



Bribie Island State School

NEWSLETTER Term 4 Thursday 31st October 2013



Annual Public Speaking Competition

Sunday 27th October saw the best and brightest speakers from Bribie Island State School and Banksia Beach State School take to the stage at the RSL for the annual Public Speaking competition. Members from Bribie Island Toastmasters kindly gave of their time to adjudicate the event. Hosted by the RSL Sub Branch, the event was a huge success and very well attended by members of the competitors families, staff from the competing schools and community. The audience were treated to a variety of topics ranging from the issue of obesity in Australia to the importance of imagination. Daniel Brown, from Bribie Island State School, walked away with the Little Digger Award, selected by The Sub Branch.

Speakers from the Bribie Island State School Gavel Club thank the RSL Sub Branch, Toastmaster Gary Kuss and teacher Simone Woodham for the opportunity to take part in the event. Thanks is also given to the Bribie Island Lionesses and Lions for their sponsorship of Bribie Island State School's new blazers.

First: Lachlan Alleyne
Second: Kiarna Patterson
Third: Belle Hutt
Runner Up: Lilliana Robertson

Diary Dates:

Assembly 2: 10pm
6th November

Semester 2 Term 4

NOVEMBER

- 1 Pre Prep Induction day
#9 9:30am—10:45am
- 2 Primary All School Touch Championships - Redlands
- 5 Yr 4-7 Swimming
- 5 Pre-Prep Playgroup
9am-10:30am at the Hall
- 6 Yr 1-3 Swimming
- 6 Assembly - Concert Band performance
- 7 QUT Science Van Yr 6 Classes
- 7 1,2,3 Magic Parenting Course
- 8 Indigenous Games
Prep-3 9am-9.30am
Yr 4-7 9.30am-10am
- 8 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES
Yr 5 12.30-1.30
Yr 6 2.10-3.00
- 11 Remembrance day
- 12 Yr 4-7 Swimming
- 12 Pre-Prep Playgroup
9am-10:30am at the Hall
- 13 Yr 1-3 Swimming
- 13 Free Dress Day
- 13 P & C Meeting 9.30am
- 14 1,2,3 Magic Parenting Course
- 15 QLD Surf Life Saving visit: P-3 9.15-10.15am
Yr 4-7 10.15-11am

Student Absence Line: 3400 2366 EVERYDAY COUNTS



From The Principal's Pentium



Welcome

I cannot believe it has been two weeks since last I wrote to you about the fantastic work happening at Bribie Island State School each and every day. This fortnight's newsletter is no exception, as we have much to be proud of at Bribie. With just six weeks until the end of the 2013 school year all members of our school are busily preparing to meet a range of commitments in reporting, celebrating and planning.

Attendance

We have been promoting the value of students attending school each and every day. Living on beautiful Bribie it is hard to ignore the wonderful beaches and to prioritise that we must attend school each and every day. Our push for attendance which comes under the **EVERY DAY COUNTS!** banner, is paying some dividend. While we have a long term goal of 95% attendance we have had some improvement. Since 2012 we have increased attendance from 88.6% to 89.8%. This means on average students miss 22 days of learning opportunities each year. Over the course of eight years at primary school this equates to missing nearly one whole year of education or 12.5% of their education.

Imagine what outcomes your child could display with 12.5% improvement. Those D's can be C's, those C's can be B's and those B's can be A's. Are you providing your child the head start they need in the competitive world we live in? EVERY DAY DOES COUNT. I urge all parents to ensure their child attends each and every day.

RSL Public Speaking

On Sunday I was a very proud Principal sitting watching our talented and passionate Public Speaking Team present. It is truly amazing what our young people can achieve if we provide them support and opportunities. Congratulations to our team: Lachlan Alleyne (1st), Kiarna Patterson (2nd), Belle Hutt (3rd), Lilliana Robertson and Daniel Brown (Little Digger Award). Reserves were Chloe Crouch and Amy Braiden. Gary Kuss from toastmasters assisted in training and the Lions and Lionesses donated funding for Blazers. Supported by our pillar of support Mrs Woodham and over 70 from our school who were left in awe as to the quality of speech presented. Bribie continues to 'kick goals' and succeed.

Year 6 /7 – 2014

Last week a group of approximately 20 parents attended an information session on the 2014 delivery of the Year Six and Year Seven program at our school. In 2014 we will be setting up five Year Six/Seven multi-age classes, in a secondary model. All classes will have Year Six and Seven students. We will call these classes our **Senior classes** (rather than 6/7) to promote the students roles in 2014.

To ensure we align curriculum expectations these classes will be provided the curriculum via the C2C 5/6/7 multi-age units, based on the National Curriculum. This will allow teachers capacity to deliver an aligned curriculum which best meets the students' needs and in particular aligns with the curriculum in secondary school the following year. Today I am meeting all Year Five and Six students and sending home an information sheet for their parents.

Behaviour

Two weeks ago on assembly I provided our students a goal to reduce the number of behaviour reports at the school. In term four over the past years we have a history of increased behaviour concerns in the fourth term. We use a recording system – One School to track behaviour at Bribie. All matters from minor to major are recorded. In 2010 we averaged 5.55 entries per day. In 2011 we averaged 5.46 entries per day. In 2012 we averaged 6.44 entries per day. I am happy to announce that so far in term we have reduced this to 3.56 entries per day. I celebrated this achievement with the school on our last assembly and look forward to even further reductions as we focus on improvements in all areas at our school. Please take time to remind your child/ren of expected school behaviour.

Visual Arts

In the next few weeks we will, through Mrs Thornley's efforts, be supporting our students in competitions and displays of Visual Arts. This includes The Youth Art Awards opening on Friday November 1 at 6:00pm at the Strathpine Community Centre. This exhibition will run from November 2 to November 7, weekdays 3pm - 6pm and weekends 10am - 4pm.

Also, the Year 7's and some Year 6 students are presently working on the Lion's Club Peace Art Awards, an international competition. We will be having their works on display in the Arts & Tech Room from the 11th November.

As well, Mrs Thornley will be curating an exhibition at school of the works from the Shire Art Awards from Wednesday 20 to Friday 22 of November. This will include an opening night on Wednesday 20 at 6:00pm to which families of the entrants would be invited to view the works. We will also be displaying some of the works from the recent 50th Bridge Drawing competition in the Visual Art Spaces.

2014 Enrolments

We still have plenty of space for enrolments in 2014. Particularly we wish to ensure no prep students miss out. Please pass the word around your families and community. Early enrolment (this year) will aid our prep student's readiness for 2014.

Thoughts and Sympathy

Over recent weeks our school community has and continues to face some challenges. Our school BSM lost her father recently, two very much loved and respected volunteers – Peter Jones and Florence Edwards have passed away and one of our long-term cleaning staff Maureen De Vries has been diagnosed with Leukaemia and is in urgent need of a bone marrow transplant. The thoughts of all our school go out for these people and their families at this time. Bribie is renowned for its' caring and supportive nature and I am sure at this time we will do all we can to support those affected.



Have a great fortnight

Paul Pickering
Principal

From the Deputy's Desk

It has been a great start to term 4 2013. Well done to all the students that are being mindful of their behaviour and thinking before they act. When talking with students about the rules Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be an Active Learner it is rewarding to observe the maturity of students in being able to talk about their actions and how they can improve on themselves.

Unfortunately, our school community has been informed that a fellow member will require a bone marrow transplant. Please consider registering with the bone marrow registry so we can help others in need. I have included the following details from the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry below:

Many Australians each year are diagnosed with leukaemia or other fatal blood disorders. A bone marrow or haemopoietic stem cell transplant is the only possibility of cure for many of these patients.

Donors need to be specifically matched to the patient which can make it very difficult to find a donor for certain patients with rare tissue types. Only 1 in 1000 donors will be asked to donate for a patient requiring a transplant in any given year.

Siblings are the ideal donors for a patient in need of a bone marrow or haemopoietic stem cell transplant, but only one patient in three will find a matched donor within their family. The other two in three patients rely on the ABMDR or other international registries to find a suitable match. With your commitment to become a donor we can continue helping those patients in need <http://www.abmdr.org.au/>

How to join

If you are between 18 and 45 years old, in good health and prepared to donate for anyone in the world, call the Australian Red Cross Blood Service on 13 14 95 to make an appointment to donate blood and join the registry.

Prep 2014

Have you enrolled your child in Prep 2014?

If your child is born between July 1st 2008 – June 31st 2009, enrol now for 2014.

If your child is ready for Prep please ensure your ring Mrs. Menzies on 3400 2333 ASAP so we can arrange an interview time. Places are filling fast and it is important that we can be organised and plan our staffing for 2014.

Bribie Island State School is a great school with numerous opportunities for your child to grow and achieve as they complete their primary education. If you need more information regarding our school and the Prep year please call me on 3400 2333 so I am able to share with you the great opportunities available at Bribie Island State School.

Yours in Education,



David Lawton
A/ Deputy Principal

NEW ATHLETICS SINGLETS

Thank you to **Busy Fingers** for their sponsorship of our new athletics singlets. **Karen** from Busy Fingers attended our last parade and was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Busy Fingers is a local Bribie Island business which gives great support to our local community. They sell all types of second hand goods including clothing, furniture, household items, kitchenware, sporting items, electrical appliances, books, shoes, pictures, toys, beds, jewellery and almost everything in between.

The singlets will be used for the first time this weekend at the Queensland Primary All Schools Touch Championships.



Curriculum Corner With Mrs aczel



UNSW – ICAS ENGLISH 2013

The following students were involved in the University of New South Wales International Competition and Assessment of English.

In our last newsletter we recognised the participants and their achievements. The following student results have just been received:

PARTICIPATION: **CREDIT:**
Year 4 – Mason Alleyne Year 3 - Riley Woodham

Congratulations Riley and Mason on your efforts!



Mrs Karena Aczel
Head of Curriculum

[Bribie Island State School 2014 Pre-Prep Induction Program.](#)

FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 9:30 – 10:45	<u>Lunch with the Deputy Principal</u> – Come and meet Mr Lawton, tour the school and order tuckshop.
FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 9:30 – 10:45	<u>Spectacular Science</u>

2014 Prep Enrolment Meetings happening now

Have you booked your **2014 Prep Enrolment Meeting**? If not or you know someone who is starting Prep next year and has not yet had their personalised meeting with **Mr Lawton**. Please come to the front office and make your booking with Mrs Menzies or Mrs Dunn or call on **3400 2333** by 25th October as places are filling fast and it is important that we can be organised and plan our staffing for 2014.

Earlyact Rotary Food Drive

Lorna from Bribie Animal Welfare Shelter will be visiting **Wed 6th Nov** for Parade to talk about the Animal Foster Care program. Lorna will bring a little deaf dog they have and a special breed dog to launch the

Earlyact Rotary Food Drive.

The animal food (dog, puppy, kitten and cat food) will be collected during
Weeks 5 and Week 6 from the 6th – 16th November.
Donations or Gold Coins Welcome **Collection boxes outside P&C Room.**

INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DISTRICT WORKSHOP

The **Intermediate and Advanced Instrumental Music District Workshops** were recently held in Morayfield. The workshops occurred across four days from Monday September 9 to Thursday September 12, 2013, at Morayfield East State School. Instrumental Music students from Bribie Island State School attended these workshops.

The students included Year 7 Lachlan Alleyne Band Captain 2013 (Trumpet), Year 6 Hannah Dadswell (Clarinet), Year 5 Xanda Schomberg (Clarinet), Sarah Luck and Maddie McElhinney (Saxophone), Charlie Brookes (Trumpet) and Adele Black and Michael Ciaralli (Percussion).

All of the students enjoyed the opportunity to play different styles of music, and to perform as part of a large ensemble. The workshops facilitated further development of Instrumental music techniques on woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. The students worked very conscientiously throughout the workshops and enjoyed the various musical activities. The workshops concluded with a concert that featured various styles of contemporary repertoire. Thank you to all students who participated in the Intermediate and Advanced Instrumental Music District workshops.

M. Peters
Instrumental Music Teacher

Sporting achievements from our students

In our local community

Congratulations to our very own **Lachlan Alleyne** (pictured in the middle) and his team mates from the Bribie Island Surf Club for being selected to represent the Sunshine Coast Branch Team at State Level to defend the titles at the Surf Life Saving Championships at the end of November. This competition will be held at Burleigh.

Lachlan will be competing in the U13 age group.

Good Luck Lochi!!



All things ASoT (Art and Science of Teaching)

All B.I.S.S classes create Literacy and Numeracy Learning Goals each term. These Learning Goals drive our curriculum choices and assist students and teachers in knowing exactly what is to be learned.

A key element to the success of Learning Goals is TRACKING STUDENT PROGRESS. Students are given opportunities to assess their progress towards the Learning Goal and develop understandings of what they need to do next.

Teachers and Students use 3 key questions when tracking progress;

What is your Learning Goal?

How are you going in relation to your goal?

How do you know?

The following are responses given by some students when asked these questions;

“ Our goal is writing sentences and making sure they have a full stop. I know I’m doing well when I get a lot of ticks on my chart (Eli Prep 4, Pictured)



“Our literacy goal is to edit our writing and make sure we don’t have any errors. I know I’m doing well because my teachers tell me I’m doing well. I’m checking my work with a dictionary and using my editing sheet.” (Scarlett 2B, Pictured)



“Our goal is to learn about poems. I know I am doing well because I know about alliteration and onomatopoeia. Miss Stuart and Mr Roebuck read my work and tell me when I am doing a good job.” (Rhys 3B)

“ We are learning about advertisements and how they persuade us to buy things. I have learned that advertisers use lots of adjectives to make us want to buy.

Mrs Archer-Scott marks our work and ticks what is right.” (Tahlia 4B)



Bribie Island State School
A Great Place to Be!

Every Day Counts! Come every day!

Attendance Awards



Every fortnight, the class with the **BEST attendance** receives a certificate and a trophy on parade!

Every fortnight, the class with the **MOST IMPROVED** attendance receives a certificate and trophy on parade!

If YOU attend school 95% of the time, you will have your name placed in a draw at the end of the term for the chance to win an **AMAZING PRIZE!**

P&C Association

Hello Everyone,

Uniform Shop

End of year special: Come in and get your shorts ready for next year- Buy 2 Pairs of Size 12, 14 or 16 shorts and pay only \$40.00 Limited stocks available.

REMINDERS

We are only 6 weeks from the end of the school year, there are a couple of dates to add to your diaries:

- **Thursday 28th November** Christmas Disco - Dress up in Festive attire! Celebrate with your friends and say goodbye to 2013 in style!!
- **Friday 29th November** - The **TUCKSHOP will be CLOSED** for stocktake. There will be a sausage sizzle Please support Mr P's Sausage Sizzle. Cost is \$2 each.
- **Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd December 9am to 1pm** - Christmas Stall. Great gifts for all the family, nothing over \$7.00!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

A big thank you to all the families who support our Scholastic Book Club. 20% of every purchase goes to the school to spend on books and resources for our children. This year Issue 8 will be the last issue for the year.

**Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th November at 9.30am in the staff room.
All very welcome.**

The P & C Team

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 for week 1 & 2 for
Outstanding Attendance**

PREP 3

Most Improved Attendance

6A

Congratulations what a fantastic attendance and improvement!

Attendance Award



Attendance Award



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 for Weeks 1 & 2 was 6A



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 **3400 2308**.

OFFICE NEWS

LATE PAYMENT REMINDERS

Dear Parents & Carers,
Thank you to all the families that have made their children's payments on time for their excursions or sports payments. This process has been a success and the office staff appreciate your support and understanding.
A reminder 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.

Pre-Prep Playgroup

Every **Tuesday** morning throughout the term, a group of excited parents run a Pre-Prep Playgroup with the guidance of our experienced **Teacher Aide Mrs Rechelle Baker**, 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.



1,2,3 Magic— Enhancing Parent/Child Relationships

Parent training: '123 Magic' - a short course aimed at enhancing parent/child relationships

Dates: 24/10, 31/10, 7/11, 14/11

Time: 9am - 11am

Venue: Library

Facilitators - Russell Perry and Kerry-Anne Reeves

Please contact the office on 3400 233 to book your place.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Remember to view our newsletter and all our up and coming school events on our school website
<https://bribislass.eq.edu.au>



Brian Bee says, Remember to:

- 1. BEE SAFE**
- 2. BEE RESPECTFUL**
- AND**
- 3. BEE AN ACTIVE LEARNER**

A friendly reminder....

Police and been patrolling the school zones and would like to remind all parents and carers to read and obey all road signs around the school.

Please note the bus zone is NOT a drop off area.

Please remember to use the crossings at all times and teach your child/children the safe way to cross the road.

Second Hand Uniform donations

If any families are able to help with donations of second hand uniforms or second hand black shoes, donations to help Mr Piva's supply of second hand uniforms are always happily accepted at the school office.

Thank you all once again for your support.

Ken Piva
School Chaplin

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

Instrumental Music Program (Strings) for 2014

We are beginning the recruitment process for participation in the Instrumental Music (Strings) program for 2014, for students in Yr 4 -7, and would like to invite students who are interested in learning Violin, Viola or Cello to apply. Participation in the program would see students learn Violin, Viola or Cello through a weekly, 30 minute school time lesson.

The expression of interest forms and information letter are available at the school office should you wish to find out more, or submit your child for consideration.

Applications close on 7th November 2013

Heidi Cooper
Instrumental Music Teacher (Strings)

Library Club Starting in November

Bribie Island library is forming a library club aimed at students **aged 9-12**. This club, which will centre around books, reading and games, will be held on the **first Thursday** of each month, between **3.30pm and 4.30pm**, commencing **7 November 2013**.

Parents/carers very welcome

If you have any questions or would like to book in please phone **Zoe or Mary on 3408 1388**.