



Bribie Island State School

NEWSLETTER Term 1 Thursday 20th March 2014

COMIC CREATORS



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Each Wednesday afternoon, a group of keen year1 and 2 students join Mrs Lutton in their secret cave to participate in **COMIC CREATORS!**

Students have been identifying textual and language features of comics. They have designed and created their very own super hero and will over the coming weeks create and publish their very own comic.

Mrs Lutton

Key Diary Dates

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<u>MARCH</u>	
21	HARMONY DAY WEAR ORANGE to school. Gold Coin Donation
21	Interschool Sport
24	Global Care Free Breakfast
24	Pre Prep Playgroup 9am-10.30am HALL
26	Student Banking
27	Global Care Free Breakfast
27	Full School Parade
27	School Disco EASTER THEME Prep-Yr3 4:30-6pm Yr 4-Yr 7 6:30-8pm
28	Interschool Sport
31	Global Care Free Breakfast
<u>APRIL</u>	
2	Student Banking
3	Global Care Free Breakfast
4	Cross Country Carnival for all Students turning 9, 10, 11 & 12 years old in 2014.
4	NO INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Bribie State School Student Disco

Students come and enjoy our Easter themed School Disco to celebrate a fantastic term.

Prizes for best dressed

When: Thursday, 27th March 2014

Where: School Hall

Cost: \$3 entry

**Times: Prep -Year 3 4:30pm-6pm
Yr 4-7 6:30pm-8pm**

Drinks and Snacks available from the Hall canteen
nothing over \$3

Glow products also for sale nothing over \$7
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Welcome



Thursday 20th March finds our school able to celebrate many achievements again. We have all but completed our first C2C units and are well advanced in our improvement agenda across many areas. As always we are involved in planning for the future and our newsletter is generally full of future activities and opportunities. I encourage all parents to ensure they keep up to date with our fortnightly newsletter. Remember we offer a digital copy via email if you would prefer. Just see Amanda in our office and provide your email address to receive your fortnightly newsletter.

Attending School

If you are a frequent reader of our newsletter you will notice I always include mention of student attendance. Bribie Island State School has a long history of chronic absenteeism. Each year we regularly fall under 90% attendance. Last week I provided a table in the newsletter which highlighted the 'real' effect of on-going absenteeism on a students' capacity to succeed. For example **missing just one day a fortnight is equal to missing one and a half years of education over 13 years of schooling**. This fortnight I would like to celebrate that so far in 2014 we have maintained an attendance rate of 91.6% across the school. Still not at our goal of 95% but we are improving. Thank you to everyone who is recognizing the value of regular attendance. Our lower year levels have our best attendance and our upper year levels our poorest. Maybe this is a target area? Remember - **EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

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.

Adopt-a-Garden – Bribie's Garden Army

Our garden Army is growing as we now have five families who have offered to help out with our adopt-a-garden program. 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 gardens to you and your family.

So Many New Things Happening? – Clarity

Recently a few members of our community have spoken to me about all the 'new' things happening at Bribie, especially our work around Success Schools and Great Results Guarantee. I share my response to them with you so you may also be aware of where our school sits with these 'new' projects. Bribie Island State School is in the third year of our four year Strategic Plan and Improvement Agenda. The focus areas in our plan is our work around:

- Establishing a school Pedagogical Framework (ASOT) –This is a minimum three year process
- Focussing clearly and explicitly on improving Reading outcomes
- Supporting staff in Professional Development and Coaching
- Providing maximum support for every class with resources and teacher aide support
- Ensuring the school works in efficient teams as Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Facilitating school-wide alignment of Assessment and the Use of Data to guide planning.

Both the Success Schools and Great Results Guarantee enhance our school capacity to delivery all of these agendas. Both projects have bought with them additional funding to the school which is helping us deliver these goals and focus areas agendas even more thoroughly.

So while these are new terms and acronyms we are continuing to focus on what we have always said is important at Bribie. The funding to help is a blessing we welcome and will use efficiently for all students at Bribie.

Enrichment and Unique Opportunities

At Bribie we are proud to promote that we offer an **Enriched Education for All**. One of the ways we do this to ensure we provide many options for students to further engage in a full and rounded range of learning experiences. To highlight and celebrate our work in this area the following summarise a multitude of experiences being offered in term one this year across our school.

Community Involvement – ANZAC March and Assembly; Student Leaders Program; SEAL; Buddy Play; Student Council; Robotics; Toastmasters; Interschool Sport (Softball, Cricket, AFL, Basketball); Junior Cheer Squad; Senior Cheer Squad; Instrumental Music; Band; Speech Craft; Gavel Club; Triathlon; Wakakirri; Social Skills and Early Act.

These offerings do not just happen. It is our committed and dedicated staff who provide additional time on top of their daily duties. Our school community is deeply indebted to the level of commitment of staff at Bribie Island State School present each and every day.

Have a great fortnight.

Paul Pickering
Principal

From The Deputy's Desk

Welcome to Week 8 at Bribie Island State School. Over the past few weeks we have been celebrating some very important qualities of our school. We have some exciting upcoming events to further showcase the talents of our school and to bring our community together.

Early next term our Senior students will be on **camp at Mapelton**. This is an excellent opportunity for our senior students to shine as they develop leadership skills and challenge themselves. At Bribie we want all students to grow into mature, resilient and capable young citizens of our Bribie community.

Congratulations to all the students who have represented Bribie Island State School at **Interschool sports** competitions on Fridays. Bribie students are renowned for competitiveness, skills and most importantly sportsmanship. This is certainly true with the cricket and AFL teams representing our school on Fridays. Let's keep the Spirit of Bribie going!

We also need to recognise the amazing support of 'Busy Fingers' through their very generous donations to benefit the students at our school. We are proud to be part of such a fantastic community and have community groups like Busy Fingers support us in such a generous way. This truly captures the essence of the Bribie community spirit.

For the past two weeks we have had a **BLITZ** on '**Hands and feet to Self**' as well as '**Follow school routines**' as part of our **School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program**. Many children, parents and teachers have noticed that these areas of behaviour have begun to improve. This has had a positive impact on the student's learning in surrounding classes and across the school. Well done everyone.



Adrian Smith
Deputy Principal

2014 Cross Country Carnival

The Bribie Island SS Cross Country carnival is being held on **Friday 4th April, 2014**.

The **approximate** starting times are:-

9:05am	9 years boys	9:15am	9 years girls
9:25am	10 years boys	9:35am	10 years girls
9:45am	11 years boys	10:05am	11 years girls
10:25am	12/13 years boys	10:45am	12/13 years girls



All age groups are based on year of birth (e.g. born 2004 is 10 yrs). Appropriate footwear is essential (e.g. lace up joggers). Water stations will be available for competitors, however, please have your child bring a water bottle for personal use. **If your child requires medication, please send it on the day** (e.g. asthma medication). All competitors will receive an ice block at the end of their race. Parents are very welcome to attend this event.

Looking forward to a fun and successful carnival.

Mr Waugh
PE Teacher

ANZAC Day march 2014

All students and families are invited to come and support our school in the ANZAC Day march on **Friday 25th April**. Our school has a proud tradition and honour this march every year with our ever growing support from Bribie State School students and families. Please come down and support our school and the honour ANZAC Day stands for.

WHERE: Meet next to the Bribie Sports Club/Seaside Museum

WHEN: 25th APRIL

TIME: 8:00am

WEAR: Full school uniform including your school hat

The RSL will provide all school children with a snack and drink at the conclusion of the ceremony.

All children marching will receive a certificate of participation from Bribie Island State School and take part in a 'thank you' sausage sizzle at school.

We look forward to seeing many families there.

P & C Report

Hello Everyone,

We are coming to the end of the first semester and everything in our P & C is running extremely well. This is due to the undying support of our fantastic team of volunteers, although we can never have too many. Parents, grandparents and guardians if you have any free time and would like to be involved with this wonderful school just head down to the P & C Room and we can point you in the right direction.

Our end of term **Easter Disco** is rapidly approaching and **volunteers** will be vital in making this night successful for all. If you are able to assist us please contact **Helen Ronkovich** on **3400 2308**.

At the start of **next term** we will be having a **working bee** to help out our groundsman with their mammoth task of maintaining our rather large grounds. In the past this has been a very rewarding and fun day. Many hands make light work, so watch this space for the upcoming date.

On a personal note, good luck to all the children including my daughter Mackaylah, who is heading to Cairns this weekend to compete in the **State Athletics Competition**.

Uniform Shop

Navy School Scrunchies are now available for \$2.00 each

Winter Jackets have arrived!! All sizes are now available \$37.00 each

Scholastic Book Club

A big **thank you** to those **carers, parents, staff** and **students** who supported our book club this term by placing orders in issues 1 and 2.

Issue 2 has just closed so that your order will be here before the end of term. If you missed out on getting your order in on time it will still be processed in term 2, just bring your order form and payment/receipt to the **Book Club Box** in the Administration Building as usual and it will be ordered with Issue 3 orders next term.

Literacy is our **school wide focus area** and Scholastic Book Club is a fun and exciting way for you to support your children's education. Thank you again for your continued support.

Fundraising

Thank you to all students who participated in the Easter Colouring In Competition.

The **WINNERS** are **CHARLOTTE PATERSON PY1 & TINA JAPPE 5C**.

Together we **raised** over **\$100 !!**

Parents and carers please be advised that the **Easter Disco** has been brought forward to next **Thursday 27th March**. Our lovely tuckshop ladies will be serving food from the hall kitchen and there will be a great range of low priced glow products for purchase at the disco.

Junior Disco Prep—Yr 3: starts at 4.30 and finishes at 6.00
Senior Disco Yr4—Yr 7: Starts at 6.30pm and finishes at 8.00pm.

Fundraising scratchies will be available at the door of the disco, donors scratch 2 or more dots to donate that amount, it's a fun way to help us raise money for our school.

Thank you everyone for your support.

Brendan Smith
P & C President

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.



PREP 2015

We are now taking names for any children starting prep in 2015.

If your child is born between **1 July 2009 and the 30 June 2010**, please see Deb or Amanda in the office to register your child for Prep 2015 or phone 3400 2333.

BRIBIE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL
PRE-PREP PLAYGROUP

When: Monday mornings
(Excluding public & school holidays)
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 .

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

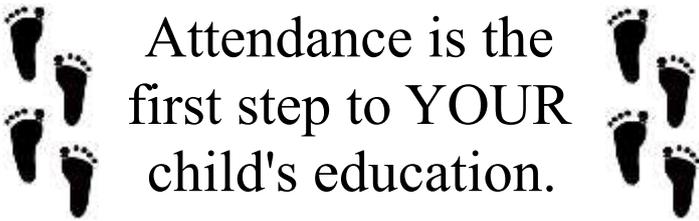
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For any inquiries regarding UNIFORMS please call into the PARENT ROOM or contact Carolyn or Sharon on **3400 2308.**

Student Banking

Student Banking is every **WEDNESDAY**

If you 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.



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 5 & 6 was**

PY4

**The winning class for Outstanding Attendance
during weeks 5 & 6 was**

3C

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. Classes are 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 winners for Weeks 7 & 8 are 3B & 3C

This year we are selecting two classes for the fortnight at parade, Tidy Turtle will spend 1 week with each class.

Keep up the great work students!!

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

Issabella Sciortino A star in the making

Since Isabella was seven years old she has loved to dance. Isabella is 11 years old and yes she is one of our very own Bribie Island State School students.

Isabella's love and dedication to dance has created a talent that has not gone unnoticed and with the encouragement from her dance teacher and family Isabella auditioned for the Harvest Rain production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's **CATS**. With her eye on her dream to perform, Isabella stepped up to the task and won herself a part in the show.

Isabella is now working along side 500 other performers and is of course excited to be performing with the Leading Lady of musical theatre Marina Prior as Grizabella.

So far Isabella has attended the Cats bootcamp, and from April will undergo 118 hours of rehearsals in vocals and dance to perform as part of the mass ensemble.

Congratulations Isabella



Students Personal Belongings - Mobile Phones, Scooters and Skateboards

Parents and students are reminded of the following processes for the above items at Bribie Island State School.

Mobile Phones and Digital Devices - Students who bring mobile phones and digital devices to school **MUST** leave these in the office for safe keeping. **Under no circumstance** is it permitted for students to have mobile phones or digital devices during the day.

Scooters and Skateboards - Should students bring scooters or skateboards to school they **MUST** store these items in the bike rakes. 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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Smoking In and Around School

Parents, Carers and visitors please be advised that all government facilities are smoke free zones. At Bribie Island State School this includes areas adjacent to fences and all car parks. If you are a smoker please comply by these guidelines. Thank you

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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.



Brian Bee says, Remember to:

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2. BE RESPECTFUL
- AND
3. BE AN ACTIVE LEARNER

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