Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Wakakirri

I start this week’s newsletter celebrating the tremendous achievement of Mrs Van Damme's year two class at the Regional Wakakirri competition. Wakakirri is a competition where students use dance and performance, backed with music, to perform a story or dance. As part of their school unit of work Mrs Van Damme, assisted by Mrs Thornley have utilised the avenue of Wakakirri to provide a real-life performance to achieve their curriculum goals. Competing against five other teams, predominantly consisting of upper grade students, our year two class were recognised with three awards. One for their Team Spirit, one for the Environmentally Sustainable use of resources for costumes and thirdly finishing as overall Runners Up. Our school is very proud of the class. All students provided great efforts and committed fully to both during and after school work to achieve such success. The school also would like to thank Marie and Bob Hall, Ken Piva and Michelle Savy for assisting on the evening. Thanks to Simone Woodham for her guidance along the way.

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**How much does it cost to educate your child?**

Did you know that considering all funding it costs approximately $60.00 a day to educate each child at our school. Is your child attending every day to gain their $60.00 of learning? Unfortunately we cannot credit your child for the $60.00 of learning they miss if they are away. In fact that $60.00 of learning is shared by all the other students who attend on the day.

This financial analogy serves to highlight the opportunity provided each and every day for your child/children. If we were to push this analogy further we could ask – While at school is your child spending their $60.00 wisely, by engaging fully in the learning available or are they goofing off. Or even more challenging is your child’s behaviour interrupting the opportunity of all the other students in accessing their $60.00 of learning?

Remember this $60.00 does not come from lotto winnings, it comes from our taxes. Rest assured our school staff work tirelessly to ensure our school funds are used wisely each and every day to provide all who attend and engage in school the best possible outcomes.

**Vietnam Veterans March**

This Saturday I am encouraging all members of our school to join our school leaders and myself in marching in recognition of the commitment made by our Vietnam Veterans. A school’s growing maturity is shown in how it participates and shows respect for the community and its valued events.

We will be assembling and having the roll marked in Apex Park (next to the Bongaree Sports Club) at 3:30pm, for the march to the RSL Club from 3:55pm. Students should be in full school uniform. Parents and friends are welcome to march with us.

**School Opinion Survey**

The Education Department takes this time each year to collect information about schools through the annual School Opinion Survey. All year five and seven students complete a survey, all staff complete a survey and a random sample of forty five parents also are asked to complete a survey. Data from the survey is used to inform school reviews and future planning.

**School-Wide Positive Behaviour**

Each fortnight our school provides a focus for guiding student’s behaviour. Over the coming fortnight while maintaining all school rule expectations we will be focussing on Calm Movement around the school. Whether it is between lessons, at break periods, or after school or while travelling on the bus we require all students to move in a safe and calm manner.

**Pedagogical Framework – Art and Science of Teaching – Learning Goals / Objective s / Feedback**

As shared in last fortnight’s newsletter our school is progressing along our learning journey to embed a key framework for our school focussing on maximising student outcomes.

This week staff have discussed the importance of establishing Learning Goals and associated benefits appropriate Feedback has on improving student outcomes. Lesson goals and objectives clearly articulated and reviewed at the end of the teaching sequence provide immense benefit in improving student outcomes. Similarly students who negotiate their own learning goals and subsequently received appropriate, frequent and focussed feedback also are seen to make huge improvements. Over coming weeks we will be making a school-wide focus on implementing learning goals in a structured and supported way.

**Tidy Turtle**

Many thanks to Mrs Lutton for leading our school’s efforts around our Tidy Turtle strategy. This symbolic award presented each fortnight on assembly encourages each class to take ownership of an area in the school, maintaining its cleanliness and grounds. Well done to the Prep 4 class as last fortnight’s winner. Thanks go to Chris Waller for creating a school uniform and school bag for ‘turtle’ so he could attend school appropriate uniformed.

**Attendance Award**

Mrs Lutton is also leading our school focus on maximising attendance. It is not ‘rocket science’ to know that student achievement is directly linked to the student’s attendance at school. At each assembly we present two awards recognising the class with the highest percentage of student attendance. We also recognise the class with the greatest improvement in attendance over the last week. This strategy has already seen our attendance improve by 2.3% over the past fortnight.

The third string to our attendance focus is that all students who attend at least 95% of the days each term will go in the draw with a chance to win a $100.00 open order. **We want everyone at school every day.**

**Reporting**

Over the coming weeks teachers will be sending home notes regarding oral reporting which will occur this term. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to catch up with your child’s teacher for a current update on your child’s progress.

**Something to help at both school and home:**

**How to Get Your Child to Do What You Ask - The First Time**

Stop and think. Do you find yourself saying over and over to your child, ‘brush your teeth’, ‘get started on your homework’, ‘clean up your room’, or ‘go to bed’? This is such an energy burner for parents. We often get into the pattern of telling our child to do something, then telling them again 10 minutes later, and again 30 minutes later when we notice that they still haven’t done what we asked!

Your child has probably developed several strategies to put things off as long as possible. She/he has learned to distract you before you make the request.

- Decide in your own mind what you want the child to do and the time frame you will accept for her/his compliance - immediately, within 15 minutes, whatever.
- Get their attention. That means making eye contact at the very least. Don’t yell it from the kitchen. If you are busy in another room, ask the child to come to you before you make the request.
- Tell her/him specifically what you want her/him to do. ”Go brush your teeth right this minute so you can get to school on time.”
- Watch to make sure she/he starts to do what you asked.
- Praise her/him for doing what you asked. (Don’t leave out this step!)
- If she/he does not begin doing what you asked or does not complete the task, ask ”What did I ask you to do?”
- If she/he correctly tells you what you asked her/him to do, say, ”That’s good, now do it.”
- If she/he does not do what you asked then - STOP THE WORLD - the child does not do another thing until she/he does what you asked.
- If the child begins to throw a temper tantrum or continues to avoid doing what you asked, put her/him in a short time-out. When she/he comes out tell her/him to do what you asked. Don’t let it go or she/he will learn to avoid responsibility by causing an uproar.

The continued focus on this process will mean you will decrease the frequency you will need to work through all these steps.

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Paul Pickering
Principal
Dear Parents and Care Givers,

We are getting very excited about our Literacy and Numeracy week celebrations of learning. Our Prep to Year 3 students and teachers will be celebrating reading by dressing up as their favourite book character on Monday 27 August. We will be having a special parade at 9:15am where everyone will have the chance to show off their costume. All families are most welcome to attend and to share in celebrating the importance of reading. The parade will take place in our hall.

Classes are also in the process of working towards our Spelling Bee. Please help our students with their spelling whenever you can – I know that this is always a very exciting time for all concerned. Our Spelling Bee challenges will take place on Thursday 30 August for Preps to Year 5 students and Friday 31 August for Year 6 and 7 students. More information will be sent home closer to the events. We will also be holding a Math challenge leading up to these assemblies. Each class will be looking for their Math Champion to challenge for the title of Year Level Math Champion. The medals for each year level champion will be presented on the day of our spelling bee competitions.

We continue to hold our Prep Enrolment and Information sessions for those who will be enrolling for 2013. The next session will be Wednesday 12 September at 5 pm in the Prep 4 classroom. Mrs Fiona Bell will be discussing “What a Day in Prep looks like!” If you are aware of any families interested in enrolling for 2013, please pass this invitation on to them for us.

Well done to everyone collecting Coles Sports Vouchers and Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. We have exceeded our targets with these collections and are looking forward to selecting and then receiving our resources.

Our Year 7 students will be preparing for the Public Speaking auditions. Students are then chosen to compete in the public speaking competition at the RSL later in the year. We wish all of our students the very best as they prepare for this event.

We also have a number of students who will be participating in the LOTE competition at the University of Sunshine Coast on Sunday 26 August from 10:00 to 1:30. In this competition our students have to memorise a prepared speech, recite the speech and then answer questions about the speech. All of this is in the Indonesian language! We wish the following students the very best for their participation on Sunday: Year 5 – Montana Govorko, Jessica Manuel and Hannah Dadswell. Year 6 – Adam Firns, Ty McDonald, Nick Ward and Lachlan Alleyne. Year 7 – Sophie Radley, Chloe Manttan and Jaycoda Gerrard.

The students that represent our school for inter-school sport continue to impress. There have been many positive comments made by parents and other school teams with regard to the strong sportsmanship and skill of the students at Bribie Island State School.

We wish to remind all students that homework is an essential part of supporting your child to learn at school. At Bribie Island State School we expect that all children complete the homework set by their teacher to consolidate their in-class learning and Be an Active Learner. We ask that you support your child to complete their homework, whilst ensuring that they complete the expected tasks themselves. Please see your class teacher if you have any issues regarding homework.

Our Bribie Blitz for the next two weeks is a focus on having a Calm exit from classrooms or from lessons. We will be encouraging our students to walk calmly at end of play back to classroom, to walk calmly at the end of the school day as they leave the grounds or head to bus line. We also continue to reinforce safe bus behaviour to ensure that all students follow the expectations of sitting quietly on the bus to enable the bus driver to be able to concentrate on driving safely without distraction. We thank you for your support in reinforcing these messages with your children.

Have a great two weeks.

Warm regards
Jayn Hutchinson

OUT AND ABOUT WITH MRS HUTCHINSON
I had the pleasure of visiting classes and seeing wonderful work being done:
Hi Everyone,
The P&C would like to give another BIG THANK YOU to the amazing BUSY FINGERS for the GRANT they gave the P&C for School Air-conditioners and a Interactive White Board. Thank-you to Bridie O’Onner-Keleher for obtaining the Grant on behalf of the P&C.

UPCOMING EVENTS
* P&C and Mr P’s Sausage Sizzle Every Friday at 3pm.
* P&C Fathers Day Stalls will be held on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th of August.
* Please support our School WALKATHON on Friday 31st August. KIDS there are lots of fabulous rewards on offer.
* P&C DISCO is on Thursday the 6th of September - $3 entry - Times PREP - YR3 4.30-6pm, YR4 - YR7 6.30-8pm. VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME!!

Parents, Grandparents and Carers please come into the Parent Room and talk to me or call me on Ph 3400 2308. I need your opinion. How can we improve our school, BRIBIE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL.
Leisa Hudson-Bradby
P&C President.

P & C REPORT

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.

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

HOMEWORK HEROES
BRIBIE ISLAND LIBRARY
Homework Heroes is a program for all students in years 4-7. Held at the Bribie Island Library after school every TUESDAY from 3pm-4.30pm. For more information, please see Amanda in the office for the registration form.

Parent Surveys
Parent Surveys have been sent home to 45 selected families with a student in Yr 5 or Yr 7. Parents are asked to complete the survey and return to the school office no later that 28th August

Global Care Breakfast Program
Global Care is an organisation which successfully provides a free healthy breakfast meal for our students every Thursday morning from 8am-8.50am in the hall.

Student Absence Line: 3400 2366 (24 hours a day)

Parking Areas
Police are currently patrolling our school zone and are booking illegally parked cars in our school zone. This includes disable car parking, drop off areas and double parking in the main school car park. Please obey the signs in our school zone to keep our children safe when parking.
Volunteer Induction Training
Volunteer Induction training for all new volunteers will be held Wednesday 22nd August from 3pm-3:30pm in the Arts & Technology Room. Please contact the office or Mrs Lutton on 3400 2333 for more information.

I look forward to seeing all our wonderful new volunteers.

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

Bribie Island Touch Football Comp
Junior and Senior players wanted for a new season beginning on 5th September.
Sign on every Wednesday afternoon from 4:30pm-6pm.
Junior comp $80.00 per player
Senior Comp $100 Per player
For more information, please contact Kelly on: 0419 964 747

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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.

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The winning class for week 3&4 for best attendance goes to 2C Congratulations!!
The winning class for week 3&4 for the Most Improved attendance goes to 1D. Well done!!

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The winning class for the Tidy Turtle Award for weeks 3&4 is PREP 4

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Be Respectful  Be Safe  Be an Active Learner

Walk quietly through our school
- Students need to walk when moving around our school.
- When the bell rings, students QUIETLY WALK to their destination.
- Students are NOT to run, yell or scream when moving around our school.
- Students move to bus lines quickly and quietly and sit in their area.

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Bribie Blitz
Our blitz for the next fortnight will be

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Student Absence Line: 3400 2366 (24 hours a day)
Headlice

Complaints about headlice continue to be received at the school. Please be advised

- headlice do not live at school.
- headlice are bought 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 headlouse.
- 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.

Please treat this weekend as an action period for headlice.
**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 arms 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 who need help 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

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**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.

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**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!!