we celebrated Reconciliation Week and focused on the theme of 'More Than A Word'. The school Aboriginal Education Team did an exceptional job of growing reconciliation across our school and ensuring that the key dates that surround Reconciliation Week are taught explicitly to every student. We got the opportunity to have our community present during our events to help spread the action of reconciliation. Well done to everyone who was involved in the educating, learning, planning and celebrating! Congratulations to the many students that have been representing our school in Gala Sports each term. There is nothing more warming than when I hear from community about how impressed they are with our students and their behaviours when representing our school.

We have had a number of students who have been selected to represent our school at Zone level in their respective sports.

Congratulations to:

- Justin - Regional cross country, touch and league
- Lachlan - Touch
- Bainyn - Touch and rugby league
- Amani - League
- Aynahla - Swimming

There were also over 50 students who attend the Zone Cross Country Carnival. We are super impressed with all of their efforts.

On Friday 28th May myself, Ms Scott and Mr Sampson attended the Macarthur Young Achievers Award where we witnessed two of our wonderful students receive awards. Congratulations Shaelah and Bianca on your wonderful achievements. Your school community is very proud of you. On Monday 3rd June the NSW Department of Education Secretary visited our school to engage with our students and staff. She spoke about what a great feeling the school has and how all our students are known, valued and cared for. It was great recognition for the staff and students and we were so pleased to hear from our newly appointed Secretary.

There has been an increase in antisocial behaviour involving high school students at 3.00pm on the Mamre Crescent side of our school. Campbelltown Police have contacted the school to inform us that they will be increasing patrols in and around the area to ensure that all students and the community remain safe. I encourage parents and community to contact the Police if you witness anything concerning.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" Nelson Mandela

Yours in partnership,

Ms T Anderson

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SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM 2021

### WHAT HAVE THE LEADERS BEEN UP TO?

Last week for Reconciliation Week the school leaders helped to run an assembly and helped share cultural workshops with the infants students. We also had some stage 3 students perform at the Sorry Day event at Mount Annan Botanical Gardens. We ran Traditional Indigenous Games which all students enjoyed. Some of our students went into the city to commemorate the Aboriginal men and women who fought for our country. Congratulations to Justin Wiggins for making it to regional cross country. We are really looking forward to the First Foot Forward excursion next week at Western Sydney University. By Tyleaha and Ebony



"WE AS SCHOOL LEADERS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT 2021!"



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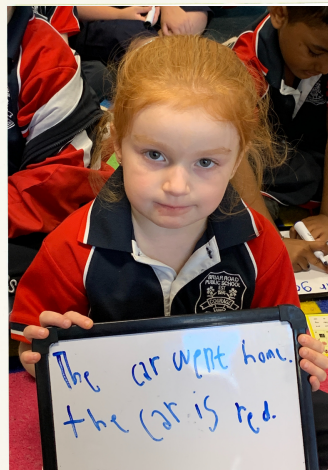
### KJ CLASS NEWS

**10**

## ALL ABOUT THE NUMBER 10 IN KJ

**10**

KJ has been learning so much this term! We have been focusing really hard on learning all our phonemes and writing them with confidence. Students have been concentrating on using their phoneme knowledge to begin writing using the sounds they hear. This has built great confidence in writing independently.



KJ has begun learning 'friends of 10' to assist in addition and subtraction. We have learnt that addition means getting bigger and subtraction means getting smaller. With Mr H, students have been having a great time learning to dance and getting ready for our end of year performance!



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### K/1T CLASS NEWS



**K**icking some goals in k/1t

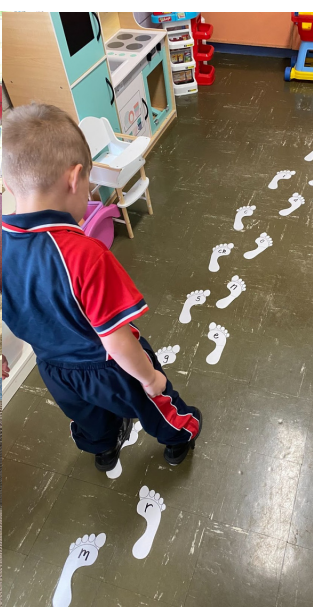


K/1T have settled in wonderfully into their first semester of school! They have been learning many new things in class and have made many new friends. We have been learning our letter sounds to help us in reading and writing. Every week, students from K/1T have worked very hard to bring in things that start with our sound of the week to display on our sound table. This week our sound is 'k' and students have brought pictures and toys of koalas, kangaroos, kitchens, keys and many more 'k' items.



In maths, K/1T have been learning the 'friends of 10' to assist in addition and subtraction with numbers to 10.

Earlier in the term, K/1T participated in the Walk for Autism and we had an awesome day walking for a great cause! We will be making push and pull toys towards the end of the semester and can't wait to share them with you all!



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### MEET OUR CANTEEN LADY



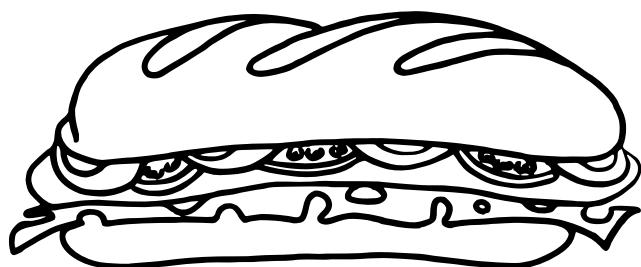
## Mel's Lunchbox

# Rhi



Hi my name is Rhi and I get to serve all the wonderful students at Briar Road. The best thing about Briar has to be how welcoming and together everyone is. No one has ever made me feel out of place. It's like one big family.

99% of the time I am running around to get things ready for the canteen but I am a big supporter of the Penrith Panthers and anything Disney. I also love the outdoors.





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### SCHOOL EVENTS

## Georgina Harrison Visit



Briar Road was honoured to host a visit from Ms Georgina Harrison, who has just been announced as our new Secretary of the NSW Department of Education. Ms Harrison joined us for an assembly to launch our Reconciliation Action Plan. Our Plan was signed by our community representative Wendy Denton, Junior AECG representative Tyleah Thompkins, AECG representative Jason Sampson, and Principal Tammy Anderson. This plan outlines our ongoing commitment to Reconciliation at Briar Road Public School. Ms Harrison enjoyed a tour of our school, meeting our student leaders and community, and a tools and weapons workshop.

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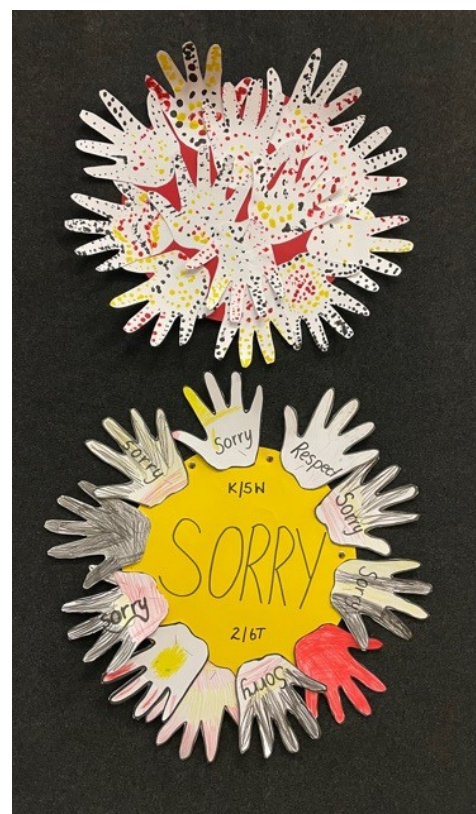
### SCHOOL EVENTS



National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities. Students at Briar Road have learnt about Sorry Day through activities in our classroom. We made Sorry wreaths to display in the hall.



*Sorry Day*  
*2021*





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#### *Reconciliation Week 2021*

This week we learnt, acknowledged, demonstrated and celebrated Reconciliation Week together. At Briar we continuously strive to be a school that demonstrates acts of reconciliation on a daily basis ensuring that our students grow up to be leaders within the community. To all our Elders, parents, family and Aboriginal Education team, we thank you for all your efforts in ensuring that this years Reconciliation Week is more than a word, but something that requires action.

During Reconciliation Week, we enjoyed Indigenous performances by our very own cultural dance groups





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## *Reconciliation Cup 2021*

Students from K-6 participated in the Reconciliation Cup. The students enjoyed playing a range of different Traditional Indigenous Games. The games were a wonderful teaching resource that allowed students to gain an understanding of how Aboriginal people played games in traditional times. Each of the games that they played in traditional times utilised the natural resources of the land. The games were slightly adjusted to include man made resources. Students were involved in a range of locomotor and non-locomotor movements along with fundamental movements that are encourage throughout each of the games. At the end of the games, Briar hosted a teacher's Vs students game of soccer with the students winning. This captured the true spirit of community.



### Koolchee



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### JUNIOR AECG MEMBERS



Aboriginal school leaders and junior AECG members Zayn Muir, Orlando Wright, Iszac Brown and Jordan Burton went with Mr Sampson to the Indigenous Veterans Commemoration Service in Hyde Park, Sydney. The boys helped design and make a wreath with Mrs Thompson, which they laid in front of the a memorial to acknowledge as pay respects to Aboriginal service.





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### ATTENDANCE NEWS

In week 7 we will be celebrating outstanding attendance for our students who reached the attendance target of being at school 90% or more of the time from week 1-5. These students will be celebrating by jumping on the jumping castle! There were 90 students who had 100% attendance between weeks 1-5 and they will be invited to a special pizza party! I would like to congratulate all students who have made improvements in their attendance rates and I look forward to celebrating with all students this week. Just a reminder that the Department of Education Attendance Policy states the following justified reasons for non attendance as:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Any other reason for non attendance will be unjustified. If you are unsure of anything regarding attendance or would like some more information, please contact the school.

#### Week 5

K/1T

3/6M

### Attendance Stars

#### Week 6

5/6D

3/6M





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### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



## Our PBL Focus:

### Week 7:

I can use strategies I have learned to help manage my emotions.

### Week 8:

I can use and show resilience in the classroom.

#### Catch Cards

You were caught being

- ☐ SAFE
- ☐ RESPECTFUL
- ☐ A LEARNER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_



## Catch Card Winners

**Week 6:** K1/T, 3/4D & 1/5W

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- ☐ RESPECTFUL
- ☐ A LEARNER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

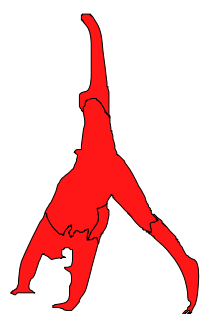
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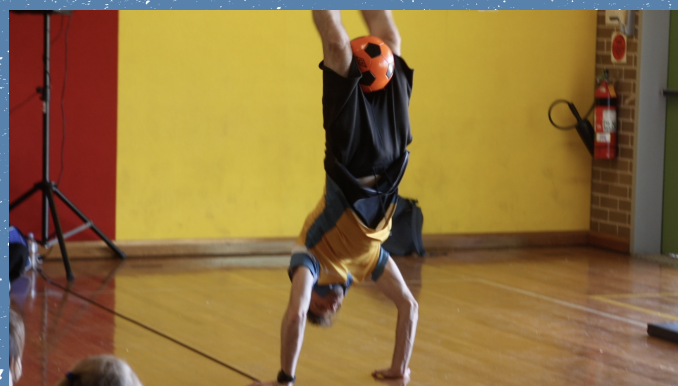
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# *Backflips Against Bullying Incursion*



During our Backflips Against Bullying incursion last week, students were taught the very important message that bullying is not ok. They learnt some practical strategies to use if they are feeling bullied or harassed while getting to watch some amazing acrobatics and tricks.





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### SPORTS NEWS



# Sports News!



## Zone Cross Country

Zone Cross Country - Congratulations to all of our students who represented Briar Road at the recent Zone Cross Country carnival. All students performed to their full potential on the challenging course at Thomas Acres Reserve and demonstrated excellent behaviour! Big congratulations to Justin Wiggins who made it to the Regional Cross Country. We wish Justin all the best as he represents Briar Road and Campbelltown PSSA at the regional cross country.





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## Sports News!



Everyone had a great time at their first gala day this term, behaviour was excellent and all students demonstrated the value of sportsmanship. Term 2 Gala- Please make sure you return your money to the office ASAP. If you participated in the first gala day this term you won't need to bring another note. Payments cannot be accepted the morning of gala.



## ***Congratulations!***

Congratulations to Justin Wiggins, Bainyn Wood and Lachlyn Hansen on being selected to represent Briar Road at the zone PSSA touch championship. We are very proud of their achievements and wish them luck!

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#### Important reminders

**Appointments/Concerns**

If you would like to meet with any of our staff, please call the office to make an appointment.

**Uniform Shop*****Appointments only.***

Please call the office to book an appointment.

**Office Payments**

Eftpos and online

**Asthma Plans/Medical Information**

If your child has Asthma or a medical condition, requiring a healthcare plan, please notify the office so your child's plan can be updated.

**Read & Feed**

Mondays and Fridays @ 8:35am in the Community Room.

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday 9th June** - Regional Cross Country

**Friday 11th June** - Pyjama Day

**Monday 14th June** - Public Holiday

**Friday 18th June** - Gala Day

**Tuesday 21st June** - Parent Dinner

**Friday 25th June** - Last day of Term 2

**Tuesday 13th July** - First day back of Term.



## Library News



### Library Timetable Term 2

**Tuesday:** 3/6M

**Wednesday:** 1/2K, 1/2L, 5/6D, K/1T, 2/6T

(Mobile library-kangaroos & wombats)

**Thursday:** KJ & KB, 2/3J, 3/4S, 1/5W

**Friday:** 3/4D, 5/6S



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#### Seesaw

Thank you so much to all of our families who have downloaded the **Seesaw Family app** and signed up to their children's classes. We hope you are enjoying seeing all of our wonderful work. We are really enjoying seeing all of parent comments and feedback on our students work. Please keep sharing your feedback with our students.

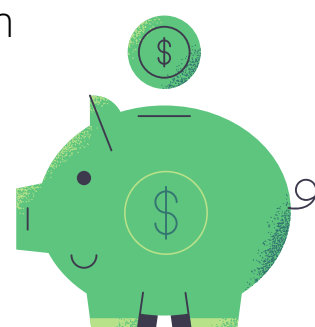
If you haven't signed up for Seesaw yet, or you need any support, please contact the office for assistance. Seesaw is a free app that can be accessed on Apple or Android devices as well as computers. You will need your child's code to sign on to their journal.

#### ***School Banking***

Just a reminder that deposit books need to be handed in to the office by Thursdays. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits.

Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards. If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2021 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit:

**[commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)**



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## Read and Feed

Read and feed is up and running and is a popular start to each Monday and Friday at Briar Road. Breakfast is prepared in the community room and students are given the opportunity to fuel up for the day at the brown seats before they have a morning play.





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## THE BRIAR RD *CAFE!*



EVERY TUESDAY  
FROM 8:30AM - 9:00AM
























*Free coffee*

*Cake and slices*

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TERM 2 CALENDAR 2021					
	MON  Read n Feed	TUES	WED  Student Banking	THUR	FRI  Read n Feed
<b>Week 1</b> 1 April	19th	20th Students return 	21st Drama Choir	22nd	23rd
<b>WEEK 2</b>	26th Dance ANZAC 	27th Mini Fit Kids	28th Drama Choir	29th SRC	30th  Walk for Autism
<b>Week 3</b> 3 May	3rd Dance Newsletter 	4th Mini Fit Kids 	5th Drama Choir Cross Country	6th ECO  Mothers Day Stall	7th Raffle 
<b>Week 4</b>	10th Healthy Deadly Dance 	11th NAPLAN starts Mini Fit Kids	12th Drama Choir Coding Club Gala \$ due	13th SRC	14th <b>Gala Day</b> Walk to safely to school day
<b>Week 5</b>	17th Dance Healthy Deadly	18th Mini Fit Kids	20th Drama Choir Coding Club	21st ECO 	22nd 
<b>Week 6</b>	24th Dance Healthy Deadly Newsletter 	25th Mini Fit Kids PBL Back Flips Against Bullying	26th Drama Choir Coding Club National Sorry Day	27th SRC 	28th
<b>Week 7</b> 7 June	31st Dance Healthy Deadly	1st Mini Fit Kids 	2nd Drama Choir Coding Club	3rd ECO	4th
<b>Week 8</b>	7th Dance Healthy Deadly 	8th Mini Fit Kids	9th Drama Choir Coding Club	10th SRC 	11th 
<b>Week 9</b>	14th Queens B'day Public Holiday 	15th Mini Fit Kids Newsletter Week	16th Drama Choir Coding Club Gala \$ due	17th ECO	18th <b>Gala Day</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	21st Dance 	22nd Mini Fit Kids	23rd Drama Choir Coding Club 	24th SRC	25th Last Day HAPPY HOLIDAYS
<b>Week 11</b>				School Resumes for students Tuesday 13th July	



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## CONTACT NUMBERS

### THARAWAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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FAX Number **02 4627 8066**

PO Box 290 Campbelltown, NSW 2560

### THARAWAL DENTAL CLINIC

Demountable 2 - 187 Riverside Drive,  
Airds NSW 2560 **02 4624 9400**

### THARAWAL SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

187 Riverside Drive, Airds NSW 2560 **02 4624 9430**

### THARAWAL BRIGHTER FUTURES

187 Riverside Drive, Airds NSW 2560 **02 4620 0400**

### OORUNGA WANDARRAH MACS CENTRE

187 Riverside Drive, Airds NSW 2560 **02 4620 0298**

### WARANWARIN THARAWAL CHILD & FAMILY CENTRE

105 Townson Avenue, Minto NSW 2566 **02 9820 7447**

### WARANWARIN FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

105 Townson Avenue, Minto 2566 **02 9820 7447**

### THARAWAL HOUSING OFFICE

187 Riverside Drive, Airds NSW 2560 **02 4628 4837**

Email [housing@tacams.com.au](mailto:housing@tacams.com.au)

#### A BETTER START INITIATIVE



## CARING FOR A CHILD WITH DISABILITY?



#### Would you like information about the supports available to your child?

Carers NSW is inviting you to a free 'Meet and Greet' workshop for parents and guardians of children with disability or developmental delay aged up to 12 years old.

These workshops provide the opportunity for you to access information about supports for you and your child from a range of local speakers, including:

- ECEI partners (0-6 age group NDIS)
- Local Area Coordinators (7+ age group NDIS)
- Disability Advocacy agency
- NSW Department of Education

You will also have the opportunity to have any NDIS questions answered and to meet other families and share experiences.

#### EVENT INFORMATION (2021):

##### WHERE:

Gymea - 15 April  
Liverpool - 27 April  
Ryde - 6 May  
South Coast - 11 May (Online)  
Campbelltown - 25 May  
Grafton - 8 June

##### RSVP:

Registration is essential.  
To register [click here](#).  
Venue details will be provided on confirmation of registration.

A light lunch will be provided.

##### ENQUIRIES:

P: 02 9280 4744  
E: [education@carersnsw.org.au](mailto:education@carersnsw.org.au)

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