



Bribie Island State School

NEWSLETTER Term 2 Thursday 1st May 2014

Students Remember Our Fallen Heroes

Bribie Island State School was recently represented by a group of 15 senior students who were involved in our Community Link Trip to Canberra to commemorate the 99th anniversary of the first landings of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli. Students spent the week learning about Australia's history in war and the development of Australia as a nation.

Students from Bribie Island State School were among 46 students who spent a week in the nation's capital. This week long adventure was part of the Community Link Trip - designed to allow students to march on behalf of fallen veterans and current surviving officers.

Students were privileged to attend the ANZAC day dawn service in the company of 37,000 people. Later that morning, students then represented the Bribie Island Community in the nation's Anzac Day March. One of the students described the trip as "such an amazing and moving experience. It was an honour to March for my grandfather, in remembrance of the great sacrifice he gave." Students spent a day at the Australian War Memorial and were also given the opportunity to learn about Australia's development as a nation with visits to both Parliament house and the Museum of Australian Democracy.

The Bribie Island Sub Branch work tirelessly throughout the year to fundraise money which is used to support this trip. In addition, the **Australian Government contributed \$60 per student through the PACER** (Parliament and Civics Programme) which helps to cover the travel expenses associated with the trip.



Students were also treated to visits to Black Mountain Tower, Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon, The Australian Mint, National Museum of Australia and the National Zoo.

Next year will be the 100th year anniversary and Bribie Island Senior students will be lucky enough to apply to attend this very special event.

Key Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT
<u>MAY</u>	
1	Global Care Free Breakfast
1	2.00pm Volunteer Induction
1	Pride of Workmanship Congratulations to Jayde Coutts
2	SOAR INTO SCHOOL 9.00-10.45am Pre-Prep and Kindy visit
2	Interschool Sport
4 Sunday	Bribie Island State School Working Bee 7am-10am
5	Global Care Free Breakfast
5	Pre-Prep Playgroup 9am-10.30 in Hall
7	School Photo's
7&8	School Banking
8	MOTHERS DAY STALL 9.45am-2.30pm
8	Global Care Free Breakfast
8	Whole School Assembly

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year our school photo's will be held on **WEDNESDAY 7th MAY**. All payment envelopes have been sent home. Payment options will be Correct cash, Credit Card and now BPay. Late payments excepted at no extra charge, **online only**.

Bribie Island State School Working Bee

This Sunday 4th May 7am-10am

Please bring along your shovels, rakes, Wheelbarrows, gloves and gardening tools. We are addressing some maintenance projects around the school. Will be great to see as many families as we can here to help out.

****Please note if raining the event will be Cancelled**



From The Principal's Pentium



Welcome

Term two finds our school heavily involved in many projects and sustained curriculum endeavor. As well our school started term overcoming the damage from the severe storm which knocked down trees and damaged buildings. Work on repairing the junior toilets continues. The storm unfortunately felled or damaged several trees in the school, thanks to BAS and our arborist all rectification work for trees is near complete.

High on our agenda at the end of last term was the Discipline Audit. I have formally received the report from our discipline auditor which I share later in this newsletter. It is a great satisfaction to me that an independent audit of this area of our school is celebrating the success of the hard work so many have put in. Our school-wide focus is making a difference and it is evident. Many thanks to our SWPBS team, led by Kylie Spicer.

Also late last term I managed some disgruntled parents who wished for our school to reverse its decision to host, during school-time, an Easter parade. This was a very challenging time given the broad consultation already had with stakeholders. Through a range of discussions there has been some agreement to include this event in the 2015 calendar, subject to broader parent support in preparation for the event. It is disappointing that such negative publicity, in the social media, can have such an impact on the many wonderful and successful undertakings the school is proud of. I am ever hopeful we can engage all members of our school in celebrating the many areas where we are making difference for the students of Bribie.

Our major activities this term are NAPLAN, Education Week, Soar In To School and end of semester reporting. While NAPLAN is for our year 3, 5 and 7 students we have a whole of school plan around this high stakes testing.

Last week we finalised our school Showcase nomination. We are very proud of all that is being achieved around our focus on An Enriched Education For All and felt it important to let the rest of the educational community know. Whether we are successful or not with our nomination it has been a great exercise, led by Rachel Roebuck, to stop and reflect on all our efforts over the past two and a half years. Should you require a copy of the submission overview we will shortly be adding this to our web page.

Working Bee

On Sunday 4th May we are holding a working bee at school from 7:00am till 10:00am. We look forward to a large team to address some immediate grounds maintenance projects around the school. Please sign in on attendance, bring along some gardening tools including gloves and if possible a **wheel barrow and don't forget your sunscreen. We would love to beat our record participation of 44 from one of our working bees** last year.

Every day counts

Last newsletter I celebrated the success of substantial improvement in student attendance in term one. We are however still short of our 95% attendance goal and strongly encourage all parents to ensure their children attend each and every day. Remember missing just one day a month each year till the end of school is equivalent to missing over half a year of learning opportunities.

Information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html>

NAPLAN

Each and every year our Year Three, Five and Seven students sit the NAPLAN tests in May. This year testing will be held from 13th to 15th of May. All students in the target year levels should sit the test.

Parents wishing to withdraw their children from NAPLAN **under the grounds of 'religious belief' or for 'philosophical objection to testing'** need to complete an Application for NAPLAN Withdrawal. These applications **MUST** be returned by the 9th of May. Please see **your child's class teacher or the office.**

ANZAC Events

Our school ran a successful ANZAC commemoration ceremony at school last Thursday. Students showed deep respect and honoured the purpose of the commemoration. As well we had over 150 students and 25 staff march in the ANZAC parade on the public holiday. We also had a dozen attend the Dawn Service. Thanks to Mrs Woodham for her coordination of these events.

Seniors Camp

Our senior students attended camp earlier in the week and all reports indicate it was successful and a valuable learning experience. Thanks to staff who gave up their time to support the students.

Some Important Dates for Term Two

As it is the start of term I offer the following important dates for events this term.

- Wednesday 30th April Dress in Blue for Autism
- Wednesday 30th April Student Council Meeting
- Thursday 1st May WPH&S and LCC meetings 8:00am Thursday
- Volunteer Induction continues – numerous opportunities
- Thursday 1st May Pride of Workmanship dinner – 6:30pm at the Bribie Hotel – Recognising – Jayde Coutts
- Friday 2nd May and 16th May 8:00am SWPBS meeting
- Friday 2nd May Soar Into School morning 9:00am – 10:45am
- Sunday 4th May Working Bee 7:00am
- Wednesday 7th May School Photos
- Wednesday 7th May and Thursday 8th May **May Mother's Day Stall**
- Monday 12th **May National Volunteer's Week**
- Tuesday 13th – Friday 16th May NAPLAN
- Week commencing 16th May – Book Fair
- Week of 18th – 24th May Education Week
- Week of 19th **May Under 8's Week**
- Tuesday 20th May Caboolture District Cross-Country
- Friday 23rd **May Under 8's Day**
- Tuesday 20th May Walk To School Day
- Wednesday 21st May Next P&C meeting 9:30am

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Some Important Dates for Term Two (Continued)

- Friday 30th May Volunteers High Tea
- Monday 9th June Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 10th, 17th and 24th June – Parenting Workshop 123 Magic
- Thursday 12th June End of Term Disco
- Wednesday 18th June Senior Athletics Field Events
- Thursday 19th June Senior Athletics Track
- Friday 20th June Junior Athletics Track
- Week of 23rd June NAIDOC celebrations
- Tuesday 24th June Bribie Academy Day
- Wednesday 25th June Report Cards sent home
- Thursday 26th June Spirit of Bribie ceremonies

Have a great term

Paul Pickering
Principal

DISCIPLINE Audit

Date of Audit: 24 March 2014

Executive Summary- Bribie Island SS

Background:

Bribie Island SS is located approximately 88 kilometres from Brisbane Central Business District, providing learning to the community since 1924. The school currently offers educational programs for students from Prep through to Year 7 with a current enrolment of 686 students. The Principal, Mr Paul Pickering, was appointed in 2012.

Commendations:

- ✓ The Principal and School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) committee are driving an explicit, detailed and positive approach to managing student behaviour. This agenda is couched in terms of high standards, clear expectations of student behaviour and a rigorous consistent approach to the processes of recording and tracking data.
- ✓ There is a deliberate strategy of building leadership capacity to strengthen decision making and ownership of processes and programs.
- ✓ There is consistency of practice and a commitment by teachers to the explicit teaching of appropriate behaviour. The weekly lesson plans and power points which have been developed by committed staff members support the practice.
- ✓ The school has conscientiously collected data about positive and negative occurrences of behaviour. This fortnightly analysis determines the whole school focus.
- ✓ There is a strong sense of wellbeing among staff members and students. Students speak fondly of a caring school and caring teachers.
- ✓ The school provides significant opportunities for parents to learn about behavioural support parenting strategies.

Affirmations:

- ✓ A vibrant Chaplaincy program exists at the school and there are numerous programs and clubs for students to participate in outside the classroom.
- ✓ On enrolment, parents are given a detailed explanation of the behaviour expectations and processes for rewarding and tracking behaviour.
- ✓ The standard of behaviour in classrooms is good and students are respectful and engaged in learning.
- ✓ The Junior Secondary action plan includes opportunities for the successful Years 6 and 7 transition into secondary school. These include subject specialised teaching and transition days.
- ✓ Staff members and parents tell stories of changing behavioural and attitudinal reform by students which allow them to re-engage in their learning.

Recommendations:

- ✓ Continue to review and define, amongst school leaders and staff members, the common principles that underpin the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students (RBPS).
- ✓ Develop criteria for making judgments about A-E behaviour and effort standards for consistency during moderation.
- ✓ **Provide regular opportunities to actively engage the full range of parent representatives in reviewing the school's approach** to behaviour management.
- ✓ **Continue to build classroom teachers' capacity to collect, analyse, interpret and act on student data, in order to frequently** and independently support students in terms of their attendance, behaviour and learning.
- ✓ Consider revisiting the branding for the middle school learner.
- ✓ Clarify process for communication and obtaining immediate support for individual students from class to office.

Bribie Island State School Social Media Network

You can now get regular updates by viewing the following:

- ◆ **Bribie Island State School WEBSITE:** <https://bribislass.eq.edu.au>
- ◆ **Qschools mobile App**
- ◆ Follow us on **TWITTER @BribieIslandSS**
- ◆ Find us on **FACEBOOK** search: **Bribie Island State School**
- ◆ Find us on **FACEBOOK** search: **Bribie Island State School P & C**

From the Deputy's Desk

Welcome everyone to Term 2 at Bribie Island State School. On Thursday we held our school ANZAC ceremony which was a top quality commemoration event. Thank you to everyone that was able to share this with us. As always we had a strong community turn out and the feedback from our special guests, family and friends was excellent. Our students set a very high standard of respectful behaviours at the event. Congratulations to our school representatives for successfully conducting the ceremony and for the amazing organisation by Mrs Woodham to make the afternoon such a success.

Thank you also to everyone that supported our school at the Bribie Island RSL ANZAC march and ceremony on ANZAC day. It was great to see our school strongly represented at the march. Our students should be proud of their spirit and dedication to our community. Well done.

NAPLAN tests begin across the country for years 3,5,7 beginning Tuesday 13th May. We aim to provide the best conditions for all students to achieve their best in these tests. If you would like further information on the NAPLAN tests please see your teacher.

Thanks to the increasing numbers of parent volunteers for the wonderful job they do in improving learning outcomes for our students. We now have well over 80 volunteers that have completed our induction program. We would encourage more volunteers to make this step and help make a difference to students' lives. Just drop into our office for more information.

It is also important for all students to **be safe** when travelling to and from school. We ask that you remind children to bike safely to school and be aware of pedestrians during their travel. We also ask that parents remind all children to bring hats to school to ensure that everyone is sun safe. Please also remember that dogs are not permitted on school grounds when dropping off or collecting students to / from school.

Well done to all our senior school students for their conduct and participation in our weekly interschool sports program. We are now in the last few weeks of this program and can reflect on some outstanding team performances and sportsmanship. Our school is renowned for our prowess on the sporting field. I am sure we will have a safe and productive term and as always, welcome your constructive feedback as to how we can best support our students.



Yours in Education,

Adrian Smith
Deputy Principal



From the Tuckshop ladies

Sandy & I would like to thank everyone for their support during our first term as the new tuckshop conveners, we are enjoying our new position & hope that our food is enjoyed by staff & students.

There have been some slight changes in our menu for term 2 so please make sure you take notice of the correct food for each day.

To help us make things run smoothly we would like all tuckshop orders to be in by 9.30am each morning.

Thank you and please come and see us if you have any questions.

Kyllie & Sandy



Our School Library

Bribie Island State School is organising a book fair for Education Week this year. More information will be provided at a later date.

Mrs Aczel our Librarian has placed a suggestion box in the library for parents or students that would like particular books or Authors to be made available.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our library please call in and see **Mrs Karena Aczel** or **Mrs Natasha Leach**.

Dental Van News

With the introduction of the Child Dental Benefit scheme the usual process for seeing patients has had to be altered to better suit families of our clients. We have made New Dental forms and encourage parents to contact the dental van based at **Bribie Island High** by phoning **0412 369 334** so a suitable appointment can be arranged.

NEW DENTAL FORMS

Please see Amanda or Deb at the **Bribie Island State School** office for the new dental forms.

***Please note: The dental forms will not be sent home you must approach the office or dental van if your child or children require treatment or call 0412 369 334 for more information.**



Yours in Dental,
The girls in the van

Global Care Breakfast Program

Global Care is an organisation which successfully provides a healthy breakfast meal for free for our students every **Monday and Thursday morning from 8am-8.45am** in the hall.



Brian Bee says, Remember to:

- 1. BE SAFE**
- 2. BE RESPECTFUL**
- AND**
- 3. BE AN ACTIVE LEARNER**

AAMI HORSE PAINTING COMPETITION

Over the past two months an excited and enthusiastic group of students have been creating a masterpiece. They have been designing and painting a full size model of a horse for a competition run by the Brisbane Turf Club. Several students from Year 4 to Year 7 contributed design ideas, from which elements were taken and combined into the final design which was painted on the model. The work was created during class time as well as during breaks.

The theme of the design was *"This is the moment we salute past champions"* and inspiration could be drawn from the name, appearance, races, race courses, jockeys, owners or trainers. Our chaplain Mr Piva reminded us that we had our own champion right here. WOORIM is a champion owned by Bribie residents so was a perfect choice for our design.

The painting had to be completed by April 28 and the model was collected on the next day to go back to Eagle Farm. Judging takes place on June 3 during a Breakfast with the Stars at the racecourse. The painted horses are judged on Visual appeal and design, Creativity and originality, Relevance to the theme and a Description of the design creation and story. Our students really enjoyed this project and I would like to congratulate them on their creativity and dedication to this project.

Mrs Thornely



BRIBIE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL PRE-PREP PLAYGROUP

When: Monday mornings (School Terms only)

Time: 9am to 10.30am

Where: In the foyer of the school hall

Cost: Free!

Playgroup is run by the school in conjunction with the Caboolture Early Years Centre.

For enquiries please call the office on
3400 2333.

We look forward to seeing you there .

Student Banking

Student Banking is every **WEDNESDAY**

If your are interested in your child starting School Banking please go to the P & C room on a **Wednesday** morning to speak with **Marcia** or phone **3400 2308.**

Second Hand Uniform donations

If any families are able to help with donations of second hand uniforms or second hand black shoes, donations to help Mr Piva's supply of second hand uniforms are always happily accepted at the school office.

Thank you all once again for your support.

Ken Piva
School Chaplin

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 9.30am

Winter Jackets now in stock \$35 each

For any inquiries regarding UNIFORMS please call into the PARENT ROOM or contact Carolyn or Sharon on **3400 2308.**

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR KIDS TO BE SKILLED AND ACTIVE IN SPORTS AND GAMES?

The Australian Government's Active After-school Communities (AASC) program is a national initiative that provides primary school children with access to free sport and other physical activity programs in the after-school time slot of 3.15pm to 4.15pm. The program aims to engage children through a positive and fun experience to develop a love of sport that inspires them to join a local sporting club.

Coaching activities this term are golf skills and multi-sports skills.

Other coaching skills programs that may be available in future terms include triathlons, AFL, athletics, hockey, baseball, tennis and cricket. More sports are being added to this list each term. Coaching is provided by a registered Queensland coach with supervision provided by a Bribie Island State School staff member. Prior to the start of the coaching session each week, the children will be offered a choice of fruit.

The cornerstone of the AASC program is the involvement of the local community in the delivery of the program. This involvement offers opportunities to support and strengthen community cohesion and development.

Keep an eye out for enrolment forms from your child/ren with details of what, when and where the next coaching skills programs will be offered. Make sure you are quick to respond as there are limited positions available for participants.

For more information please see **Mr Stephen Nicholson** in the HIVE.



BUSY FINGERS

Bribie Island State School would like to thank **BUSY FINGERS** for their ongoing generous support to our school.

Donations are needed at Busy Fingers. Please donate any household furniture or second hand clothes to Busy Fingers. All furniture can be picked up for free from your home. Please contact Busy fingers on **3408 1014** to arrange your pick up.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

P & C Report

Hi all,

Firstly I would like to welcome everyone back from their Easter Holidays and trust that you all had a good one.

This Sunday we will have a working bee at the school from 7.00am to 10.00am. Hopefully we will have many hands on deck to give our sole groundsman Graham a well deserved hand. A sausage sizzle will be provided. Also don't forget our **Adopt a Garden Program** if you would like to take it that one step further.

I would also like to thank again Sandy and Kyllie for coming in on the holidays after the storms on Bribie, to ensure that we didn't lose any stock in tuckshop due to the power outage. Thank you, thank you, thank you. If you should have any free time and would like to volunteer in the tuckshop, the door is always open and appreciated, we really can't do it without our volunteers especially the ones that constantly give up their free time for the sake of our children.

The uniform shop is, as always a well oiled machine so thank you Sharon, and hopefully we will have some exciting news about uniforms to come in the months ahead.

Upcoming events:

- **Mother's Day stall 7th and 8th may**
- **Football raffle tickets still available from the P & C office.**
- **P & C meeting Wednesday 23rd May 9.30am**

P & C meetings

The forum of P & C meetings forms a critical part of consultation with our school community. The P & C uses the newsletter to share information. Please read it to ensure you have accurate information. Issues borne out of ignorance cause great damage to our school's reputation in the wider community so please ensure you are an informed parent. Discussions at length will be held at our next general meeting on **Wednesday 23rd May 9.30am** and again on the following meeting in June around next year's fete.

P & C meetings are the most effective forum to have your opinion heard and where we openly discuss and make decisions on issues regarding our school and students.

Regarding the 2015 school fete, the final decision will be made at our June meeting, the date and time of which will be published in the school newsletter and on the P & C Facebook page.

Next year, 2015, is the year of our next school fete. Over the years our fetes have been plagued with problems due to lack of volunteer assistance and organisation.

10 is the minimum number of volunteer organisers required to make a fete possible in addition to our current complement of executive P & C members. As well another 25 - 30 volunteers will be required to man stalls in rotation and assist in other essential areas on the day.

The booking for the carnival rides needs to be made this year to secure our preferred date. All other coordination needs to begin this year also. This is why we need to have an open and honest discussion about our ability to achieve this. At present we have 7 active members of our P&C and this is not enough to organise a fete as well as carry on with this year's planned events and the day to day running of the association.

We will need to have each of the fete committee volunteer positions filled by July this year if the school community wants a fete in 2015. Without this commitment we will need to explore other ideas for a major fundraising event.

Fete Positions Required

1. Fete coordinator to liaise with fundraising coordinator
2. Groundsmen liaison
3. Publicity incl. banners coordinator
4. Rides liaison
5. Outside Stall holder liaison
6. Volunteers coordinator
7. Teacher/class stall liaison
8. Pricing and signage liaison
9. Entertainment liaison
10. Catering coordinator.

If you are willing and able to fill any of these volunteer positions please contact the P&C Office on 2300 3408 or email pandc@bribislass.eq.edu.au.

2014 fundraising activities already include scholastic book club, Mother's Day stall, Father's Day stall, Christmas stall, walkathon, 4 discos and we assist Mrs Aczel with the book fair. We also apply for many grants and external funding opportunity for specific projects such as playgrounds. Family Fun Day 2014 is also dependant upon additional volunteers to help us achieve this.

As you can see we are already a busy little group of volunteers!

Have a good fortnight,

Brendan Smith
President