BOOK CHARACTER WEEK 2012

BRIBIE’S GOT TALENT SHOW 20th September
Tickets are on sale at the front office!
$3.00 per ticket
Hurry in, tickets selling fast!
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Diary Dates:
Parade Times
18th September
Whole School
Parade 2.20pm
Semester 2
Term 3
September
14 Ready Reader Program 9am-11:30am
18 Yr 1 Excursion
Science Centre Brisbane
20 Bribie’s Got Talent
20 $2 Sausage Sizzle 1st Break
No hot food at Tuckshop
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21 Last day of Term
Semester 2
Term 4
October
8 First day of Term 4
21 RSL Public Speaking Competition
22 Student Free Day
24 P & C Meeting
November
29 Christmas Disco

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Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Each month our school Parents and Citizens Association meets to discuss matters concerning the school. All members of our school community are invited to join the P & C and have their say. So you can be abreast of what is discussed I have included a copy of the report I presented to the P & C, with some extra detail. The report is generally in note form and items which require elaboration are discussed. I am happy to share information or elaborate with anyone who may require greater detail.

**Principal’s Report to P & C Meeting  Wednesday 12th September 2012**

Last month I sat to write my report to the P & C thrilled about our Wakakirri success. Again this month I sit and celebrate more school success for our students. Led by Mrs Lee our LOTE (Indonesian language) teacher students competed against private schools and achieved a First, a Second and several Highly Commended awards at the Regional Event.

Well done also to all who helped out with our Book Character Dress-Up Day. This celebration of literacy is important in highlighting the immense value Reading has as a critical indicator of academic and social success.

We look forward to Bribie’s Got Talent before the end of the term, led by Mrs Woodham. There is much to be pleased about at Bribie Island State School.

**What has happened?**

- School Enrolment now 660 – tremendous growth – up 32 from 628 at Day 8.
- School Twitter page has 36 followers and growing. Come follow us. Link: https://twitter.com/bribieislandss
- Great report on Tuckshop Menu - Four Star Rating, from external review.
- Professional Development offered this month for staff included: Interactive Whiteboards {IWB}, Art and Science of Teaching {ASOT}, First Steps in Reading, Curriculum Planning, Data Analysis – Reading and Unit Moderation with Beachmere S.S.
- Global Care Breakfasts continue each Thursday morning. Support students with a healthy start to the day.
- Whole School Assemblies fortnightly. Come along and share the celebration of student success
- Tidy Turtle and Attendance Awards continue. A culture of pride in our school growing.
- Process of selecting RSL Public Speaking representatives continues. Interschool event now 21st October.
- Vietnam Veterans Day – Saturday 18th August 3:45pm – well attended.
- WPH&S and LCC meeting held Tuesday 28th August.
- LOTE students success attending Sunshine Coast Speech Competition – 26th August (8 students)
- Work on 2012 School Magazine progressing.
- First Aid Training 28th August - 32 completed staff completed training including P & C Staff.
- Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations - 27 August to 2 September - Great events included Book Character Dress Up, Spelling Bee and Mathematics Challenge
- Review of ICT improvements – Bandwidth and data capacity improvements - $5,000.00 recurrent. ICT Directions – Net Books for library, purchasing of new PC’s for general school use and iPads (donated) for SWD and HIVE.
- Disco financially and operationally very successful. 35 plus volunteers on the day.
- Earn and Learn Program complete – well over $200,000.00 of vouchers collected.
- What is to happen?
  - Year 1’s excursion to Science Centre 18th September.
  - Web Page update. New page goes live this Friday 14th September.
- Review of awards and recognition activities, criteria and timelines. Seeking to align all elements of Bribie’s numerous program and activities.
- Enrichment Projects - BITIP this week. 20 Students attending Bribie State High engaging in maths, Robotics, Forensic Science and Literacy extension.
- Final Term Three Assembly Tuesday 18th September.
- Yr 4 St Helena Island Excursion – Rescheduled. Date to be advised.
- Bribie’s Got Talent Thursday 20th September. P & C BBQ from 5:00pm – 6:00pm (before the event).
- Principal attending APPA National conference 18th to 21st September.
- Jayn Hutchinson Acting Principal and Dave Lawton Acting Deputy Principal for the period.
- Oral Reporting most classes holding theirs in the last week of term. Note home from all teachers.
- Last Day of Term Three is Friday 21st September
- School recommences Monday 8th October
- QUT Science Van visit for Year 5 10th October
- Denise and Bruce Morcombe visit to assembly on 16th October
- Pupil Free Day on Monday 22nd October
- Next P & C Meeting Wednesday 24th October

**Items for Discussion:**

- 2013 Classes plan includes a confidential process in week 6 (term three) where Teachers Expression of Preference for class allocation are collated. Teachers to share/discuss student lists in their year level PLCs and recommend class groupings. Letters to parents in newsletter seeking their requests for teacher in 2013. Thursday in week 10 (14th December) students move, with their files to new their class location. Students go home that day with short note around their placement and map on their proposed class location for 2013. Review of enrolments and class allocations is held at end of Pupil Free Days in 2013. Adjustments may be made if enrolment changes are major. A3 printout of class lists and class locations is displayed under admin building at commencement 2013 school year.
- There are no confirmed class arrangements until day 8 return 2013.
- IPS (Independent Public Schools) and alignment with Bribie Island State High School – Flying Start Initiative.
- State Budget announcement - up to $160,000.00 to schools via P & C for maintenance of school facilities.
- Chaplaincy application for additional funding approved.
- Bus travel for students. Major focus of the school at present.

*Student Leaders 2014 – Flying Start Initiative impact.*

From The Principal’s Pentium

Paul Pickering
Principal

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School accounts balance at 12th September is $164,109.00
Copy of BOR presented to P & C.

School Dress Code
Bribie Island State School has a clear dress code. This dress code, endorsed by the Bribie Island Parents and Citizens Association, makes it clear around clothing and jewellery which can be worn to our school.

I raise this matter with our community now as it has become apparent that some children are wearing excessive jewellery, including piercing to school. Piercing of ears is permitted, but only with small sleepers and plain studs. As well facial piercing is not acceptable at school. Piercing in the face should be removed before the child comes to school. Children with piercing on the face will be asked to cover it with a band aid.

Children will say and have said to me that facial piercing will close up if removed. I have researched this claim with specialists in the area and it is very clear that in the six hours which make up a school day piercing will not close up. Therefore this is not a valid excuse for piercing to not be removed.

I seek parent support with this request to ensure our school maintains safe and responsible dress standards, which remove competition and promote pride in themselves and the school.

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to our last newsletter for Term 3 2012. There has certainly been a lot to celebrate lately. Well done to all the Spelling Bee contestants. There were many hard fought spelling battles for the champions for each year level. Congratulations also to the numeracy champions this year.

In the last week of term we will be having parent teacher interviews for most classes. I would encourage you to take the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss the distance travelled for your child and ways that you may support the learning tasks planned for the coming term. Letters have been sent home inviting you to nominate a time to meet with your child’s teacher. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions about these meetings.

Our swimming program also commences early next term for all classes from Year 1 to 7. Permission letters outlining the cost for the 8 week program will be sent home before the end of this term. Remember that students are required to wear a sun safe shirt if they are swimming in the outside pools. Teachers walk their classes to the pool and stay to watch the lessons run by the qualified pool staff. If you have any questions or concerns about the program please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Anthony Waugh our PE teacher or myself.

Well done to all students that have received You Can Do It keys for excellent efforts this term. All keys will be counted to determine which house will receive the shield for Term 3. Good luck to all houses.

We would also ask for you to continue to support us by encouraging your child to follow the school mobile phone policy and drop off all personal phones and devices to the office before school and collect them on leaving school. This is important to reduce theft and personal IT misuse issues at school.

Another safety issue reminder is for all students to use the road crossings correctly. Please support us in keeping our students safe next term, by reminding them to use the road crossings safely. All bikes, scooters and skateboards are to be walked / carried in school grounds and when crossing the road at the crossings.

I hope to see you at Bribie’s Got Talent next Thursday night. Please support our students by coming along to the show. It is looking like it will be a fabulous show. Tickets are on sale now and are available from the school.

Remember to Be Safe during the holidays. Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support this term to help make Bribie Island State School the best we can be. After a well-deserved break, we look forward to working together to support all students on their individual active learner journeys.

Have a great two weeks.
Warm regards

Jayn Hutchinson
Deputy Principal

Public Speaking Competition
On Monday 3 September representatives from each of our year 7 classes competed in a school public speaking competition. Students wrote and presented 3 minute, persuasive speeches on topics of their choice.

The class finalists were:

The students presented their speeches to a panel of judges including Mr Eddie Barrett, an experienced Toastmaster. All of the judges were impressed by the well-researched, well-written speeches that were presented on the day.

The top 5 scoring students in the school competition go on to compete against students from Banksia Beach SS in the RSL Public Speaking Competition on 21st October.

Those students are Te Anni Kerr, Bella Woodham, McKinley Travers, Sophie Radley and Jessica Blundell.

We wish the students all the best with their final preparations and in the competition.
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.

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

Our blitz for the next fortnight will be

Wearing the Correct Uniform

Blue & Teal It’s Unreal!

- Students are encouraged to come to school with the correct uniform on.
- Wearing their school hat on the oval and for PE.
- Be on their best behaviour when in our school uniform outside of school hours.
- Wear their uniform with pride.

Be Respectful  Be Safe  Be an Active Learner

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 limited so call 07 5436 2025 to make a booking.

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: 22 September 2012 – 7 October 2012
Further details are available at www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day

BRIBIE’S GOT TALENT!!!

The BGT cast have been working very hard at rehearsals each Thursday from 2–3pm and each Monday from 3– 4:30pm and soon will share the fruits of their labours at our BRIBIE’S GOT TALENT SHOW on 20th September.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE OFFICE!
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All ticket monies will be used to support the continuation of this very important Young Musical Talent Development Program. We would love to see you there!

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Complaints about headlice continue to be received at the school. Please be advised:

- Headlice do not live at school.
- Headlice are brought to school by students.
- Headlice do not transmit disease.
- Having headlice is not a sign of poor hygiene. In fact most headlice prefer very clean hair.
- The only way to effectively reduce headlice is for everyone to investigate and treat at the same time.

We are sending this information in the hope all will treat this weekend as an action period for headlice.

Please help our school community by checking and treating headlice this weekend.

**The Facts** (The following is from various research studies on headlice.)

- Nits (the eggs of the head louse) are small yellowish-white, oval-shaped eggs that are attached at an angle to the side of a hair shaft by glue.
- Nits must be laid by live lice. You cannot "catch nits."
- Once laid it takes 7-10 days for a nit to hatch and another 7-10 days for the female to mature and begin laying her own eggs.
- Head lice are clear in colour when hatched, they develop a reddish-brown colour after feeding.
- Head lice are small, wingless insects which feed on human blood and do not thrive on pets.
- Head lice are about the size of sesame seeds and have six legs with claws to grasp the hair.
- Head lice are crawling insects. They cannot hop, jump, or fly.
- Head lice off their human hosts will starve and die in 24 hours.

**Head lice do not jump or fly and cannot survive longer than 24 hours off the human host.**

**What product should I use to treat my child?**

There are no 'safe' pesticides, "natural" or otherwise, scientifically proven to be 100% effective against head lice, nits or nit glue. Reliance on head lice treatment products alone promotes repeated use of potentially harmful chemicals and contributes to ongoing infestations, outbreaks, and resistant strains of head lice. Parents should be discouraged from spending unnecessary time and money on "concoctions" for which there is no scientific basis for claims of efficacy and human safety. A wide variety of such "lice remedies" are vigorously marketed to consumers especially via the Internet. The result is more confusion for families already deluged with conflicting and unfounded treatment recommendations.

**Manual removal is the safe alternative and necessary component to any head lice treatment regimen.** Combing tools enable families to screen often, detect head lice early and thoroughly remove lice and nits.

**How do you treat for headlice?**

**Schools and homes don’t get head lice -- people do.** Head lice are human parasites and require human blood to survive. Vacuuming is the safest and best way to remove lice or fallen hairs with attached nits from upholstered furniture, rugs, stuffed animals and cars. Save your time and energy for that which benefits you the most -- thorough nit removal.

**Do I have to treat everyone in the house?**

Use a nit-removal comb to check everyone first! Lice treatment products have potential health hazards and should not be used ‘just in case’ a child has lice or in an effort to prevent them. Even if lice are confirmed on an individual careful consideration should be given before deciding to use a pesticide shampoo or other treatment because each person has unique health needs.

**Where do headlice come from?**

Head lice do not come "out of the air" or from the ground. They are human parasites and come from people. Desiccated (dried up) head lice and their eggs have been found on the hair and scalps of Egyptian mummies.

While headlice are around all year they often are more prominent in the dry winter months.

**Do headlice jump?**

Head lice do not have hind legs to hop or jump, nor wings with which to fly – they crawl.

**What is the school doing?**

- Discouraging the sharing of hats and other hair items by students.
- Discouraging students from playing too closely and making head to head contact.
- Monitoring students who complain of itchy hair and referring such to parents. Schools cannot ‘check hair’ by touching a child’s head. Observation without touching will sometimes note headlice.
- Encouraging all parents to check a child’s head frequently.
- Meeting rules on management of headlice. Basically this states that once a child has been treated they can return to class.
- Encouraging parents to have their children wear their long hair tied back.
Planning for the Future

Through the course of this year I have been gathering information from all members of the school to inform long-term planning at Bribie Island State School. As you would be aware our school runs a tight budget and not all projects can be completed as early as we would like. Long-term planning ensures we do address areas where we can strategically. Following many discussions I offer the following as proposed projects that our school is considering for the future. I welcome your feedback so that I can take detailed action to ensure these projects are evident in our future. Some projects will occur soon and others are long-term projects. Each project is provided a title to identify it.

Dressed to Impress
Provide dress uniforms and resources for the Bribie Island State School student representative groups to improve community image of the school. (eg. student leaders, staff, band and choir groups).

Equipment Jungles
Construct new playground equipment at various sites around the school for all ages of students to engage in lunchtime and planned play activities, promoting Education Queensland’s Smart Moves Initiatives.

Safe and Shady
Ensure all outdoor play equipment is provided adequate sun shades to overcome UV issues.

Learning by Digital Games
Invest in digital game equipment which runs educational software to enhance student learning in the basics eg spelling and maths games software.

Blue and Teal – Pride and Zeal
Ensure all the schools representative teams are presented in sport appropriate uniforms that demonstrate the colours and pride of the school.

Cool Outdoor Learning
Construction of a roofed outdoor learning space, where classes and community groups can meet and learn. Space may double as assembly area for events, end of school student dismissal, parent collection and bus departures supervision.

Grounded in Excellence
Complete, maintain or improve various grounds projects which seek to improve the condition, useability and/or relevance of school resources to the curriculum and learning needs of the students. Projects include: an environmental learning area, a native fruit tree garden, paths, adventure trail and drainage work

Welcome to Bribie
Construct adequate shade facilities and install seating at front entrance to school to improve appearance and useability of bitumen area.

Everyday Counts and Ready for School
Continue to support student attendance and provide resource support for students whose personal circumstances hinder their engagement in school programs. Particularly ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student needs are considered.

Enriched Learning @ Bribie
Support a range of projects which provide students Enrichment of their skills and capacities. Including: Talent Identification, Robotics, Working with Universities, Sport, Performance, Dance, Leadership Programs, Cluster Projects, Adventure Based Learning and Hands-on Learning.

Digital Learning
Ensure adequate technology resources to meet curriculum demands. Including ensuring computer resources incorporate up to date hardware. Move to ensure computer laboratories are air-conditioned.

Techno Parents
Providing regular training for parents in the use of technology resources provided at school

21st Century Facilities
Upgrade and/or replace existing teaching facilities by constructing modern first class teaching buildings. Including ensuring new spaces have community abilities.

Path to the Hall
Install covered walkway to connect multipurpose hall with rest of school facilities.

Art and Science of Teaching
Develop and implement a school-wide Pedagogical framework to support a common language and framework around which to scaffold curriculum and teaching. Seek opportunities to work with neighbouring schools and within the Regional Educational context.

Flying Start
Develop and implement a range of strategies to support the philosophy behind the seamless delivery of curriculum from prep to year 12. Discuss alignment of Bribie Island State School and Bribie Island State High School. Include elements such as: school day (8:30 to 2:30?), early transition activities for year 6 and 7 classes in preparation for 2015 move of Year 7 into high school, facilities use and benefits in accessing high school staff and resources, alignment in Pedagogical Framework and seamless schooling (A College approach?).

Bribie College
Investigate alignment of Educational Services with Bribie Island State High School. Vision to have seamless Prep to Year 12 Education. Possible structure of College Environment. Investigate associated actions eg. Change school day to match BISHS, Alignment to IPS (Independent Public Schools).

Your feedback is very much appreciated.