



Bribie Island State School

NEWSLETTER Term 1 Thursday 6th February 2014



What better way to start the year with celebrating the start of the school year with birthday's!

Mr Pickering has a small gift for any student that is celebrating their Birthday at school.

Key Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	
6	Full school Parade 2pm
7	Let's Read Parent Workshop
10	Global Care Free Breakfast
11	Pre Prep Playgroup
11	Parent Meet & Greet/BBQ
12	Caboolture District Swimming Carnival
13	Global Care Free Breakfast
13	Full school Parade 2pm STUDENT LEADERS CEREMONY
14	Let's Read Parent Workshop
19	P & C AGM 7pm BI SS Staffroom
27	Full school Parade 2pm

Parent Meet & Greet / BBQ Tuesday 11th February 4:45pm-7:00pm

Bribie Island State School is proud to have strong communications with all families. Please come along and learn about what your child/children's teachers have planned for your child's schooling year ahead. Please read below for you child/children's meeting times and venues.

After the classroom information session of each year level, please come to the undercover area and meet your child's teacher for a casual chat around the BBQ and enjoy a free sausage sizzle with your family.

Prep - Yr 2 (4:45pm- 5:30pm)

Prep parents please meet in your child's individual classroom

Yr 1 parents please meet in 1C classroom

Yr 2 parents please meet in 2A classroom

Parents in Yr1/2A will meet after the sessions in Mrs Thomas Classroom.

Yrs 3-5 (5:30pm-6:15pm)

Yr 3 parents please meet in 3A classroom

Yr 4 parents please meet in 4B classroom

Yr 5 Parents please meet in 5B classroom

Parents in Yr 3/4A will meet at 3/4A classroom with Miss Coker Classroom at 5.30pm

Yrs 6-7 (6:15pm- 7:00pm)

Senior class parents please meet in the combined classrooms of Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Hayward.

Student Absence Line: 3400 2366 EVERYDAY COUNTS



From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to beautiful Bribie Island State School for 2014. This year has started a little more sedately than the storm affected commencement to 2012 and 2013. Classes and students seem very settled. Students are proudly dressed in the school uniform, including black shoes, school hat and Bribie shirts. I have massive expectations for 2014 as we continue on our improvement agenda.

Classes and Enrolments

Our school is continuing to experience considerable enrolment growth as more and more families are making the choice to send their children to this fabulous school. As of today we have 688 students enrolled. This number gives us a couple of larger class sizes, which we are supporting in additional ways. With 27 classes our school is a busy and energetic place.

Staffing

We welcome several new members to our school staff. Some have worked here previously. Please make them welcome. This includes: Adrian Smith (Deputy Principal), Robyn Brown, Belinda Gulwell and Stephen Nicholson (all in our SEP), Nadene Warren (1A), Ben Newton (5C) and Alicia Ninnes (Instrumental Instructor- Strings). Also, we welcome back Mrs Owtrim from her leave. A full list of staff will be provided in our next newsletter.

Student Resources – Books etc

It is imperative that students have the resources they need to fully participate in the offered instruction program at Bribie. This year parents have been asked to purchase these items themselves. Local newsagents have the school booklist should you require. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure the items listed in the booklist are provided for their child. Children without items cannot fully participate in the offered educational program, feel left out and can suffer negative thoughts around their education. If you are having concerns or issues please discuss these with your class teacher.

As well the school asks parents to pay two amounts to the school. Details of these payments are listed in the table below. Amounts differ per year level.

HIRE ITEMS —items provided by school. Prices Include GST							
Item required	Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6/7
Art Smock (\$3.00 / year / student)	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00				
Atlas—Jacaranda Primary Atlas Australian Curriculum Edition (\$3.00 / year / student)		\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Calculator—Sharp EL 231 LB (\$3.00 / year / student)		\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Oxford Australia Integrated School Dictionary/Thesaurus (\$3.00 / year / student)		\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Jolly Phonics Publications - Cost of resources provided by school (\$15.00 / year / student)	\$15.00	\$15.00					
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS —items provided by school. Prices include GST							
Contribution and covers Photocopying, Tissues, Technology, & General Consumable Resources. Payment schemes are available, contact the office.	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$66.00
School Magazine—Distributed in December (includes GST)	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00

Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet Tuesday 11th February 4:45pm—7:00pm

I truly value the important relationship between parents and their child's class teacher. This is the most crucial relationship in scaffolding a child's learning opportunities. To support the development of this important relationship we will be holding a parent / teacher meet and greet. This year will be run on similar grounds to last year.

All teachers will be available on the one evening—Tuesday 11th February— according to the roster (below). A free sausage sizzle will be run near the tuckshop, with drinks on sale. The sausage sizzle will run for the duration of the evening, prior to and after the formal class meetings. Teachers will make themselves available around the BBQ to meet any parents who could not make their session listed below:

Prep, Year One, and Year Two classes from 4:45pm—5:30pm

Year Three and Year Four classes from 5:30pm—6:15pm

Year Five and Senior (Year Six / Seven) classes from 6:15pm—7:00pm

These are general information sessions. If you require a specific meeting about your child I encourage you to arrange a formal meeting with your child's class teacher at a mutually agreed time.

Great Results Guarantee

The State Government has announced additional funding for schools. In 2014 this looks like being over \$160,00.00 of benefit for our school. This is great news and will certainly help our school of achieving our goal of an **Enriched Education For All**.

The funding is aligned to Year P – 2 and the outcomes of the Year Three NAPLAN test. Particularly the funding is there to ensure students who are unable to reach the National Minimum Standard on this test are provided individual support plans and adequate resourcing to assist their needs.

We are hopeful that all levels of Government will fully implement the Gonski recommendations and that we will see further funds sent direct to schools, especially Primary schools and especially targeting our year 3 – 6 age group and those in low socio-economic environments.

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Adopt-a-Garden – Bribie’s Garden Army

Our school proudly presents an environmentally friendly school. To achieve this over the years 51 gardens have been established around the school. Our tireless groundsman Mr Mc does a great job in maintaining our whole school yet I am seeking your support to help lessen his load by asking staff and families aid our school to join our **Adopt-a-Garden** program.

We already have our Tidy Turtle program where classes assist to keep clean and maintain areas of the school. The **Adopt-a-Garden** program is seen to supplement these efforts.

This would be a great way for you and your family to support our school, model a caring and committed attitude to the school for your children and brighten up some of the more needed areas of our beautiful school. This could be a before or after school project and while possibly a bigger project initially it would be generally easier as time goes on and the established garden becomes easier to manage. Tasks you may like to do if you volunteered could include: weeding, mulching, trimming, planting and generally maintaining the garden. We would set up a store of gardening resources for you to access and would only require you to sign in when at school to commit to safe practices.

If you would like to be part of our Garden Army please make time to see me at school and we can discuss the allocation of one of our 51 gardens to you and your family.

Student Leaders Investiture

On assembly on **Thursday 13th February** we will be including our Student Leaders Investiture in our program. Our elected leaders will be provided their badges and certificates by local councillor Gary Parsons.

Unique Programs to Bribie

2014 will see our school investing in many quality, unique and specific programs aimed at improving student outcomes. On top of what we are already delivering you will in 2014 see and hear about:

Upper 2 Bands Project – During term one a small group of 10 – 12 Year 5 students are engaging in weekly on line learning through Brisbane Distance Education.

Success School Project – During semester one a whole of school focus on reading and in particular in the area of interpreting text will occur.

Great Results Guarantee Project – With additional funding received our school will be implementing many strategies to further assist in improving student outcomes. While planning is still underway this may include: additional staff (Teacher and Teacher Aides), additional training (staff, volunteers and parents), additional resources, more technology support, focused professional development for staff and explicit intervention work with students.

Enrichment Program – In delivering on our goal of **An Enriched Education For All** in week four we will commence our whole of school Enrichment afternoon each and every Wednesday from 2:00pm. There will be a vast range of enhanced learning opportunities for all students through-out the school.

Deadly Choices – External providers will be in our school in term one for year 4-5 and term four for year 6-7 Indigenous students. This program over 7 weeks will seek to improve many areas of cultural awareness, social skills, personal health and educational outcomes for these students.

P & C AGM Wednesday 19th February 7:00pm

The P & C is eager to get started and will meet for their AGM on Wednesday 19th February at 7:00pm. We are looking for new faces to help the hard working team to support the school, step into some vacant roles and assist in the many initiatives being undertaken.

Uniform and Dress Code

Bribie Island has a proud history of maintaining excellence in presentation. I encourage all parents to ensure their children attend school in the appropriate uniform. So far presentation has been of a high quality with much school pride on show. Our school uniform shop is open to assist.

Personal Belongings—Mobile Phones, Scooters and Skateboards.

I would like to remind parents and students of the following processes for these items at Bribie Island State School.

Mobile Phones—Students who bring Mobile Phones to school **MUST** leave these in the office for safe keeping. It is not permitted for Students to have mobile phones in school during the day.

Scooters and Skateboards—Should students bring scooters or skateboards to school they **MUST** store these items in the bike racks. It is a personal choice to bring such items to school and it is not the responsibility of the office or class teachers to store these items. Knowing such items are to be stored in the bike racks should inform the safety and security decision of whether to bring these items to school.

I look forward to a tremendous 2014 as work together to provide the best opportunities for all at Bribie Island State School.

Paul Pickering
Principal

From The Deputy’s Desk



Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Welcome back to school for 2014. As you would be aware, I am new to Bribie State School but not new to the Deputy Principal position. I have spent time in numerous schools, the most recent being Morayfield State School, Thursday Island Primary Campus and Tullawong State School. I am delighted to be here and look forward to meeting and working with our families. I would like to thank all the parents, students and staff that have supported me in settling into the school, the welcome has been very warm.

The first few weeks have been busy but very rewarding and enjoyable. I’ve been extremely impressed with the way students have settled down into their new classes. Here we are at the beginning of Week 2 and classes have already settled into good classroom routines and practices to enable learning. During the next few weeks teachers will be reinforcing our school rules – Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be an Active Learner. It would be great if parents can employ this same language at home in developing positive behaviours in our children.

Year 7 Mapleton Camp is fast approaching and we will be requiring a deposit in the coming weeks. It would be fantastic to see all the Senior students participating in this challenging camp that requires students to step outside their comfort zones and develop their leadership skills. Please talk to your children as they are all encouraged to attend as part of the school program.

Adrian Smith
Deputy Principal

P&C Association

Hello everyone,

AGM

Our Annual AGM will be held **Wednesday 19th February at 7pm** in the Staffroom (Top of the Administration Block).

All positions will be vacant and nominations are being sort for the following: **President, Vice President x2, Secretary and Treasurer**. All other positions such as Coordinators will also be voted on the night.

Everyone is welcome to attend and become a member

STUDENT BANKING

Urgent: We are in need of volunteers for banking co-ordinators to assist in processing the student banking - the more the merrier. If you are interested in helping out please call into the Parent Room or phone us on 3408 2308. Our school banking can not proceed without a coordinator.

School Banking is growing every week, with lots of students saving their money. We would like to acknowledge the Commonwealth Bank as they donate a percentage of money banked back to the P&C to support our school. We would like to thank Kylie McDonnell for her contribution over the past years and wish her well in her new job.

TUCKSHOP

Welcome to Sandy and Kylie as our Tuckshop convenors for 2014.

Online ordering now available. Please go to www.flexischools.com.au this is a 24/7 service and advance ordering can be made.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open everyday from 8.30am-9.30am

P&C Committee

SWPBS

(School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)



Hi! I'm Brian Bee.
Over the holidays, I
had a makeover. You
will see me everywhere
at Bribie Island SS.

A huge thank-you to Ken Piva for drawing our new Brian Bee and Sheryl Dean for converting it to clipart.

How can you help your child follow the school rules?



- Remind your child to go directly to the Music Room if they arrive at school before 8:30.
- Talk to your child about walking through the school.
- If your child goes on a bus, talk to them about walking to the bus line, standing quietly and how to behave on the bus.



- Talk to your child about manners and speaking nicely to everyone.
- Remind them to listen to adults and follow instructions.
- Encourage your child to keep their school grounds tidy.



- Have all of your child's equipment so they can be organised and ready to go each day
- Talk to them about being confident to ask questions or ask for help during class.
- Encourage your child to do their best and put in 100% effort.

COMMUNITY LINK TRIP 2014

The Bribie Island RSL Community Link is organising an excursion to Canberra for students of Bribie Island S.S, Banksia Beach S.S and Bribie Island S.H.S to march in the National Anzac Day Parade on behalf of our departed soldiers. Expressions of interest are due by **Friday the 7th February**. Successful applicants will be notified shortly thereafter.

2013 School Encore Magazine

Copies of the 2013 Encore Magazine are available for sale in the school office for \$12.00

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

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

Busy fingers are located at: **38 Cotterill Ave, Bongaree.**

Opening times: Monday– Friday 8.30am—3pm

Saturday's 8am—12pm

School Attendance Awards

Regular attendance at school is essential to students achieving their full potential. Bribie Island State School is committed to promoting the attendance of all students.

Attendance awards are awarded to celebrate the classes with the highest attendance and the most improved attendance each fortnight. Classes will be presented with attendance trophies at each parade. Individual students who achieve a 95% attendance rate during the term will go in the draw for a \$100 toy voucher.

Attendance Award



The winning class for Outstanding Attendance during weeks 1 & 2 will be announced in Week 4.

The winning class for Most Improved Attendance during weeks 1 & 2 will be announced in Week 4.

Keep up the great work with your attendance students.

Attendance Award



Tidy Turtle Award

The first impression made by our school is the grounds.

We are working together as a school to cut down on the amount of litter we see lying around. Each class is responsible for looking after a small area in the school and ensuring it is rubbish free.

The Tidy Turtle will be awarded on parade for classes that score highly for their area.

The winner for Weeks 1 & 2 will be announced in Week 4.

Keep up the great work students!!



Student Banking

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We are seeking a School Banking Coordinator, please contact us on 3400 2308 if you are able to volunteer for this rewarding role.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday - Friday:

8.30am - 9.30am

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



Bribie Island State School A Great Place to Be!

Every Day Counts! Come every day!

Attendance Awards



Every fortnight, the class with the **BEST attendance** receives a certificate and a trophy on parade!

Every fortnight, the class with the **MOST IMPROVED** attendance receives a certificate and trophy on parade!

If YOU attend school 95% of the time, you will have your name placed in a draw at the end of the term for the chance to win an **AMAZING PRIZE!**



Brian Bee says, Remember to:

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

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-8.50am** in the hall.



Check out

Bribie Island State School Social Media Network

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Remember to view our newsletters and all our up and coming school events on our school website

<https://bribiclass.eq.edu.au>

**Follow us on
TWITTER
@BribieIslandSS**

**Find us on FACEBOOK
Bribie Island State School**

**Find us on FACEBOOK
Bribie Island State School P & C**

Caboolture Bmx Club

Caboolture Bmx Club is holding a **COME AND TRY DAY** on 9th February 9am-11am at the Bmx Track at Centenary Lakes Sport Complex.

Bmx is a fast paced exciting sport. So get on your bike and head to the track. Participants require long pants and shirt, enclosed shoes, helmet and gloves if possible. The club has limited helmets and gloves available to use on the day. Come down and join in the fun. If you require more information please phone 07 5428 6233



Bribie Island Junior Rugby League Club

Sign On Dates:

**Friday 7th Feb: 5pm -7pm
Sarurday 15th Feb: 8:30am -1pm**

Training: Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 4:30pm (Depending on age group)

Address: First Ave, directly across from the CALTEX service station.

Find us on face book for more information.

Volunteers

On Wednesday the 5th of February, we saw our first group of keen volunteers complete their annual Induction training. We have a dedicated team that work tirelessly to improve the outcomes of all students.

We would love to welcome all parents into our team. If you would like to help our tuckshop ladies, join the P and C, assist in classrooms or our school library, please contact Allison Lutton on alutt6@eq.edu.au or contact the school office.

If you are interested in volunteering in our school please attend one of the following Induction Sessions:

- ◆ Friday 7th February 2pm Arts and Tech Room
- ◆ Monday 10th February 2pm Arts and Tech Room
- ◆ Wednesday 12th February 2pm Arts and Tech Room

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, please contact me to arrange an alternate time.



Our first group of keen volunteers sharing morning tea after their annual Induction Training.

Let's Read

Let's Read is a fantastic early literacy initiative that promotes reading with children. A big thank you to our P and C for funding this initiative at Bribie Island State School. All of our prep students were lucky enough to receive a Let's Read pack which comprised of a DVD, book, reading tips and suggested reading books. We look forward to seeing our prep parents on Friday the 7th of February at 9 am as we provide a Let's Read information session.



Prep 1 with their Let's Read bags.

Tips to Get Back Into The School Routine

Come on, admit it. You intended to keep a schedule, but during the holidays when the kids slept in you liked the extra quiet time. Not living by the clock was a refreshing change of pace, but school has started and you know the kids and you need to be back in the groove.

First, let me assure you, it's healthier to have a flexible schedule than a rigid one. So have no guilt about your Christmas holiday schedule. Just realize that the school schedule is a big change and you may need to assist the children in making the transition.

Like so many things in life, back-to-school time is an exercise in regaining balance. So here are some tips for making the transition a little smoother:

1. Have the children wake up a little earlier each day, until they are regularly getting up with time to prepare for school.
2. Make a conscious effort to re-establish regular mealtimes and talk about their day.
3. Teach your children how to plan and pack a healthy lunch so they (and you) can be more independent. Brainstorm lists of the healthy foods they like. Children can choose one item from each category to create a variety of healthy balanced lunches. If they really want something unhealthy, limit it to one item each week, so it's a special treat, not an everyday food.
4. Take them grocery shopping so they can pick out healthy foods for their lunch. The more children are involved and making choices, the fewer power struggles you'll get into. They will also establish healthier habits and lifestyles, which will follow them into their adult years.
5. Have them plan a way to remember their homework, lunch and backpacks each day. Also, when they will do their homework, play, eat, and do other activities. Lists and schedules placed in highly visible places such as the fridge or next to the bedroom door help.
6. Encourage them to organize their own bags. Again, this is their responsibility. Provide the necessary supplies so they can be organized. You can tell them what you would do, but need to let them figure out what works for them.
7. Have school items ready.
8. Have children choose no more than two after-school activities per season, so they don't overdo themselves. Maintaining balance requires setting priorities and making choices.

Are you seeing some patterns in these tips? Effective transitions happen gradually and help children manage change. By involving them in the planning and giving them choices you provide about how the change occurs, they will manage the transition and change better. They'll also learn important life skills and be more independent, responsible and confident.

Adapted from Parenttoolshop.com

Wishing you an exciting school year! **Russell Perry, Guidance Officer**

Bribie Island State School Tuckshop Menu

Warm Meals First Break Only

Monday

Hot Dog with Sauce <i>tomato or BBQ</i>	\$3.50
Homemade Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Chicken Nuggets <i>Bag of 5</i>	\$3.50

Tuesday

Homemade Lasagne	\$3.50
Homemade Pizza	\$4.50
<i>BBQ chicken, Ham, Cheese & Pineapple or Ham & Cheese</i>	
Homemade Potato Bake	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets <i>Bag of 5</i>	\$3.50

Wednesday

Party Pies <i>Bag of 2</i>	\$2.50
Hot Dog with sauce <i>tomato or BBQ</i>	\$3.50
Homemade Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Chicken Nuggets <i>Bag of 5</i>	\$3.50

Thursday

Sushi	\$4.50
Fried Rice	\$3.50
Shepherd's Pie	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets <i>Bag of 5</i>	\$3.50

Friday

Chicken and Gravy Roll	\$4.00
Homemade cheese burger	\$4.00
Homemade chicken burger	\$4.00
<i>With salad</i>	\$4.50
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Chicken Nuggets <i>Bag of 5</i>	\$3.50

Tasty Treats

Red Rock Deli chips	\$1.50
<i>Salt, Honey soy, salt & vinegar, BBQ</i>	
Muffins	\$1.00
Boiled egg	\$1.00
Whole piece of seasonal fruit	\$1.00
Pikelets	\$1.00
Apple slinky	\$1.20
Slinky your apple	\$0.20

Chilled Snacks

All Natural Ice Blocks	\$2.00
<i>Choose from Mango split, fruit & juice, choc milk, cola, lemonade and raspberry.</i>	
Boysenberry frozen yoghurt	\$2.00
Fruit Trio Ice Blocks	\$1.00
Choose from watermelon, orange or apple.	
Small juice cups	\$0.20

Breakfast

Bacon & cheese-muffin	\$1.50
Cup of seasonal fruit	\$2.00
Hashbrown	\$1.00

Sandwiches/Wraps

Vegemite	\$1.50
Plain egg	\$2.60
Plain ham	\$2.00
Plain chicken	\$3.50
Plain cheese	\$2.00
Ham and cheese	\$3.00
Ham, cheese and tomato	\$3.50
Ham and salad	\$4.00
Chicken and salad	\$4.00
Chicken, lettuce and mayo	\$3.00
Egg and lettuce	\$2.70
Sweet chilli wrap with salad	\$5.00

All sandwiches and wraps available toasted free!

Drinks

Bottled water 600ml	\$1.50
Juice popper 250ml	\$1.50
<i>Apple, mango and banana</i>	
Breaka flavoured milk 300ml	\$2.00
<i>Chocolate, banana or strawberry</i>	

Volunteers are Vital!

Our tuckshop is operated by a convenor that needs the assistance of volunteers. Without these volunteers the tuckshop cannot continue to provide this service to our school. Our tuckshop is a great place to catch up with others and to contribute to our school and be a part of our school community.

Students are thrilled to see someone they love in the tuckshop during breaks! Bring along your smile and a sense of humour and join us.

You don't need to be on the roster, we'd love you to come in any time. As little as 30 minutes after drop-off is a real help.

Enquiries to our Convenors Sandy Crouch & Kylie Kerr on

- Convenors -
Sandy Crouch & Kylie Kerr

Telephone: 3400 2364

Days of Operation
Monday to Friday

