



LET'S READ

On the first day of term, all prep students received an *exciting Let's Read* pack containing a book, booklist *suggestions, reading tips for parent's sheets and a DVD.*

The DVD supplied, contained footage modelling strategies to help parents read with students and lots of practical tips to encourage reading with children. A big thank you to our school P and C for providing the funding for each pack. We look forward to an exciting year of reading success with our preps!

Diary Dates:

Assembly Time

2:10pm

13th March

27th March

Semester 1

Term 1

MARCH

- 8 Interschool Sport & Elective programs Yr 5-7
- 12 Cross Country Training 8am-8:30am
- 12 Pre Prep Playgroup at the Hall 9am-10:30am
- 12 Active After School
- 13 Active After School
- 14 Global Care breakfast
- 14 Harmony Disco (wear something orange)
- 15 Cross Country Training 8am-8:30am
- 15 INTERSCHOOL SPORT CANCELLED Yrs 4-7
- 15 \$2 Harry Hotdogs 3pm under covered area
- 19 Ready Reader Program 9-11:30am
- 19 Cross Country Training 8am-8:30am
- 19 Active After School
- 20 P & C AGM 9.30am Staffroom
- 20 Active After School
- 21 Global Care breakfast
- 22 Cross Country Training 8am-8:30am
- 22 Interschool Sport & Elective programs Yr 5-7

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

From The Principal's Pentium

Welcome

Hello and welcome to our fourth 2013 newsletter. Our school has been deeply involved in a range of learning opportunities this last fortnight. Students work in C2C units is progressing, staff continue undertaking a range of professional development (with a focus on areas of our SWPBS) and volunteers have completed extensive induction sessions. Shortly it will be parents chance to attend our 1-2-3 Magic Behaviour sessions starting 6th March. **Bribie is certainly a 'Learning Community'**.

School Pride

This time last year I shared how we all need to market our school. Great things happen each and every day and it is not alright for anyone to put our school down. In fact I find negative statements about the school to be both offensive and ill-informed.

- ◆ **Staff** at Bribie are very committed and skilled in their various roles.
- ◆ **Teachers** take their responsibility to lead children's learning seriously. They are always available to speak to parents and undertake a multitude of additional professional learning opportunities.
- ◆ **Teacher aides** are always the backbone of any school. They care deeply about the students and school. Bribie's Teacher Aides are a tremendous support to children.
- ◆ **Office staff** take immense pride in their roles. The front office staff have a great deal of knowledge about the community and the relationships which exist. They help out in ways which far exceed their job profile.
- ◆ **Grounds and cleaning staff** have such immense ownership they are deeply offended when damage or destruction is caused to the school. Everyday they untiringly go beyond normal expectations, investing their time in making the school the best it can be.
- ◆ **Volunteers** in the classroom or through the **P & C** and **Tuckshop** give freely of their time to assist the school. The number of volunteers is growing and their commitment cannot be questioned.

All of our school staff and volunteers want Bribie Island State School to be the best it can be. At times there are minor things which don't go as planned and as such, when anyone of our staff become aware of concerns they are addressed. We all seek to operate effectively within shared rules, expectations and processes which everyone must follow for the school to operate safely and efficiently. As with any rule or process some people do not always comply, they may even seek to challenge the status quo. This is normal human behaviour. However for the good of our children we need everyone to ensure they meet these expectations. We also need all staff, students and parents to ensure we deliver a **positive campaign about our school**.

Remember: It is not alright for anyone to put the school down. When they do so they undermine the tremendous work which happens each and every day. They undermine our children.

"Bribie is a great school!" should be our creed. Let us all help to breed success, model respect and expect high achievement as we foster positive relationships and an outstanding image of our school.

Bribie Island Rotary Pride of Workmanship Award

Maureen DeVries has shared how proud and yet humble she was in receiving recognition at the Pride of Workmanship event last Thursday. As is the norm our staff and community demonstrated their depth of care. With over 30 people attending from our school we had more than double any other groups attendance. Well done Maureen and thank you to those who attended.

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, 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.

Resource Donations

The school is seeking a minimal donation from all parents of **one ream of paper** and **one box of tissues**. These highly consumable items provide a large cost burden on the school and by everyone pitching in we can reduce costs on consumables at schools so we may invest in larger items like readers, technology and sports resources. Your help requested. Please provide items directly to your class teacher.

School Newsletter – Modern Media

Last fortnight I spoke about our schools push to move our newsletter into the digital era. 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.

If you have not already can you please share with us your email address with us so we may use this medium to share our newsletter fortnightly. Amanda in the office is collating all this information.

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. Contact QTMB on 132930 or email qtmb@qtmb.com.au and reference 'Schools For Improvement Bounty'.



Have a great fortnight.

Paul Pickering
Principal

From the Deputy Principal's Desk

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our school focus over the next fortnight is 'Be Respectful'. Staff will be discussing with students how this looks in the classroom, playground and in the wider community. Please use this opportunity to re-enforce what this rule looks like in your home environment.

Congratulations to the all the Year 7 leaders that were presented with their badges at the 'Leadership Investiture Ceremony'. Thank you to all the parents that attended to support their children. You now have the opportunity to use this position to make a positive impact at Bribie Island State School in the year ahead. This can happen through:

- Buddy play, when you are socialising with the younger children in the playground and forging strong relationships with the student community.
- Utilising your experience from the Leadership Conference you are attending at the Brisbane Convention Centre.
- Being a role model for your fellow students in how you strive for success and deal with disappointment.
- Leading at camp within your activity group.
- Involvement in events at the school and also the wider community.

Working closely with your year 7 teachers and taking on their advice in the year ahead.

A huge thank you from all the staff at Bribie Island to all the volunteers that have attended the induction training with Mrs. Lutton. The response has been tremendous and will certainly make a difference in the classrooms and around the school. Your support of our school is greatly appreciated.

The first session of the 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Course for parents and carers of children in prep to year 3 was run yesterday. This is a three session program, at no cost, taking place in the Art and Technology room, the final two sessions will be on Wednesday 13th and 27th March from 9:15am to 11:15am. Over 25 parents have enrolled in the course which is a great response. Enjoy this learning experience and thank you to Kathy Thornton and Joy Mclary for delivering the course at our school.



Yours in Education,

David Lawton
A/Deputy Principal

KIDS MATTER- With Mr P THINKING

Confident thinking

Self-esteem is an important part of confidence. Having good self-esteem means accepting and feeling good about yourself. Confidence not just about feeling good but also knowing you are good at something. Particular ways of thinking are very important for building confidence, Helpful ways of thinking include:

- ◆ Believing that if you try, you can succeed
- ◆ Finding positive ways to cope with failure that encourages having another go
- ◆ Enjoying learning for its sake by competing for its own performance rather than of others

Dealing with disappointment

Everybody fails to achieve their goals sometimes. Parent and Carers (and teaching staff) can help by:

- ◆ Responding sympathetically and with encouragement, e.g. "That was disappointing, but at least you had a go"
- ◆ Helping kids focus on what they can change to make things better, rather than thinking the situation is unchangeable or that there is something wrong with them e.g. "What can you try that might make that work better next time?"
- ◆ Challenging 'I can't' thinking ,by showing and saying, you believe in them and remind them of what they have achieved

Optimistic thinking

Optimistic thinking recognises what has been achieved more than what is lacking. It looks like the glass is half full rather than half empty.

Parents and Carers can help children focus on their own effort and on achieving personal goals as the best way to measure success.

Ken Piva
Chaplain



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



P&C Association

Hello Everyone,

A big ***Welcome*** to the new families that have joined our fabulous school community over the past few weeks.

Our P&C is a busy place with preparations for the upcoming Disco, AGM and Mothers' Day stall. If you have any time to spare to help out with these events please come and see us in the Parent Room, everyone is very welcome.

Volunteering in our school is very rewarding and lots of fun too. Without volunteers we cannot have a tuckshop, disco, stalls and other events that raise money to purchase resources for our children such as classroom fridges to keep lunches fresh and cold, Reading Eggs subscriptions for each child, Spirit of Bribie pins and we contribute to the cost of the Student Leaders trip plus much more!

If you have an hour or two to help with our Mothers' Day stall commencing Wed 8th May we would love to hear from you.

Volunteers are Vital!

In lieu of the sausage sizzles that were held each week last year, we will be cooking "**Harry Hotdogs**" in 2013 in the undercover area outside the Tuckshop every Friday afternoon for \$2 from 3.00pm. This event also requires volunteers to continue being a success. If you can help out once a month for 30 mins please come and see us.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is being held on the Wednesday, 20th March at 9.30am in the staff room. We would love to see some new faces and look forward to the fresh ideas that come with them.

Activities this coming fortnight are:

- ◆ **Harmony Disco (wear something orange) Thursday 14th March**
- ◆ **\$2 "Harry Hotdogs" Friday 15th March**
- ◆ **P&C AGM Wednesday 20th March**
- ◆ **"Harry Hotdogs" Friday 22nd March**

Thank you to all those parents and carers who placed an order from Issue 1 of the **Scholastic Book Club**, together you all raised **\$296** to spend on books and educational resources for our class rooms. What an outstanding effort!

Until next time,

Marcia Walsh **Mary Turner** **Carolyn Ephraims**
Acting President **Secretary** **Treasurer**

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Busy fingers are located at: **38 Cotterill Ave, Bongaree.**
Opening times: Monday– Friday 8.30am—3pm
Saturday's 8am—12pm

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.

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.**

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children's education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

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 your 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.

PARENT MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

Dear Parents & Carers,
School office staff make every effort to pass on messages when required.
Please be aware however that it is sometimes very difficult to deliver messages when they are provided at the last minute. It is preferred that parents ensure students are organised and aware of arrangement before attending school. Where possible please contact the office before lunch time to ensure your messages have time to be passed on. We will make every effort however we cannot guarantee messages to students if they are received late in the afternoon.

Thank you for your assistance.

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

Homework Heroes 2013

Homework Heroes has started up again.
Time is 3-4pm each Tuesday during school term.

Bring your homework along to the

Bribie Island Library.

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**

Attendance Awards



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** 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 3 & 4 for best attendance is

Prep 4.

The winning class for Weeks 3 & 4 for the **Most Improved** attendance is

2B

Please keep up the great work with your attendance.

Attendance Awards



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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 winner of Week 5

Tidy Turtle was 7A

The Herb Garden Area and
LOTE Room Area
Sensory and Visual Delight
**ALL CLASSES, KEEP UP
THE GREAT WORK!**



SPORTING NEWS WITH MR WAUGH

Caboolture District Swimming Trials

Bribie Island SS recently had a team of students compete at the Caboolture District Swimming Trials. These students were **Natalie Hobson, Wyatt Chinn, Caspa Iselin, James Tipping, Edie Lizosoain, Grace Mayne, Amber Hoskinson, Lachlan Alleyne, Harvey Lew, Anthony Evans, Robert Bain, Breanna Hans, Kyla Wall, Kiarna Patterson and Emily Mann.**

Congratulations to **Natalie Hobson, Lachlan Alleyne and Harvey Lew** who were selected in the Caboolture District Swimming Team. They will now compete at the Regional Swimming Trials, with an aim of making the Sunshine Coast Team. We wish these students all the best at these trials.

Interhouse Cross Country Carnival

In other sporting news, the **Interhouse Cross Country Carnival** will be held on the **Thursday 28th March** (last day of term 1). This event is for students turning 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13 in 2013. Please keep an eye out in the next newsletter for race times and further details about the carnival. Students have started training **Tuesday and Friday mornings (8:00am – 8:30am)** and this will continue until the carnival.

Interschool Sport

Week 1 of Interschool Sport was cancelled due to the weather conditions. Let's hope the rain clears for week 2. Unfortunately, Interschool Sport on **Friday March 15th has been cancelled** due to some facilities being unavailable for games. Students will remain at school on this day.

Anthony Waugh
PE Teacher

News from Year 7

Year 7s are doing things a little differently this year. Bribie Island State School students will be well-prepared for high school as they will have been following a similar learning model to high school throughout their last year of primary school.

Each student has their own timetable to which they refer during the course of the day.

The first session each morning is held in their "home rooms" where the roll is electronically marked and messages are disseminated. The students then move to the different teacher's rooms for their set lessons. (Mrs Brown – SOSE, History, Science. Mrs Hayward – Maths, ICT/Technology. Ms Griffiths – English)

With a computer LAB on the same floor and interactive whiteboards in all rooms, Year Sevens' learning is very much technology based.

Time	Mins	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		7B	7B	7B	7B	7B
8:55	0:15	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
9:10	0:20	Science	Maths	English	Maths	English
9:30	0:15	Science	Maths	English	Maths	English
9:45	0:15	Science	Maths	English	Maths	English
10:00	0:15	English	Science	Maths	SOSE	ICT/Tech
10:15	0:15	English	Science	Maths	SOSE	ICT/Tech
10:30	0:15	English	Science	Maths	SOSE	ICT/Tech
10:45	0:15	English	Science	Maths	SOSE	ICT/Tech
11:00	0:15					
11:15	0:15					
11:30	0:15					
11:45	0:15	English	LOTE (I)	English	LOTE (I)	The Arts
12:00	0:15	English	LOTE (I)	English	LOTE (I)	The Arts
12:15	0:15	English	LOTE (I)	English	LOTE (I)	The Arts
12:30	0:15	ICT/Tech	Music (I)	History	English	HPE
12:45	0:15	ICT/Tech	Music (I)	History	English	HPE
1:00	0:15	ICT/Tech	PE (I)	History	English	HPE
1:15	0:15	ICT/Tech	PE (I)	History	English	HPE
1:30	0:15					
1:45	0:15					
2:00	0:15	Maths	SOSE	English	History	HPE
2:15	0:15	Maths	SOSE	English	History	HPE
2:30	0:15	Maths	SOSE	English	History	HPE
2:45	0:15	Maths	SOSE	English	History	HPE

The timetable to the left shows the weekly program for 7B.

A "zip bag" and a homework diary have been given to each student so that they will all have the tools to ensure the road to success will be that little bit easier. We have been working in this way for five weeks now and both teachers and students are enjoying their new challenge.

Student comments:

...like having 3 different teachers

...makes the day go quickly

...zip bags are easier than tidy boxes

...good preparation for high school

...fun to move around and sit in different seats in different rooms