



Congratulations to our lucky Easter Raffle winners Christine Waller and Jenny Fennis. Our school is very lucky to have so many caring volunteers and would like to thank each and every volunteer for their ongoing support and commitment to our school.

Join Bribie Island State School ANZAC Day 25th April 2013

Please meet Mr Pickering at **8AM** at the grassed area beside the Bribie Sports Club & behind the Seaside Museum, Bongaree. Please see Mrs Amanda Menzies from the office on arrival at the meeting point as your child will need to have their name marked off the attendance roll, this will ensure all students participating in the **ANZAC Day** march will receive a certificate which will be presented at the next school assembly.

Please ensure your child is in their Full School Uniform and school hat.

Parents are welcome to march behind the Bribie Island State School students.

Diary Dates:

Assembly Time
2:00pm
1st May

Semester 1
Term 2

APRIL

- 25 Public Holiday
- 25 ANZAC Day march 8am:
Meeting point beside
Bribie Sports Club &
behind Seaside Museum
- 26 Interschool Sport &
Elective programs Yr 5-7

MAY

- 1 Assembly 2:15pm
- 1 Learning Connections
for Parents & Staff
- 2 Pre Prep Playgroup 9am
- 3 Interschool Sport &
Elective programs Yr 5-7
- 21 District Cross Country
- 24 **U8's Day**
10 Interschool Sport &
Elective programs Yr 5-7
- 17 Interschool Sport &
Elective programs Yr 5-7
- 23 **School Photo's**

SCHOOL PHOTO'S

Our school photo's are being held on the **23rd May 2013**.

Correct money in the Pixi photo envelope can be handed in early to the office for your convenience.

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

From The Principal's Pentium

Welcome

Welcome back to our fantastic school for term two. I hope your Easter break was relaxing and well spent with family. Students have been straight back into the routines at Bribie. We continue to expect the best for all students, setting high expectations and supporting each student in their learning journeys.

Enrolment Growth and Additional Classes

During the course of this year our school has experienced enrolment growth. Some of our classes have large numbers (especially year six). Our region has supported the school by providing us the capacity to establish a third year six class. With the establishment of three classes we are restructuring all year six classes and these will commence on **Monday 29th April**. **Mrs. Herring** has joined **Mrs. Ferguson** and **Mrs. Marshall** in our year six teacher team. We would like to welcome back **Mrs Aczel** to our Admin team who has been on maternity leave.

Lunchtime Timetabling Changes

Commencing next week **Monday 29th April** our school will move away from our 'split lunch' structure for lunch breaks. In a move to offer more areas and activities for students we will establish one lunch timetable when all students are out at play. All students will eat their lunch at the same time. Please be aware that in this new process the eating time for students will be at the end of play, just before they return to class for lessons. During this week teachers have been speaking to all students about new lunch play expectations, areas and opportunities.

Everyday Counts

A range of factors impact on student achievement but it is clear from data and research that the most crucial factor is if a student actually attends regularly. 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 motivate students to improve attendance, including class attendance and improvement awards, but we need parent help to ensure students attend every day. We have set a goal of 95% attendance at Bribie. During assemblies this term we will be rewarding all classes who can meet this goal. Remember - **Everyday counts!**

Being On Time Everyday

Congratulations to everyone who consistently get their children to school on time every day of the week and every week of the year. Children who are late struggle to settle in and miss vital learning and important messages. Missing 10 minutes a day every day means that by the time students finish school they will have missed nearly half a year of schooling. Occasionally there will be a genuine reason for being late, no problem.

This Term I will follow up with regular late arrivals to ensure we demonstrate to our children that punctuality is important. As we are on electronic rolls children are required to get a late slip from our office staff of a morning when they arrive late and parents should notify us of the reason in person or by phone/letter. On behalf of your children thank you for your efforts every day to ensure that they are at school on time. Every Day and Every Minute Counts.

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 is one ream of photocopy paper and one box of tissues per student. So far less than 7% (yes seven) of parents have aided with a donation. We will be providing a prize (\$40.00 gift card) via a lucky draw for students who donate a ream of photocopy paper and box of tissues to the school. (One entry for each item). Please drop these items to the office to go in the draw. Draw will occur on assembly on the 1st of May. This small donation will help in a big way. Your help very much appreciated.

Toilet Behaviour

Student misbehaviour in toilets is a perennial problem in schools. There is no exception at Bribie. Some of our parents would be appalled if they could see what their children do in our toilets. Including: urinating on walls and on the floor, throwing spit balls at walls and ceilings, playing games in and around the toilets, wilfully damaging doors and walls, shoving masses of toilet paper down toilets and purposely leaving taps on in the sinks.

Our school relies heavily on our cleaners and grounds staff to fix your children's damage and the school has quite rightly said 'enough is enough'. No parent would accept this behaviour in their homes and we do not accept it here.

Our challenge is that in the solitude of the secure toilet children choose to make poor behaviour choices. Apart from witnesses who may see incidents it is difficult for schools to find the culprits. Never the less I am openly declaring the school will address any misbehaviour in the toilets seriously and stern reprisals will be dealt to eliminate this abhorrent and unsavoury behaviour at school. Therefore, please be aware that should your child be a guilty party to such inappropriate toilet behaviour strict discipline will be enforced.

Please take this opportunity to remind your child of accepted and safe behaviour when attending the toilets at school.

NAPLAN testing time again

Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from **14–16 May**.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing, particularly should you require your child exempted from testing. Further information is available on the [ACARA website](http://www.nap.edu.au/). (<http://www.nap.edu.au/>)



Paul Pickering
Principal

From the Deputy Principal's Desk

Welcome back to term 2, 2013. It has been a great start for students across the school with students returning to school ready to learn and listening to their teachers respectfully. It is great to see a number of classes always striving to do better and every time I visit their classroom they are improving the way they listen and the attention they pay to their work. Teachers must be commended for their continuing efforts in teaching all the students at Bribie Island State School to achieve the school values of Courage, Growth and Achievement.

Thank you also to **Petero Civonicieva** for visiting Bribie Island State School last Friday. He was able to talk to a select group of boys about dealing with each other respectfully in their relationships and follow up on how this had been going at school. He also talked to all the year 6-7 boys who had completed the Rock & Water program and how they could use this. Well done to **Jack Black, Marcus Gardener** and **Caydon Wesley** who shared their thoughts with Petero and the other students. The year 7 leaders also chatted about positive ways they could enact change at Bribie Island State School.

Over the next fortnight students will be experiencing change in the playground as we open up various areas of the school and go to one break for all year levels. Students need to pay close attention to the various areas open to them and take advantage of special activities on offer throughout the school. Please take the time to talk with your children about the changes in the playground to reinforce this process.

Mrs. Hayward has begun taking the year 7 leaders out to work with the lower school in the playground. We have a great bunch of student leaders who are keen to build positive relationships across the school. This is a great opportunity to teach students how to play well together and follow our "Be Respectful" rule at school. I look forward to the year ahead watching the year 7 students grow their leadership skill set.

Yours in Education,



David Lawton
A/Deputy Principal

Bribie Island State School Cross Country Success

The 2013 Cross Country Carnival was held on the last day of term 1. All competitors gave their all in hot and humid conditions. Congratulations to the following winners and runners up for each age group:

<u>BOYS</u>		<u>GIRLS</u>	
9 years boys winner	Lochi Wall	9 years girls winner	Tia Johnson
9 years boys runner up	Mason Alleyne	9 years girls runner up	Faith Burke
10 years boys winner	Beau Friedrichs	10 years girls winner	Emily Watson
10 years boys runner up	Daymon Finlay	10 years girls runner up	Adele Black
11 years boys winner	Brodie Friedrichs	11 years girls winner	Amber Hoskinson
11 years boys runner up	Harry Bradford	11 years girls runner up	Mikayla Galvin
12 years boys winner	Lachlan Alleyne	12 years girls winner	Belle Hutt
12 years boys runner up	Adam Hodge-Menzies	12 years girls runner up	Shannon Meredith
13 years boys winner	Mitchell Bradford	13 years girls winner	Sharaya Carlin
13 years boys runner up	Cody Medicott	13 years girls runner up	Sharlie Skeen

A big thank you to the **P & C** who donated ice blocks for every competitor. A team of students will now represent **Bribie Island State School** at the **Caboolture District Cross Country Trials** on **May 21st, 2013**. We wish these students all the best for these trials.

Mr Waugh
P.E Teacher

P&C Association

Hello Everyone!

Well its been a busy first week back, hopefully everyone had a great Easter Break.

We would like to encourage our school community to attend the ANZAC march on **Thursday 25th April at 8.00am**, meeting at the back of the Seaside Museum. Students who are marching are requested to wear full school uniform & school hat.

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

Earn & Learn is back! It would be greatly appreciated if our school families & friends could collect as many stickers as possible to help us gain some really great resources for our school. There are 2 boxes to place your stickers & completed sheets, one outside the Parent Room & one at the office.

Just a reminder that we now have **Flexischools** up & running. This is a great online service for ordering lunch orders for your children. Just register at www.flexischools.com.au to place your orders. Order can be placed up to 2 weeks in advance.

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!

Volunteers are Vital!

We would love to see some new faces and look forward to the fresh ideas that come with them.

Chris Giffin
P & C President



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.

The winner of Week 1 & 2 Term 2

Tidy Turtle was PREP 4

What a very neat and tidy eating area around PREP 4.
Well DONE!!

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. 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

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.

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 are awarded 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 and for most improved for Week 1 & 2 Term 2 will be announced at assembly on 1st May
Please keep up the great work with your attendance.

Attendance Awards



Indonesian COMIC Competition

Win great prizes. First, second and third prizes in each grade.

Who may enter: All students in grade 5, 6 and 7.

Contest closes on: Friday 7th of June

Entries must be on A4 sheet paper. Sketches are to be drawn with lead pencils.

Hand all entries to **Mrs Lee the LOTE teacher** at B.I.S.S.

Set 1: GREETINGS

Selamat siang = Good afternoon

Selamat sore = Good afternoon (3p.m to 6 p.m)

Apa kabar? = How are you

Baik baik saja, terima kasih. = Just fine. Thanks.

Set 2 : MY FAMILY = KELUARGA SAYA

Ini bapak saya. = This is my dad

Ini ibu saya. = This is my mother

Ini adik laki laki saya. = This is my younger brother.

Ini adik perempuan saya. = This is my younger sister.

Ini kakak laki laki saya. = This is my elder brother.

Ini kakak perempuan saya. = This is my elder sister.

Nama saya John. = My name is John.

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OFFICE NEWS

New - Centrepay now active at Bribie Island State School

Our school is now up and running with **Centrepay**. This is an easy way for all families to have any payment now deducted from their Centrelink payment in fortnightly instalments.

These deductions can be used to pay off school levies, excursions and camps.

Application forms can be collected from our school office.

These deductions will be set to a certain target amount (minimum \$20 fortnight). Once the amount is paid off – the deductions stops.

Please contact the school on 3400 2333 for more information.

**Ms Christine Harrison
BSM**

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

KIDS LOVE DRAMA PARENTS LOVE THE RESULTS!

Affordable Fees! No Hidden Costs!

Lower Primary (5-8), Upper Primary (9–12) and Youth Theatre (12–18).

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

Please phone the Principal Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed.

Ph 3353 0555

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

Kids Matter! With Mr P.

Suggestion for building better family relationships

Caring and commitment are the basis of strong family relationships. This means making wellbeing of family members a first priority and offering support when needed. Some families seem to pull together easily, while others it takes greater effort. To build strong family relationships start by identifying the strengths you do have and appreciating them. Paying attention to the things that work well and building on them will help to strengthen your relationships. The following suggestions maybe useful reminders.

There are lots of ways to show you care, even in busy families

- ◆ **Tune in** - One way to show you care is by listening to what other family members have to say with interest and enthusiasm. Other ideas include doing things for one another., helping (without complaining!), celebrating birthdays and achievements and taking the time to understand how other family members are feeling. Hugs are another favourite.
- ◆ **Have fun together** - Spend time doing things you enjoy. Doing simple things that allow you to relax and play together is very important for building positive feelings and connections amongst family members. Laying games or sports, going to the park, on picnics, visiting with friends or just relaxing together are some examples of family activities that help to build family relationships.
- ◆ **Share the load** - Family life can get out of balance when one person feels they have all has the burden of responsibilities, or when one person makes all the decisions. Supporting each other includes sharing the chores and making sure hat everyone gets a chance to have their say in the decisions that affects them.

**Mr P.
Chaplain**