

## QUT Extreme Science Van Visit: Microscopy the playground uncovered



This week Year 3 got to study living organisms and non-living objects under the microscope during a visit from the Queensland University of Technology. They were surprised to find out how objects looked when magnified up to 35 times!

For their technology unit this term Year 3 are investigating types of resources and materials used in plant care and preparation. Watch out for their little green thumbs around the school as they plant and tend to different plants next to the Year 3 buildings. The students will also be caring for the plants in the vegetable garden opposite the Year three block so keep an eye out for them there too.

### Diary Dates:

Assembly Time  
2:10pm

27th February  
13th March

Semester 1  
Term 1

### February

- 25 Volunteer Induction  
2:10pm Arts & Tech room
- 26 Pre Prep Playgroup at  
the Hall 9am-10:30am
- 26 Active After School
- 27 Assembly 2:15pm Hall
- 27 Active After School
- 28 Global Care breakfast

### MARCH

- 1 Interschool Sport &  
Elective programs Yrs 5-7
- 5 Pre Prep Playgroup at the  
Hall 9am-10:30am
- 5 Active After School
- 6 Active After School
- 7 Global Care breakfast
- 8 Interschool Sport &  
Elective programs Yr 5-7
- 12 Pre Prep Playgroup at the  
Hall 9am-10:30am
- 12 Active After School
- 13 Active After School
- 14 Global Care breakfast
- 15 Interschool Sport &  
Elective programs Yr 5-7
- 20 P & C AGM 9.30am  
Staffroom

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

# From The Principal's Pentium

## Welcome

Wow! Week four already. So much has been achieved in just four weeks. I would like to thank the overwhelming majority of students who have done everything to meet their responsibilities at school. We have of course, had the odd student pushing the boundaries. This has been the exception however. There is a great 'vibe' around our school as we seek to meet our school Bee Keys of **Being Safe, Being Respectful and Being and Active Learner**.

### Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet Tuesday 12th February 4:30pm—6:45pm

Thank you to the many parents who made time to attend the Meet and Greet evening last Tuesday. It was a wonderful way to commence 2013. Many thanks go out to the Bribie Lion's Club who staffed and funded our free sausage sizzle. Thanks to the P & C opening for up the Tuckshop on the evening.

The value parents place on maintaining a positive open relationship with your child's class teacher is the most crucial model we provide as adults. It is a well justified and tremendously important commitment one makes as a parent.

### Bribie Island Rotary Pride of Workmanship Award

**Bribie Island Rotary** supports an award which seeks to recognise the efforts of local employees who demonstrate professionalism and pride in their roles at work. I am happy to announce that **Maureen DeVries** has been nominated for this year's award. We are proud of Maureen's efforts and we can thank her for her untiring commitment by coming along to the presentation event. This will be held on **Thursday 28th March** at the **Bribie Island Hotel from 6:30pm**. We have over 30 staff and community members who are attending to recognise Maureen's efforts.

### Uniform and Dress Code: Personal Belongings—Mobile Phones, Scooters and Skateboards.

I would like to remind parents and students of the following processes for the above 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.

### Student Resources – Books etc

It is imperative that students have the resources they need to fully participate in the offered instructional program at Bribie. If you have not previously made payment to the school for your child to participate in the Student Resource Scheme it is your responsibility to ensure the items listed in the booklist are provided for your child. Children without items 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.

### Smoking In and Around School

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.

### School Newsletter – Modern Media

We would like to move away from providing a mountain of newsletter copies each and every fortnight. With your help we would like to use email and other digital medium to share our newsletter. We will also be ensuring the newsletter is loaded onto our web page each fortnight as well.

Can you please share with us your email address so we may use this channel to share our newsletter fortnightly. Please complete and return the response form included in this newsletter.

### Want to donate \$1,000.00 to the school?

QTMB (Queensland Teachers Mutual Bank) will donate \$1,000.00 to the school for anyone from our school (staff, parent, neighbour or friend) who takes out or switches their home loan to QTMB.

What a great opportunity. If you are considering your home loan options please consider QTMB and help out our school.

Contact QTMB on 132930 or email [qtmf@qtmf.com.au](mailto:qtmf@qtmf.com.au) and reference 'Schools For Improvement Bounty'.



Have a great fortnight

**Paul Pickering**  
Principal



**Casual Relief Teacher Aide Pool**  
**Bribie Island State School**  
**Interested parties are invited**  
**to collect an Application Package**  
**from our office.**  
**Applications close 3pm, 19/3/2013**



## From the Deputy Principal's Desk

### Dear Parent and Care Givers,

Thank you to all the parents who attended our whole school parade last week. It was a great opportunity to recognise all the students who have been working hard to achieve their best at Bribie Island State School. Over the next week our focus rule is Be Safe. Teachers will be teaching the students about safe behaviours in our school environment. Please use this opportunity to discuss what this rule looks like at home.

Mrs. Lutton is currently organising volunteers to work within the school. Please get in contact with the school if you are interested in supporting your child's learning. She will be running the final induction session in the Art and Technology room from 2:10pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February. There are already a number of volunteers supporting reading around the school, one of our Priority Learning Areas.

There will also be a Parenting Course on offer for parents and carers of children in prep to year 3. This is a three session program, at no cost, taking place in the Art and Technology room on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March from 9:15am to 11:15am. Please contact Amanda Menzies on 3400 2333 by this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, if you are interested in signing up for this great opportunity.

Year 7 Mapleton Camp is fast approaching on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and the whole sum of \$230 is due by next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. All year 7 students are encouraged to attend as part of the school program.

Ken Piva our school chaplain has been working hard to organise programs to support and enrich our students. Programs on offer this term are Rock & Water, woodwork and sewing. Rock & Water is a program which aims at developing social and emotional wellbeing, self-esteem, interpersonal skills and team skills.

Over the past week we have experienced a considerable amount of rain. Well done to all the students that have been working hard and Being Safe around the school during this time. Also, a big thank you to all the staff that have had to offer extra supervision to support our students.



**Yours in Education,**

**David Lawton  
A/Deputy Principal**

## KIDS MATTER- With Mr P **EVERYONE'S GOOD AT SOMETHING!** Supporting kids' confidence

James really likes football but he's not sure about playing with the local team. He thinks: I'm not as good as the other kids, what if they don't pass the ball to me? What if I drop it? James often stops himself from having a go at new things, he doesn't want to look silly.

He would rather watch others go first so he can watch what they can do. At school when a teacher asks him a question he often says "I don't know" even if he does know the answer. James doesn't want to get things wrong. When he makes a mistake on his homework he gives up and says "I can't do it".

His parents want him to try "You've got to have a go" his dad says, "otherwise how will you learn?"

Children who lack confidence in their abilities sometimes try to avoid even having a go at some things. This can get frustrating for parents and carers. It can also stop children from developing the skills they need to tackle tasks confidently.

### HOW CONFIDENCE DEVELOPS

For most children starting school means spending more time on learning and less on play. It also means more expectations of them — from parents, carers, teaching staff and also from themselves.

Primary school children typically start out with high expectations. When they see how well they do things compared to others, their view of their own abilities often changes. They learn that they are good at some things and not so good at others. They also see how other children and teaching staff respond to what they do.

These things influence children's confidence in their abilities. They also influence how willing they are to have a go in situations where they feel unsure.

### HOW PARENTS AND CARERS CAN HELP

Confidence improves through building on small successes. Parents, carers (and teaching staff) can help by:

- ◆ Explaining to children that skills develop with practice
- ◆ Encourage children to persist when they don't succeed straight away
- ◆ Praising effort, persistence and improvement
- ◆ Making sure that goals are achievable by breaking down large tasks or responsibilities into small steps
- ◆ Being ready to help when necessary, without taking over



Encouraging children to have a go and valuing individual improvement  
**supports children's confidence.**

Ken Piva  
Chaplain

## P & C REPORT

**Hello Everyone,**

The TUCKSHOP is in need of VOLUNTEERS. Please see ANNA in the Tuckshop if you are able to volunteer some of your time. THANKYOU.

PLEASE come along and become a MEMBER OF THE P&C FOR THE 2013 YEAR. Members are able to vote at P & C meetings and help to make a difference to our SCHOOL. Also you need to be a MEMBER OF THE P&C FOR THE 2013 YEAR to be able to vote at the AGM. Come and have your say.

The Bribie Island State School P & C Association AGM will be held **MARCH 20th 2013 at 9.30am** in the STAFFROOM.

**P & C President**

**Leisa Hudson-Bradby**

### UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

**Monday - Friday:  
8.30am - 9.30am**

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

### 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.  
WEDNESDAYS at the PARENT ROOM Ph **3400 2308**.

### Beginners Pottery

Where: Bribie Island Community Arts Centre  
When: 6 Week course beginning 29th February  
Cost: \$15 per session (clay and Firing additional)  
Time: 12:30pm — 3:00pm

A sheet explaining the course outline is available from the front desk of the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre.

**COME AND HAVE FUN!!!!**

For further information please contact Sue on **0407 158 784** or the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre on **3408 9288**

### Homework Heroes 2013

Homework Heroes has started up again.

Time is 3-4pm each Tuesday during school term. Bring your homework along. Afternoon tea provided as well as free computer usage. We also like to see parents and carers. Aimed at grades 4-7  
For more information please contact the Bribie Island Library on: 3408 1388

## 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.



### 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.

Busy fingers are located at: **38 Cotterill Ave, Bongaree**.  
**Opening times: Monday– Friday 8.30am—3pm**

## Be a Movie Star and Perform on Stage!

### Beginning in Term 2

Star in a stage performance of a modern version of a well-known fairy tale! Helping Hands is pleased to be able to offer this unique opportunity for all the children at Bribie Island.

Happy, Grumpy, Sleepy... Which dwarf are you? Snow White has missed her friends the dwarfs! The Evil Queen is sick of boring fairytales. She wants to be entertained!

Come play and explore the unspoken tales of the seven dwarfs or be an Evil Queen or King. Learn about drama and role-playing while having fun. We will peek into the hidden world of your imaginations, unlocking new stories and characters. Learn how to use drama to present your own creative thoughts and characters. Come join us as we write and perform the modern day fairy tale.

On the final week family and friends will be invited along as the children present their modern day fairy-tales, with the guidance of our professional actor.

For more information or to book into this exciting 5 week program please contact Helping Hands Bribie Island on **0488 446 320** or email

**bribieisland@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au**

Booking forms are also available from the school office and the Helping Hands Bribie Island

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## LATE PAYMENT REMINDERS

Please note 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 for your assistance.

## Reminder to the school Community

Police have been issuing a number of fines to parents that are parking in the incorrect parking zones around our school. Please read and obey all parking signs around the school, these are for your children's and your own safety.

## Late Arrival of students

Parents, please remind your child/ren to come to the office if they arrive late to school for their late slip.

## Early Departure of students

If you are collecting your child early from school for an appointment or other reason, you must proceed to the office **first** before collecting you child/ren from their classroom. An Early Departure slip will be printed for you to give to your child's teacher with out this slip your child will not be released to you.

## Donations for Mr P

### **Black school shoes and second hand uniforms**

Do you have any pre loved black school shoes still in good condition or second hand uniforms? Mr P, our school Chaplain, is asking for donations of all sizes of black school shoes and uniforms to help keep his supply of pre loved shoes and second hand uniforms going. If you can help Mr P in donating black school shoes or second hand uniforms he would be very grateful.

Thank you

## Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care

### Bribie Island State School

0488 446 320

[bribieisland@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au](mailto:bribieisland@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au)



## Global Care Breakfast Program



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

## Apps for Education



[Queensland schools App](#)



[Take a Stand](#)



[Out and About App](#)

**Attendance Awards**



## School Attendance Awards

Regular attendance at school is essential to students achieving their

**Attendance Awards**



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.

The winning class for Week 1 & 2 for best attendance is

# 6B.

The overall winning class for Weeks 1, 2, 3 & 4, for the **Most Improved** attendance will be announced on assembly next week.

**Attendance Awards**



Please keep up the great work with your attendance.

**Attendance Awards**



## 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.

**The overall Winning class for weeks 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be announced on assembly next week.**

**ALL CLASSES, KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!**



# Our School Rules



## News from Year 7

Hello and a very special welcome from Year 7. This year at Bribie Island State School, we have three great Year 7 teachers: Nancy Griffiths, Angela Brown and Liz Palmer (Year 7 until Netnapha Hayward returns from long service). Ms Griffiths teaches English, Mrs Brown teaches Science and SOSE, Mrs Palmer teaches Mathematics and Technology and we team teach Arts and HPE. The Year 7 students are also taught by all three teachers: Mr Waugh who teaches P.E., Mrs Lee who teaches L.O.T.E. and Mrs Woodham who teaches Music. We have made a great start to this term with the students showing loads of enthusiasm and are working hard towards achieving their learning goals.

We were extremely fortunate to have a very special visitor to our school - Mr Petero Civoniceva. Petero played rugby league for an expansive 20 years where he played for the Brisbane Broncos winning the NRL Premiership three times and went onto captain the Penrith Panthers. Petero is a well-respected professional both on and off the field. Petero has now retired and travels to schools in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea providing awareness of bullying at school as well as promoting the game of NRL.

His informative session showed a reenactment video of various types of bullying behaviour entailing psychological, emotional, cyber, social and physical harassment. Often these incidences are not reported. The message was clear, schools have no places for bullies, so if you are a victim of bullying, tell someone who you can trust. Tell a teacher or your parents/carers so a resolution can be put into place and acted upon for the safety of the child at risk. Petero's talk was delivered in a light-hearted mannerism which engaged the students 100%. He finished the session with fun quizzes, prizes, photos and autographs. It was wonderful to have a true sportsman visit our students as he not only brought us an awareness of strategies to reduce bullying but he also positively emphasized the importance of students goal setting and the importance of valuing and gaining a successful education. Petero, we thank you for visiting our school. From the Year 7 team, we wish our friends and colleagues at Bribie Island State School a fun and fantastic year.

**Liz Palmer, 7A Teacher, Mrs Griffiths 7B Teacher, Mrs Brown 7C Teacher.**



## BRIBIE ISLAND AFL CLUB

### JUNIOR SIGN ON

Any enquiries please phone:

Kath Neilsen 0419 752 733

Bribie Island AFL Club

First Ave Sports Grounds, Bongaree.

Looking for kids to play age 7 - 18.

All playing abilities. Fun, family friendly club.



## CABOOLTURE COUGARS

[www.caboolturehockey.org.au](http://www.caboolturehockey.org.au)

### Sign-on Dates

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

4pm - 6pm at Lindsay Road, Morayfield

Players, Coaches & Managers

Wanted for all divisions U7's - Division 1

### Contact

Marcella Evetts 0430 392 747

[president@caboolturehockey.org.au](mailto:president@caboolturehockey.org.au)

Eliza Evetts 0416 293 833

[secretary@caboolturehockey.org.au](mailto:secretary@caboolturehockey.org.au)



## BRIBIE ISLAND NETBALL

### CLUB

BRIBIE ISLAND NETBALL CLUB IS STILL SEEKING

PLAYERS FOR CLUB NETBALL.

WEEKLY TRAINING ON BRIBIE AND PLAY

SATURDAY AT CABOOLTURE.

IF YOU'VE PLAYED SOME NETBALL, E.G. AT SCHOOL OR INDOOR, WE HAVE A TEAM FOR YOU (TURNING 10 OR 11). THERE IS ALSO ONE SPOT IN NETTA - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY (TURNING 6, 7 OR 8 THIS YEAR).

ALL ENQUIRIES TO HEATHER ON 0411-712949



## Bribie Island Junior Rugby League Club

### SIGN ON

Sign available every Tuesday & Thursday evening  
from 5:00pm-6:00pm

Address: First Ave (across from the Caltex Service Station)

### Training

Training has begun please check the board inside the clubhouse for team training times.

Games will begin early March.

### SENIORS

Seniors welcome to sign on. Training for Seniors starts at 6pm.