



YEAR 7 MAPLETON CAMP

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL BIKE, SCOOTER AND SKATE BOARD RIDERS.

The bike racks near the tennis courts will be **LOCKED PERMANENTLY** from **Monday 25th March**. Please advise your children to lock their bikes, scooters or skate boards in the bike racks at the other side of the school in front of E Block (Library).

Diary Dates:

Assembly Time

2:00pm

27th March

Semester 1

Term 1

MARCH

22 Cross Country Training
8am-8:30am

22 Pre-Prep and Kindy visit

22 Interschool Sport &
Elective programs Yr 5-7

25-29 Parent/Teacher
Interviews

25 TUCKSHOP CLOSED

26 "My Friends & I"

Incurion

27 National Young Leaders
conference

28 TUCKSHOP CLOSED

\$2 Sausage sizzle 1st Break

28 Cross Country Carnival

28 Last day of term

29 Good Friday

Semester 1

Term 2

APRIL

15 School Resumes

16 Pre-Prep Playgroup
9am-10:30am

17 Assembly 2:15pm

19 Interschool Sport &

Elective programs Yr 5-7

24 ANZAC Day Ceremony
9am

25 ANZAC Day March

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

Principal's Pentium

Welcome

I hope this newsletter finds you well. With just five school days remaining in term one, we have achieved so much already this year. Thank you to all parents who are ensuring their children attend school **appropriately attired**, with **all necessary resources and books**, with a **healthy lunch** and a **positive attitude** to their school and learning. There is a popular coaching saying which states: *'It is ones attitude, not their aptitude which will determine their altitude.'* In others words, how high you soar is more determined by your effort then your skills. Everyone can give an effort, no matter their level of skill or knowledge base. At Bribie we encourage all students to 'have a go.'

Has your child ever said "I can't do that" Just add the word 'yet' to the end of that statement and we can change an attitude and encourage each other to 'have a go.'

Everyday Counts

A range of factors impact on student achievement but the most crucial one is actually attending. If your child is not at school they miss out on the offered program and severely reduce their chances of success at school. Research provides a strong link between success at school and life choices and opportunities. Is your child gaining all possible opportunities? How many days have they missed this year?

We have several initiatives at school to improve attendance, including class attendance and improvement awards. We would like to set a goal of 95% attendance at Bribie. At the next assembly we will be rewarding all classes who can meet this goal. Everyday counts!

Mobile Phones and iPods at School

It is very important that all students of our school meet the expectation of not bringing digital devices into school. All mobile phones, ipods etc. must be left in the school office if they are brought to school. They can be collected at the end of each day. Any items found at school will be confiscated and held in the office for parents to collect.

Photocopy Paper and Tissues

There has been some confusion around parent provision of photocopy paper and tissues. These two items are not part of the booklist packs for 2013 and we are **asking all parents to donate these small yet important resources to their class teacher**. All we ask is a donation of one ream of photocopy paper and one box of tissues per student. This small donation will help in a big way. So far less than 7% of parents have aided with a donation.

Resource Scheme

Approximately 60% of parents have committed to contributing to the student resource scheme. Of this about half have funds still outstanding. I am requesting that all commitments to this scheme are finalised by the end of this term so we can purchase the necessary resources.

Of the 40% of parents who have not contributed to the resource scheme, about 30% (75 students) are not providing resources for their children for school. The school is not in the position to provide booklist resources to students. You are urged to provide these items for your child/children so they can gain the greatest benefit from the educational program at Bribie.

Visitors to School

The school welcomes visitors to our school. However, those visiting must sign in to the visitor's book and carry appropriate badges.

We have others who attend school from 2:30pm onwards to collect children at the end of the day. I am requesting that parents with younger children take care to supervise these children while classes are in progress at this time of the day. Loud and active children are disrupting the capacity of some class teachers to deliver lessons and information near the end of the day. Your help in this matter is appreciated.

Parent /Teacher Interviews

At this time of the year classes send home notes advising of opportunities for parents to meet with teachers about their children's progress. Most classes will have these meetings before the school Easter break. Year Seven and Year One classes will schedule their meetings for the first week of term two.

End of Term

Thursday 28th March is the last day of the school term. Classes will recommence on Monday 15th April. I hope everyone enjoys their Easter Break.



Paul Pickering
Principal

From the Deputy Principal's Desk

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our school focus over the next fortnight is 'Be an Active Learner'. Staff will be discussing with students how this looks in the classroom, playground and in the wider community. Students can use this time to practice being organised for their learning through coming into the classroom quietly and preparing for their first lesson of the day. They can also complete all set tasks to the best of their ability as well as ask questions and discuss points of interest with other students throughout the school day. It would be great if students would go home and discuss something interesting that they learnt at school everyday.

Year 7 camp was a great success with all the students arriving back at school yesterday extremely tired but very happy. I had the opportunity to visit the students at Camp Mapleton and watch them step out of their comfort zone and participate in a range of challenging activities. It was great to hear the year 7 students tell me how other students had encouraged them at camp and describe the actions of that person that made them an encourager. Thank you to Mrs. Hayward, Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Waugh and Mr. Opie for supporting the students at camp.

Year 7 Leaders will be visiting the Brisbane Convention Centre on the 27th March with Mrs. Hayward and Mr. Piva. They will be attending the National Young Leaders Day and we are looking forward to hear about your experiences and how the inspiration you have gained for the year ahead in your leadership position.

Inter-house X-Country is from 9am-11am on Thursday 28th March for years 4-7. Students have been practising in their PE lessons and some students have also been attending the extra sessions offered in the morning on the school oval. Good luck to all the competitors and looking forward to seeing lots of parents supporting the students on the day.

The final session of the 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Course for parents and carers of children in prep to year 3 will be run on Wednesday 27th March from 9:15am to 11:15am. It is great to see involvement by so many parents from our school. I'm looking forward to catching up with all the parents next week so they can share with me what they have learnt from the course. A huge thank you to Kathy Thornton and Joy McLary for delivering the course at our school.

Ready Reader Training was a fantastic success. Congratulations and thank you to all the parents that attended and to Mrs. Lutton and Mrs. Roebuck for running the session. We look forward to another Ready Reader Training session next term.



Have a great Easter holiday and please use this time to relax and enjoy family time so you can all be ready for term 2. Thank you for your support and working with me and all the staff at Bribie Island State School this term.

Yours in Education,

**David Lawton
A/Deputy Principal**

Bribie Island State School Earlyact Service Leadership Club

The Rotary Club of Bribie Island is excited to introduce the idea of an Earlyact Club at Bribie Island State School.

Earlyact is a school wide service club in primary schools which is run by the students. The first meeting was held on Tuesday and the next meeting will be held on the 23rd April.

Earlyact will organise 3 projects a year: school based, community based and one with an international agenda. All monies used for projects will be raised by the students. They will also run the meetings, as Chairperson, President, Secretary and Treasurer with the support of a staff member and a Rotarian.

Earlyact clubs meet once a fortnight, usually over a lunch period, there is no fee to join and all students from **Years 4 and 5** can be involved in this leadership program. I have seen a presentation by The Earlyact Club of other schools; it is amazing to see how young students can achieve their goals and how much difference their projects can make.

For those students interested, a registration form can be collected from Ms Francis. If anyone has any questions please contact **Ms Francis** at school or myself on: **0439 541 394**

**Kirsten McDonald
New Generations Director
Rotary Club of Bribie Island**

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 Mothers' Day stall being held on 8th, 9th & 10th May. If you have any time to spare to help out with this event or upcoming events in the future please come and see us in the Parent Room, everyone is very welcome.

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.

Also new to the tuckshop, we now have **Flexischools** up and running. This is a great online service for ordering lunch orders for your children. Just register at www.flexischools.com. auto place your orders. Orders can be placed upto 2 weeks in advance.

Our **Harmony Disco** was a great Success! Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers for there help on the night and to all the children who dressed in orange. Congratulations to all the winners on the night!

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 20th March at 9:30am in the staffroom.

Our 2013 Executive Team:

President: **Chris Giffin**
Vice President: **Mary Turner & Marcia Walsh**
Secretary: **Kylie McDonnell**
Treasurer: **Carolyn Ephraims**

Activities this coming fortnight are:

♦ "**Harry Hotdogs**" Friday 22nd March

Until next time,
Chris Giffin
President

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. However, please be aware 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 any 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 runs from 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 5 & 6 for best attendance is

Prep 4.

The winning class for Weeks 5 & 6 for the **Most Improved** attendance is

1A

Please keep up the great work with your attendance.

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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 & 6 Tidy Turtle was 4A



Cleaning up after others in the Year 4 eating area and weeding and caring for their area outside their classroom.



A Note from the Concert Band



The Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Instrumental Music students have been enthusiastically attending their lessons in 2013. Concert Band rehearsals have also been very productive with the continuing Instrumental Music students working very hard to prepare repertoire for performance.

On Wednesday 13th March, 2013, the Concert Band performed on the whole School Assembly for parents, students and staff. The **Instrumental Music Captain for 2013, Alex Duck**, and the **Band Captain for 2013, Lachlan Alleyne**, introduced the advanced performers in the Band. These performers played two pieces, namely, Pirates' Cave and Dragonfire which the audience enjoyed. These students in the Band provide leadership within their sections, and they are also working on preparing small group pieces to be performed on assemblies throughout the year. The captains, **Alex Duck**, who plays the Flute, and **Lachlan Alleyne**, who plays the Trumpet, also presented a Duet together on the recent whole School Assembly. Each of these students followed their Duet performance, with solo performances on their instruments.

We look forward to the inclusion of the beginning Instrumental Music students into the school Concert Band, during Term 2, after the District Instrumental Music Beginners' Workshop, and, further development of the school Concert Band.

M. Peters
Instrumental Music Teacher



Community Service Announcement

Lifeline Bookfest in Caboolture these Easter holidays

Caboolture Centenary Lakes Indoor Basketball Courts Morayfield Rd, Caboolture

When: **April 6 – 8**

Prices: **Start from \$2**

All funds raised at the Lifeline Bookfest support Lifeline and UnitingCare Community's free counselling and support services.

Contact Paula Syphers on 0438 150 702 for more information

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED **The Lifeline Caboolture Bookfest**

Volunteers are required to help with the Lifeline Caboolture Bookfest. If you have time to spare and would like to help or require further information, please contact Lifeline Shops on the details below.

Location: Caboolture/Centenary Lakes Indoor Basketball Courts Morayfield Rd, Caboolture

Dates: Bookfest - **April 6 - 8**
Set up - **April 3 - 5**
Pack down - **April 9 – 10**

Duties include: sorting, stacking shelves and tables, packing up and packing down, pricing, security, bag sealing, relief team to cover breaks.

Please contact Maria Griffin 5409 1406 or Carly Paez on 5409 2620 email: carly.paez@uccommunity.org.au

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

For all your holiday fun please go to the website at: www.moretonbay.pld.gov.au/libraries to see all the fantastic free events on offer.

Bribie Island Library Events:

5 Shape Cartooning Draw almost anything using five simple shapes. Ages 6-11. Bookings required
Wednesday 3rd April 10.30– 11.30am

Scuttle, Slither and Fly Wildlife Talk Discover your native neighbours with PetSmart Program and meet snakes, lizards and birds.! Fun for the whole family. Bookings required. **Thursday 11th April 2.30pm-3.30pm**

Picture Book Face Paint discover stories, action rhymes and receive a free painted cheek design. **Ages 2-5** Booking Required. **Friday 12th April 10am**

At the Movies Dr Doolittle **Thursday 11th April 10.30**

GYMNASTICS

Kindy Gym for under 5's

Monday—Friday—9.30a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
\$6.00 per lesson Or \$55.00 for 10 visit pass

Gym Fun - Smarties & Jelly Beans

For Boys and Girls Aged 4 –7 Enroll Now.

Recreational Gym Skills

Fun & Fitness for All Ages - Ideal For Beginners. Ages 8 and Over

Bookings Essential - Term Fees Apply

For your convenience the PCYC Bus is available from most schools (including afternoon tea & care).

Please see our office staff about cost and bookings. Contact Caboolture PCYC Phone 5495 7143 or Email lynda.freyling@pcyc.org.au

ZOO KEEPER FOR A DAY

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work as a Zoo Keeper? Well, wonder no more because the school holidays are back, and so is Australia Zoo's holiday program, *Zoo Keeper For a Day!*

If you are aged between seven and twelve you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of our gorgeous animals. It's a day you won't forget!

Places are booking out fast so call **07 5436 2025** to make a reserve your spot.

Ages: 7 - 12 years

Price: \$85

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

Duration: 5 hours

Location: Australia Zoo

Dates: 29 March to 14 April 2013

Further details are available at

www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day

TRIPLE P PARENTING COURSE

Triple P 0-12 years is 4x 2hr group sessions. The seminar includes follow up telephone sessions to provide additional support for the parent as they seek to put into practice the things they have learned in group.

Workbook provided and supper will be served each evening.

Cost: \$60 per single and \$90 per couple.

DATE: 2nd May

TIME: 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.

VENUE: Bribie Wholeness Centre
197 First Avenue Bongaree



Australia's First Coloured Commemorative Coin

LIMITED EDITION

For a \$10 donation
the \$2 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate
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Australia's first commemorative \$2 coin in colour has been unveiled by the RSL and the Royal Australian Mint. A unique Australian legal tender, this ground breaking \$2 coin is simply an outstanding keepsake for every Australian. The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict. All funds raised go to support our vital RSL **programs helping thousands of Veterans'** and serving Defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia.



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ACT

Phone orders can also be made through the
National Office at 02 6248 7199.

Please note there will be a minimum postal
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www.rsl.org.au

Does your child suffer asthma or eczema?

Every day thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of asthma and eczema, and families struggle with illness management and children's behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P - Positive Parenting Program, offering practical ideas and support for parents of children suffering asthma or eczema. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child's illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 3-10 year old children suffering asthma or eczema are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P free of charge as part of a University of Queensland research project. Contact Amy Mitchell on (07) 3365 7305 or email healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/healthyliving for more information.