NEWSLETTER  Term 3  Thursday  2nd  August  2012

**2B Seaside Museum Excursion**

2B went on an excursion to the Seaside Museum on 26th July to attend a historical celebration. Mrs Thomas’ Auntie May, who turned 93 was officially recognised as the first non-indigenous child to have been born on Bribie Island. 2B was lucky enough to attend a special ceremony to recognise that her birth in 1919 has changed local recorded history. The local Historical Society, the Seaside Museum, family members, 2B and parent helpers, the Sunshine Coast Daily Newspaper staff and also the local newspaper staff attended the celebration.

What a wonderful link that our own Mrs Thomas is teaching here on beautiful Bribie Island and we are truly a school that recognises the importance of local historical events.

**Diary Dates:**

**Parade Times**
7th August Whole School Parade 2.20pm

**Semester 2**
**Term 3**

**August**
3 NAIDOC celebrations
3 Yr 2A WAKAKIRRI Performance
3 Interschool Sport- Away
6 AASC Tennis
7 2013 Prep Enrolment session 5pm, held in Prep 4
10 Interschool Sport- Home
13 PUBLIC HOLIDAY EKKA SHOW DAY
14 Parent Surveys go home (selected families Yr5 & 7)
15 P & C Meeting
17 Interschool Sport- Away
18 Vietnam Veterans Day
20 AASC Tennis
24 Interschool Sport- Home
26 LOTE Sunshine Coast Speech Competition
29 Fathers Day Stalls
30 Fathers Day Stalls
31 Interschool Sport- Home

**Parent Surveys**

Parent Surveys will be going home on **Tuesday 14th August**. Keep an eye out if you have been a selected family to complete the survey.

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@BribieIslandSS
Dear Parents & Caregivers
Over the past fortnight I have had great pride in receiving communication from several sources on the tremendous work and positive vision of our school staff.
As one would imagine in my role I often have to deal with the more negative side of school management. Misbehaving students and complaints from parents are highest on my agenda. Positive comments are few and far between, so when I receive a flow of positive comments about the school I begin to feel that all our efforts are paying off.
In the past fortnight I have heard six positive reports about the school. Including from a C&K parent about our prep program, from two venues hosting our students on excursions, thanking students for their positive behaviour and from our bus company on improved bus behaviour. I have also received two positive comments from parents about staff, thanking them for their input into student learning, their commitment and effort.
This makes me feel we at Bribie are heading in the right direction.
I know all our staff are making every effort to provide the very best education for your child. If you have a positive comment I am sure the staff member would like to hear it, or drop them a line. I know in recently sharing these positive comments the smile and pride the staff have exhibited has shown it is valued.

Pedagogical Framework
During the course of this year I have been engaging in some information sharing about a shared and aligned school-wide pedagogical framework. Following this consultation it has been decided to progress our school in the area of The Art and Science of Teaching. This pedagogical framework is based on the work of Mazarno and is well supported by many schools in our region and has regional support.
This pedagogical framework is based on ten key questions of Instructional Design framed in six organisational areas. These are shown below in the table and diagram. Over the coming newsletters I will be sharing information about The Art and Science of Teaching to keep our school informed. A full implementation of this framework is planned for commencement of 2013.

Instructional Design Questions
1. What will I do to establish and communicate learning goals, track student progress and celebrate success?
2. What will I do to help students effectively interact with new knowledge?
3. What will I do to help students practice and deepen their understanding of new knowledge?
4. What will I do to help students generate and test hypotheses about new knowledge?
5. What will I do to engage students?
6. What will I do to establish or maintain classroom rules and procedures?
7. What will I do to recognise and acknowledge adherence and lack of adherence to classroom rules and procedures?
8. What will I do to establish and maintain effective relationships with students?
9. What will I do to communicate high expectations for all students?
10. What will I do to develop effective lessons organised into a cohesive unit?

The Art and Science of Teaching
The Art & Science of Teaching involves 10 “design questions” teachers can ask themselves as they plan a unit of instruction.

Paul Pickering
Principal
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 4 Term 3. Firstly I would like to thank you for helping us to remind our Prep to Year 3 students to leave their toys at home. This has made a difference to the number of disputes I have had to try to resolve at lunch times. Also thank you for supporting us with our school uniform policy. Please remember to send along a note if there is a reason for your child not to be in school uniform on that day. It is great to see so many wearing their uniform including a hat. Please do not send caps to school.

At school we continue to reinforce the following simple expectations:

- Students wearing a hat at school. *(Remember our Bribie Blitz is No Hat No Play.)*
- Students are to stay in the boundaries on the school playground so everyone is safe and supervised.
- Students are reminded to Be Safe and Respectful when travelling to and from school, including when on the bus. Please ensure that your children are safe before they arrive at school and on their way home from school.

We will be holding Parent Information and Enrolment Sessions for any parents who are looking at enrolling their child in Prep in 2013. Sessions will be held on Tuesday 7 August, Wednesday 12 September or Tuesday 30 October. *Parents only need to attend one of these sessions.* Sessions commence at 5:00 pm in the Prep 4 classroom. Please encourage any families with PREP age children for 2013 to attend one of the sessions. If you would like further information, please contact our school office on 3400 2333.

Our School Chaplain, Ken Piva requires local business support for the Chaplaincy Program on Bribie to keep the program at its best, supporting our students at Bribie Island State School. Please chat to Ken for more info.

Indigenous activities in partnership with the PASS Group will be held this Friday to enable our school to celebrate NAIDOC. We are very fortunate to have such a great group of indigenous young adults visit our school to lead a range of physical activities for our students to participate in. We will be encouraging all of our indigenous students to invite a friend to attend the activities on the day.

As you are very much aware our school is collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn and Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers to get more resources for our students. Please keep these coming in to the office for collection. We have certainly surpassed our target and are set to set a new record for the number of dockets collected. It will be exciting to see just how many we end up with and more importantly what they will convert to in resources.

**Vietnam Veterans Day** is on 18th August. Everyone is invited to attend if possible. Students who are able to attend will meet at Apex Park (next to the Bongaree Sports Club) at 3:30pm for an attendance roll check and then the march will proceed at 3:55pm.

The student leaders continue to participate in a ‘Buddy Play’ program to support the P-3 students at playtimes to engage in co-operative games and build social skills for our younger students. They do a remarkable job and display true leadership qualities for our younger students.

Congratulations also to the students representing the school at interschool sport and to our athletes who participated at the District Sports. It was wonderful to see all Bribie Island SS teams show fantastic sportsmanship and school spirit. Well done to everyone for showing ‘The Bribie Way’.

Lastly, it gives me much pleasure in sharing a phone conversation with you….The other day I was pleased to receive a phone call from one of our parents congratulating 3 of our senior girls for the wonderful way they welcome the younger students in to our school of a morning. They went on to compliment our students by sharing how they are always warm, friendly and happy and above all very respectful towards our younger students, going out of their way to help them have a great start to the day.

**Congratulations and a huge thank you must go to Ebony, Molly and Caitlyn from 7A for being such great role models and leaders for Bribie Island State School.**

Warm regards

Jayn Hutchinson

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**OUT AND ABOUT WITH MRS HUTCHINSON**

1 had the pleasure of visiting classes and seeing wonderful work being done:

- PY2
- 7A
- 3B
- 4C
- PY2

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**Yr 2 BugsEd Workshop 25th July**
-Year 2 attended an insect life stages workshop to complement their science unit “Good to Grow”. The Year 2’s were excited to learn all about creep crawly bugs and if they were brave enough they got to hold a stick insect. The Year 2’s are also caring for live stick insects in their classrooms and documenting the life stages they witness.

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**P & C REPORT**

Hi Everyone,

In the coming weeks the P&C will be holding many events. These events are fundraisers for our wonderful school.

In the next few weeks the P&C will finish the payment for the whiteboards received last year.

At the last P&C meeting, a yes was given for Cheer Leading Uniforms.

A large order of Uniforms will be placed in the next two weeks for the P&C Uniform Shop.

The P&C Tuckshop is travelling well with lots of yummy treats on sale.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Every Friday - P&C and Mr P's Sausage Sizzle $2
August 29th and 30th - Fathers Day Stalls
August 31st - Walk-A-Thon
September 6th - Disco
Pauls Collector Caps - keep collecting as the class with the most caps at the end of the year gets a Subway Party.

Monster Trampoline - raffle starting soon, tickets will be $1
Tickets can be purchased the Parent Room & at Events.

**VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED FOR OUR EVENTS**

BOOK CLUB - Thanks for the outstanding support for our Scholastic Book Club. Your purchases have been earning our School free books each issue and our learning resources continue to grow as we spend our bonus reward points.

Issue 5 orders are expected back in the next week.

NEXT MEETING - 15th August
The P&C Executives wish everyone a GREAT fortnight.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Wednesday: 12.30 – 3.30**

**Thursday: 8.30 – 11.15**

Winter jackets now in stock

**ALL SIZES AVAILABLE**

For any inquiries regarding Uniforms please call in to the Parent Room or contact Leisa, Mary or Carolyn on 3400 2308

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**HOMEWORK HEROES**

**BRIBIE ISLAND LIBRARY**

Homework Heroes is a program for all students in years 4-7.

Held at the Brirbrie Island Library after school every TUESDAY from 3pm-4.30pm. For more information, please see Amanda in the office for the registration form.

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**Pre-Prep Playgroup**

Every Tuesday morning throughout the term, a group of excited parents run a Pre Prep Playgroup 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.

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**Student Absence Line: 3400 2366 (24 hours a day)**
COLES Sports for Schools
From now until August 15th you can collect Sports For Schools vouchers, by shopping at any Coles, Bi-Lo or Pick’n Pay store or at Coles online. Bribie Island State School is participating and collecting vouchers for much needed sports equipment again this year. Our target is to collect 50,000 vouchers to provide our school with new sporting equipment.

We are appealing to parents and guardians to collect as many vouchers as you can. By donating and encouraging friends and family to do the same, you are helping to provide a healthy and active education for our children.

Please visit coles.com.au/sportsforschools for more information about the program and you can also browse the sporting gear available to see what equipment we are aiming for.

A collection box is located beside the student window at the front of the office.

AMAZING GENEROSITY
Busy Fingers, a local Bribie Island charity, has once again shown their amazing generosity and support for our school by purchasing an interactive whiteboard and providing the funding to have our Computer Lab, Hall Meeting room and Student Support Services room air-conditioned.

Representatives from Busy Fingers Di Gilbert and Glenys Kleve visited our school last Monday to see the whiteboard in action. “The Interactive whiteboard provides so many opportunities for children to learn in a hands-on, exciting way. It complements the Australian Curriculum very well.”

P and C fundraising representative Bridie O’Connor-Keleher said “it was amazing to see that every class in the school was now equipped with such an amazing resource that can be used to enhance learning in such a beneficial way.”

Busy Fingers, are situated in Cotterill Avenue Bongaree and are always looking for saleable donations. The school would like to once again thank them for their ongoing support.

Apps for Education
Apps for mobile devices are listed here that relate to the Education sector of the department. While currently this selection is small, it is expected to grow to include a range of Apps that are compatible with a range of mobile devices. These Apps are selectively developed to align to current strategic objectives and to enhance existing services provided to the wide range of clients of the department.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2012 Update
Keep the sticker cards coming in!!
Great Job Bribie Island State School - So far 85,930 POINTS!!!

**Be Respectful  Be Safe  Be an Active Learner**
Complaints about headlice continue to be received at the school. Please be advised:

- Headlice do not live at school.
- Headlice are brought to school by students.
- Headlice do not transmit disease.
- Having headlice is not a sign of poor hygiene. In fact, most headlice prefer very clean hair.
- The only way to effectively reduce headlice is for everyone to investigate and treat at the same time.

We are sending this information in the hope all will treat this weekend as an action period for headlice. Please help our school community by checking and treating headlice this weekend.

The Facts: 
(The following is from various research studies on headlice.)

- Nits (the eggs of the head louse) are small yellowish-white, oval-shaped eggs that are attached at an angle to the side of a hair shaft by glue.
- Nits must be laid by live lice. You cannot "catch nits."
- Once laid, it takes 7-10 days for a nit to hatch and another 7-10 days for the female to mature and begin laying her own eggs.
- Head lice are clear in colour when hatched, they develop a reddish-brown colour after feeding.
- Head lice are small, wingless insects which feed on human blood and do not thrive on pets.
- Head lice are about the size of sesame seeds and have six legs with claws to grasp the hair.
- Head lice are crawling insects. They cannot hop, jump, or fly.
- Head lice off their human hosts will starve and die in 24 hours.

Head lice do not jump or fly and cannot survive longer than 24 hours off the human host.

What product should I use to treat my child?

There are no "safe" pesticides, "natural" or otherwise, scientifically proven to be 100% effective against head lice, nits or nit glue. Reliance on head lice treatment products alone promotes repeated use of potentially harmful chemicals and contributes to ongoing infestations, outbreaks, and resistant strains of head lice. Parents should be discouraged from spending unnecessary time and money on "concoctions" for which there is no scientific basis for claims of efficacy and human safety. A wide variety of such "lice remedies" are vigorously marketed to consumers especially via the Internet. The result is more confusion for families already deluged with conflicting and unfounded treatment recommendations.

Manual removal is the safe alternative and necessary component to any head lice treatment regimen. Combing tools enable families to screen often, detect head lice early and thoroughly remove lice and nits.

How do you treat for headlice?

Schools and homes don't get head lice -- people do. Head lice are human parasites and require human blood to survive. Vacuuming is the safest and best way to remove lice or fallen hairs with attached nits from upholstered furniture, rugs, stuffed animals and cars. Save your time and energy for that which benefits you the most -- thorough nit removal.

Do I have to treat everyone in the house?

Use a nit-removal comb to check everyone first! Lice treatment products have potential health hazards and should not be used 'just in case' a child has lice or in an effort to prevent them. Even if lice are confirmed on an individual careful consideration should be given before deciding to use a pesticide shampoo or other treatment because each person has unique health needs.

Where do headlice come from?

Head lice do not come "out of the air" or from the ground. They are human parasites and come from people. Desiccated (dried up) head lice and their eggs have been found on the hair and scalps of Egyptian mummies. While headlice are around all year they often are more prominent in the dry winter months.

Do headlice jump?

Head lice do not have hind legs to hop or jump, nor wings with which to fly – they crawl.

What is the school doing?

- Discouraging the sharing of hats and other hair items by students.
- Discouraging students from playing too closely and making head to head contact.
- Monitoring students who complain of itchy hair and referring such to parents. Schools cannot 'check hair' by touching a child’s head. Observation without touching will sometimes note headlice.
- Encouraging all parents to check a child’s head frequently.
- Meeting rules on management of headlice. Basically this states that once a child has been treated they can return to class.
- Encouraging parents to have their children wear their long hair tied back.
What children should know about stranger danger?

Being careful with strangers
- Do not talk to strangers. Talking to them makes it easier for them to trick you. Say “go ask an adult”. This is not being rude, it is being safe.
- Do not tell a stranger your name and address. It is none of their business.
- Keep your distance from a stranger. You do not want them to get close enough to grab you. At least two arm lengths is a good rule of thumb. No one has the right to touch you or make you feel uncomfortable. Yell “No!” It is your right. Tell your parents as soon as possible if this happens.
- Never accept a gift, candy, or anything from a stranger. Tell your parents if a stranger offers you something.
- Never help a stranger if they ask you to find a lost dog, cat, or anything. This is likely to be a trick. Grown-ups should ask other grown-ups.
- Never help a grown-up with directions. Again, grown-ups should ask grown-ups for help.
- Never go near a car with a stranger in it. Don’t get in any car without your parents permission. If a car stops near you, do not go near it.
- Never go anywhere with a stranger, even if they say they know your parents. Your parents would never ask a stranger to pick you up.

Being careful outside
- Don’t walk around alone, try to stay with friends, parents, or other relatives.
- When you are out in public, make sure your parents can always see you.
- Do not take short cuts through bush/park lands or down dark alleys. Stay on the heavily travelled streets, where there is lots of activity. Stay away from places where there are no people around.
- Be alert to your surroundings. If you have your music blasting away on the iPod, it is hard to stay alert.

If you sense trouble
- If someone is following you or chasing you, go to where there are lots of people and lots of bright lights. Bad guys don’t want witnesses. Run to a police station, fire station, a trusted neighbours house, or somewhere your parents say is safe.
- Run away as fast as you can if you sense danger. It is better to run than to try to fight an adult who is three times your size. Strike, kick, scratch, and bite if you have no other choice.
- If someone grabs you, yell at the top of your voice “I don’t know this person”.
- Scream. Your voice is your best weapon. This will draw attention to the bad guy. Bad guys do not like attention.
- Trust that little voice inside you that says “something about this person is not right”. The little voice is rarely wrong.

Kids home safety
- Know your home/parents phone number and your address. Also know how to call emergency.
- Never answer the door alone. Make sure your parents are in the room if you answer it.
- Never tell a phone caller your name or address. If you are home alone, tell them your parents are busy and will call

Asthma Assist (1800 645 130)
Have you ever felt left in the dark about your asthma? Unsure about the medications you are taking or need further information about how to best manage your condition? Don’t worry, Asthma Foundation Queensland is here to help.
In 2010, Asthma Foundation Queensland launched Asthma Assist – a free asthma information and support service for Queenslanders living with asthma. Staffed by highly skilled Asthma Educators, Asthma Assist is designed to help people take control of their asthma by providing much needed patient education on medications, delivery devices, inhaler technique, asthma first aid, trigger factors and asthma management plans.

Give us a call today!
Asthma Assist operates from 9:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday.

Live Well with Asthma Control Packs
Live Well with Asthma Control Packs are a new patient education resource available for people with asthma.
Developed in partnership with Queensland Health, Asthma Foundation Queensland provides Live Well with Asthma Control Packs free of charge to help people with asthma take control of their condition. Each pack contains the following resources:
- Live Well with Asthma DVD
- Asthma Action Plans
- Asthma First Aid Poster and Fridge Magnet
- Asthma Medications Brochure
- Asthma and Under 5’s Brochure
- Asthma and Seniors Brochure
- Asthma Assist Brochure
To order a Live Well with Asthma Control Pack, please call Asthma Assist on 1800 645 130.

School Attendance
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 have been introduced this term 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.

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. We are currently running a colouring in competition for Prep to Year 2 and a poster competition for Years 2-7 to promote awareness of the new award and to encourage the cleanliness of our school grounds.

WAKAKIRRI FUNDRAISING
To help raise funds for our school please come to the office to purchase a raffle ticket for $3 for your chance to win one of three amazing prizes: 1st prize an IPad, 2nd prize an IPod Touch and 3rd prize an IPod Classic. Tickets will be drawn on the 3rd September. Good Luck!!