



Bribie Island State School

NEWSLETTER Term 4 Thursday 28th November 2013



LIONS CLUB PEACE

POSTER CONTEST

The Peace Poster Contest is an event organized worldwide by Lions International which allows students to share their unique image of Peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding. This year the Bribie Lions Club, through Mrs Thornely, sponsored Bribie Island State School, to enter the contest. The theme this year was "***Our World Our Future!***" Sixty-four Year 7 students entered works. The posters were judged by Sue and Greg Norris on 12th November. Both judges commented on the quality and diversity of the works. **Emily Palmer** was selected as the winner with Highly Commended awards going to **Caydon Wesley, Maddison Ellens, Ryley Titimanu and Emma Varcoe**. Members of the Lions Club presented certificates to the students at the Parade on 20th November.

The winning entry now goes on to the next level of district judging and finally to the international level. The Grand Prize winner and two family members will attend an award ceremony at the United Nations to receive the \$5,000 prize money.

SPRIT OF BRIBIE AWARDS

COURAGE, GROWTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS to all our students receiving their Spirit of Bribie & their Courage Growth & Achievement Awards on Thursday 12th December. All Parents and Carers invited to attend.

PREP & YR 1	Yr 2 & Yr 3	Yr 4 & Yr 5	Yr 7
9.00am	10.00am	12.00pm	12.45pm

Diary Dates:

Assembly 2: 10pm
4th & 12th December
Semester 2 Term 4

DECEMBER

- 2 FREE BREAKFAST in hall 8am-8.45am
- 2 Christmas stall
- 3 Christmas Stall
- 3 Pre-Prep Playgroup 9am-10.30am in the hall
- 3 Yr 4-7 Swimming
- 3 Choir perform at the Little Flower Church 10am
- 4 Yr 1-3 Swimming
- 4 BISS Choir at Little Flower Church
- 4 STUDENT LEADERS Announced for 2014
- 5 FREE BREAKFAST in hall 8am-8.45am
- 6 Inter-House Swimming Carnival
- 11 Report Cards to be sent home
- 11 Yr7 GRADUATION
- 12 Spirit Of Bribie. See times below
- 12 Tuckshop Closed

TUCKSHOP CLOSURE DATES

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 5TH

WEDNESDAY 11TH

THURSDAY 12TH

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Student Absence Line: 3400 2366 EVERYDAY COUNTS



From The Principal's Pentium



Welcome

In last week's newsletter I celebrated information on the impressive array of achievements at our school this year. Since then our school has received the report on our School Opinion Survey. Again it is good news. The survey asks students, staff and parents to respond to questions about the school. In total over 120 questions are provided. In reviewing our report 70% of the responses are above the state mean. In all only 7 questions (under 6% of all the questions) are well under state mean. In 2014 we will be addressing these areas.

Volunteers and Community

It is very rewarding to reflect on 2013 and highlight the fantastic work of our volunteers. In all, over 150 people have provided support in a voluntary nature to our school this year. As well, a vast array of community groups have put up their hand and offered their time, support and money to help our school. We would like to thank our volunteers and community groups. To do so over the coming week we will hold two events. Our community afternoon tea is scheduled for this Friday 29th of November. Our volunteer's luncheon is on Thursday 5th December. Those attending these events should have advised Mrs Lutton.

Encore – School Magazine

We are offering one very last opportunity for parents to order and pay for a copy of our 2013 school magazine. Limited copies are available and you will need to get in by Tuesday next week to obtain this wonderful, high quality memento of our 2013 school year.

Year 6 /7 – 2014

Over recent weeks I have been sharing information around the structure of the school's Year Six and Seven classes. We continue to have solid enrolment growth and I wish to confirm we will be setting up **six classes** for our Year Six/Seven multi-age group in 2014. We will still be delivering the curriculum in a KLA (Key Learning Area) approach, similar to the secondary model.

Behaviour

In term four we, as a school, maintain a focus upon behaviour. Traditionally schools behaviour data increases as the end of year approaches. The rising heat and environmental conditions do impact on student's capacity to make good behaviour decisions. So far this term we have seen an improvement on past years behaviour in term four. I continue to encourage students and parents to focus upon high expectations and maintenance of routines to ensure our last two weeks are a true celebration of individual efforts in 2013.

Attendance

Again on assembly today I celebrated the value of daily student attendance. Please ensure you support your child's daily attendance. Should illness occur and your child not be able to attend we would appreciate advice of such absence.

2014 Enrolments and Classes

We still have plenty of space for enrolments in 2014. Particularly we wish to ensure no prep students miss out. Please pass the word around your families and community. Early enrolment (this year) will aid our prep student's readiness for 2014.

Indications from enrolments trends so far have our school continuing to grow.

We are predicting in excess of 685 students in 2014 and on the verge of establishing our 28 class.

Class lists will be available and on display at school from 21st January 2014.

Please be reminded that all class structures are temporary until the final staffing allocation from the Department is provided. This occurs on day eight of 2014.

Tuckshop Closures

At this time of the year we have to close our tuckshop to support various events and meet end of year procedures. Please be advised the **Tuckshop will be closed on these dates.**

Friday 29th November

Thursday 5th December

Wednesday 11th December

Thursday 12th December

Friday 13th December

Have a great fortnight



Paul Pickering
Principal

From the Deputy's Desk

Prep 2014

All the prep welcome packs were sent out this week to new families for 2014. Enjoy the time working with your children on activities displayed on the fridge magnet and remember to read with your children everyday over the school holidays.

If your child is born between July 1st 2008 – June 31st 2009, enrol for 2014.

Bribie Island State School is a great school with numerous opportunities for your child to grow and achieve as they complete their primary education. If you need more information regarding our school and the Prep year please call me on 3400 2333 and arrange an appointment to enrol so I am able to share with you the great opportunities available at Bribie Island State School.

Upcoming Events

Our Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 6th December at the Bribie Island Aquatic Centre. Thankyou to Mr Waugh for organising the carnival and remember to make sure your children are Sun Safe on the day and be sure to Slip, Slap, Slop!

We also have our Year 7 Graduation on Wednesday 11th December and are looking forward to celebrating this milestone. Thankyou to Mrs. Woodham, Mrs. Hayward, Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Brown, Miss Thornely and the P and C for all the effort you are putting into this event.

This will be followed by our Courage, Growth and Achievement Awards and Spirit of Bribie Awards on Thursday 12th December. Please come and attend to recognise the great work Bribie Island students do everyday.

Farewell

A number of staff are moving on in 2014. I would like to thank them all for the great work they have done. It will be sad to see you move on but wishing you all the best in your future endeavours. **Deb Parry** who is retiring after 23 years at Bribie, thankyou for all your efforts. **Jon Opie** thankyou for your work with the SWD team and patience working with students. **Amy O'Keefe** from 3C thankyou for your work with Indigenous children at Bribie and **Fiona Bell**, thankyou for your work with the SWPBS team in its initial stages and I'm sure all the preps will miss you!

I also will be moving on to a Deputy Principal role at Taabinga State School in Kingaroy. It will be extremely hard leaving Bribie having formed a number of strong friendships within the Bribie community and relationships with families and students. Bribie Island State School is a great school with a fantastic community spirit and an amazing group of teachers. Thankyou Mr Pickering, Mrs. Aczel, Mrs. O'Mara, Amanda, Deb and Christine for your support in the office. All the best for the future and I look forward to hearing great things about our school and the students that have attended Bribie Island State School.

Yours in Education,



David Lawton
A/ Deputy Principal

BOOK LISTS FOR 2014

As you have noticed we handed out 2 booklists last week, one from Nextra Newsagency at Bribie Island Shopping Centre Complex, and one from Surfside News at Woorim. Both of these News Agencies aim to assist our families supplying these products locally, and making the back-to-school experience as simple as possible for our families.

The P and C will be taking these orders in the parent room until the 11th Dec. This option helps to raise funds for our school and assists you with a free delivery. Please support our school and local businesses and get on board as this is a fantastic fundraiser for our school.

If you are unable to make payment of the booklists to the P & C before the 11th December please take your book lists to the News Agency you choose.

If you have any questions at all regarding booklists in the 2014 school year, please don't hesitate to contact me at the front office on 3400 2333.

Mrs Karena Aczel
Head of Curriculum

P&C Association

Hi Everyone,

With only 2 weeks of School left & Christmas on the way we have a busy time ahead with lots still happening.

TUCKSHOP NEWS - We wish to advise that the Tuckshop will be closed on the following dates :-

- **Friday 29th November**
- **Thursday 5th December**
- **Wednesday 11th December**
- **Thursday 12th December**
- **Friday 13th December**

Our **CHRISTMAS STALL** will be held on Monday the 2nd & Tuesday the 3rd of December. There will be lots of great gifts to buy for \$5 and under.

The **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** will be drawn Tuesday the 10th of December, so be sure to return your tickets by Friday the 6th of December & good luck to everyone.

UNIFORMS SHOP HOURS FOR THE HOLIDAY BREAK

The **UNIFORM SHOP** will be open the week before school starts back.

Monday the 20th - Friday the 25th of January. We will be open from 9:00am till 3:00pm

We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year. Our **AGM MEETING** will be held on the **19th of February 2014 at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. Please come along & join us. You can help make a difference for our school & students.

The P & C Team

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.

The winning class for week 5 & 6 for Outstanding Attendance

3B

Most Improved Attendance

Prep 4

Congratulations what a fantastic attendance and improvement!

Attendance Award



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 5 & 6 was **3C**



Student Banking

Student Banking Day - every **Wednesday**
9.30am - 10.30am

Any enquiries contact our School Banking Coordinator, **Kylie McDonnell**, between 9:30am and 10:30am. at the **PARENT ROOM Ph 3400 2308**.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday - Friday:
8.30am - 9.30am

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



Bribie Island State School Swimming Carnival



Friday 6th December, 2013

Program of Events (approx. times only)

- 9:05 Classes depart school and walk to pool
- 9:30 First division 50 metres freestyle
- Second division 25 metres freestyle
- First division 50 metres butterfly (11, 12, & 13yrs)
- First division 25 metres butterfly (9 & 10yrs)
- Second division 25 metres butterfly
- 11:00 First division freestyle & butterfly Finals
- 11:20 25m Novelty Races
- 11:30 FIRST BREAK
- 12:00 First division 50 metres breaststroke
- Second division 25 metres breaststroke
- First division 50 metres backstroke (11, 12, & 13yrs)
- First division 25 metres backstroke (9 & 10yrs)
- Second division 25 metres backstroke
- 1:20 First division breaststroke & backstroke finals
- 1:30 SECOND BREAK
- 1:50 Staff vs Student Relay Race
- 2:00 Presentation of Age Champion Medals and House Shield
- 2:30 Return to school



Enjoy the famous Bribie Lions Club Sausage Sizzle for only \$2.00!!



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

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OFFICE NEWS

LATE PAYMENT REMINDERS

Dear Parents & Carers,
Thank you to all the families that have made their children's payments on time for their excursions or sports payments. This process has been a success and the office staff appreciate your support and understanding.
A reminder that the office will be no longer be able to accept late payments for excursions – sports, camps, performances etc. Buses and venues need to be booked well ahead of time.
Internally we also require time to produce payment reports.
Thank you.

Pre-Prep Playgroup

Every **Tuesday** morning throughout the term, a group of excited parents run a Pre-Prep Playgroup with the guidance of our experienced **Teacher Aide Mrs Rechelle Baker**, from **9.00am to 10.30am** in our school hall.

Children enjoy an array of activities including painting, imaginary play, playdough, home corner, puzzles and fine motor activities.

We would like to kindly thank the Caboolture Early Years Centre for their ongoing support and for providing the group with a number of fantastic new resources.

If you would like any more information regarding our playgroup please contact **Allison Lutton** on **3400 2333**.

New members are always welcome.



Brian Bee says, Remember to:

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

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*CONDITIONS APPLY

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

School Transport Assistance for 2014

What is STAS?

- One of the largest transport programs provided by the Queensland Government
- A scheme to provide assistance to eligible students travelling to Primary or Secondary schools
- Administered by Queensland Transport

Who is eligible?

Primary and Secondary students maybe eligible for assistance under STAS if they:

- Have parents/guardians who are Australian citizens or permanent Australian residents
- Attend an approved school on a full-time basis
- Are younger than 19 years of age
- Are seeking transport assistance to and from one address only
- Are travelling more than 1 trip per week
- Students must also meet specific criteria that applies to the type of transport assistance sought

Limited brochures are available in the front office of Bribie Island State School.

If you require more information or wish to obtain a complete copy of the School Transport Assistance Scheme please go to:

www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/PubTrans.nsf/index/assistshomes



Before 8:30 Go to the Music Room



AFTER 8:30 YOU CAN



Go to your classroom



Order your lunch



Place your bag on the bag rack



Sit quietly & talk to your friends



ZOO KEEPER
Khaki Discovery



Have you ever wanted to be a Zoo Keeper?

Well, these school holidays you can, when you join Australia Zoo's holiday program, *Zoo Keeper For a Day: Khaki Discovery!*

If you are aged between seven and eleven you can help the zoo crew look after their animals, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action. Children aged twelve to fourteen can step it up a notch with *Zoo Keeper for a Day: Khaki Extreme*. We also host a program which provides for children with special needs, *Khaki Sensory*. It's a day you won't forget! Places are booking out fast so call **07 5436 2025** to reserve your spot, or book online at: www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day.

Ages: 7 - 11 years or 12-15 years

Price: \$85 **Includes:** Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap and water bottle, lunch, photo with one of our animals

Duration: 5 hours

Location: Australia Zoo

Dates: 14th to 24th December 2013, and 2nd to 27th of January 2014

More information is available at www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day

ZOO KEEPER
Khaki Discovery



Science Enrichment Group – Upper School

Twenty-eight students from years 5 and 6 have excitedly begun a science enrichment program this term with Miss Coker, with the aim of further developing their knowledge and understanding of the Scientific Method. Through a range of hands on experiments including: elephant's toothpaste, crystal snowflakes, lava lamps, slime, polymer snow and water crystals, students are experiencing real world application of scientific processes and are given the opportunity to communicate observations and findings.

"I love learning about science through experiments. My favourite was making fake snow – which is a polymer – a substance made of lots of molecular chains". *Lachlan Brown*

