

Denise and Bruce Morcombe visit BI SS for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.



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23rd October
Whole School
Parade 2.20pm

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October

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November

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- 29 Trampoline Raffle Drawn

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Dear Parents and Care Givers,

I proudly start this newsletter celebrating a range of achievements at Bribie Island State School. These various celebrations come about through an immense level of hard work and effort from so many at the school. Bribie Island State School is achieving and we need to be proud of our efforts. We have more work to do but we are most definitely headed in the right direction.

NAPLAN

Interim reports from the 2012 NAPLAN testing have been received by the school. I am very happy to share that our school has continued improvements from last year. This includes the following:

- In 73% of the assessed areas our students are above National Minimum Standard for year 3, 5 and 7 for Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy.
- 92% of our assessed areas show sustained (46%) or improved (46%) performance with students achieving highly in the upper two bands.
- 75% of our testing over the 15 strands in years 3, 5 and 7 show a relative gain (or improvement over time from 2010 to 2012) above the average of the state.
- 78% reduction of the gap in indigenous student's performance in year three reading.
- Year seven writing was a highlight with our school mean being similar to the national benchmark and above the state benchmark. Our first such result since NAPLAN commenced.

Wakakirri

I was informed this week that following the tremendous success of our Year Two Wakakirri team in term three, they have been nominated for a National Sponsorship Award. This is great recognition for the efforts of all students and staff who did such a wonderful job with the whole event. Congratulations to Mrs Van Damme and Mrs Thornley in particular. As further news arrives I will share the results.

Student Leaders 2013 Election Process

We also want to celebrate the great work of our 2013 student leader nominees on their speeches this week. This nerve racking task forms one of the formal elements of the selection process for next year's leaders. Our school-wide election will occur in the coming weeks.

Some general information:

Behaviour A reminder.

Schools are by their very nature complex and dynamic places. They are social institutions where young people gather to engage in not only academic learning but to also learn how to interact, get along and respond to challenges and conflicts. We as adults set the example and explicitly take time to skill children in many elements of their learning. In a utopian world everyone would get on, be on time, meet expectations and maximise the time at school learning. However no matter how hard we all work to this end some still make mistakes and need to learn lessons for improvement. This happens in English, Maths, on the sporting field, in relationships and in behaviour.

Over my 19 years as a Principal in eight schools, I have learnt (from my mistakes too) that the best results for students come when the school and home work together. That is: we have the same message, we follow through when we need to, we discipline appropriately, we reward desired behaviour and ensure the students know the reasons, purpose and demands we as adults have on their behaviour.

While we respect everyone's rights, everyone is also aware of their commitment with associated responsibilities.

At this time of the year we, as a school, should be in a place where we can celebrate the good work we have delivered all year and not have to repeatedly deal with behaviour which has occurred before. The movie 'Groundhog Day' comes to mind while I write this.

As a result I wish to advise that this term we will be taking stronger measures addressing those students who have not demonstrated they have learnt from frequent support to improve their behaviour this year.

Please support us as we seek to maintain high standards at Bribie Island State School.

Term Four

Term four is very busy with **on-going curriculum delivery, swimming, school magazine publication, year seven graduation, 2013 student leaders election and class formation for 2013**. Please ensure you keep up to date by reading newsletters, notes sent home and meeting published deadlines.

As a school we will continue to work on delivering the set curriculum up till the last week. Over the course of the semester teachers have been collating student results and achievement to provide a final **report card**. This will be sent home on **Wednesday 12th December**.

Many teachers will be making contact with parents over the course of this term to discuss a range of matters pertaining to student's progress. If you have need to discuss matters regarding your child's progress please make arrangements with teachers through normal channels.

Please be aware notes on proposed **2013 class structure and classes** will be sent home on **Thursday 13th December**.

Daniel Morcombe Foundation

We held a very important and at times moving assembly with Mr and Mrs Morecombe on Tuesday. They presented an important safety message to the whole school. A large number of parents attended and have shared with me the immense value they saw in this event. Particularly its' relevance in our modern era.

What is the The Daniel Morcombe Foundation and Safety Curriculum?

The Department of Education, Training and Employment, in partnership with the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, has developed the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum for Queensland students. The aim is to teach children about personal safety and awareness, including cybersafety and phone safety, by focusing on three key safety messages: **Recognise, React and Report**.

The program was developed in consultation with representatives from the Department of Education, Training and Employment, Bruce and Denise Morcombe, the Commissioner for Children and Young People and Child Guardian, Queensland Police Service and the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services as well as experts in child safety education.

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Safety focus for students includes three keys below:

- **Recognise**
 - Safe and unsafe situations
 - Safety clues
 - Body clues
 - Body ownership
- **React**
 - Safety options
- **Report**
 - Safety helpers and persistence
 - Phone and online safety

Go to <http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/school-life/child-safety-curriculum.html> for more detailed information and answers to some frequently asked questions and other general information.

BIKES – Golf Day for Chaplaincy

You may be aware that on **Sunday 11th November** there is a fundraising day for the BIKES program. BIKES refers to Bribie Island Kids Educational Support. BIKES is a program run by the Chaplaincy group which supports kids in need in Bribie schools. Our hard working chaplain Ken Piva uses this service to support the capacity for students at Bribie Island State School to attend school and access the educational program provided. There is a growing number of students at Bribie Island State School with needs.

Whether you play golf or not I urge you to come along and support this event to help raise much needed funds for our kids. Mr Piva volunteers a massive amount of his time and resources to our kids and supporting this program will help him do this much needed role. Love to see Bribie Island State School staff and families strongly represented in the field on the day.

School Dress Code

Please ensure your child meets the dress code described in the Bribie Island State School handbook. Recently **excessive jewellery** and **inappropriate uniforms** have made their way to school. Appropriate jewellery includes ensuring the wearing of: only one ring (signet style), one necklace (religious or safety) and a watch. Excessive jewellery is not safe and is at risk of loss or damage. So please limit student wearing of such jewellery.

Also please be reminded that **electronic devices** such as gaming devices, mobile phones or the like are a distraction in class. They are also at risk of loss or damage if kept on a student's person and must be left in the office if brought to school. Preferably these should be left at home.

In closing, an increasing number of students are bringing **skateboards** to school. **ALL** skateboards must be stored in the bike racks. Again it is preferred skateboards are left at home.

RSL Public Speaking Competition

On Sunday 28th October students from our school will be participating in this event against peers from the other state school. I encourage you to come along to the RSL at 12:00noon to support our students. Your support will be great encouragement to the those representing our school.

School Resource Levy

Those parents who have opted to participate in the school resources levy scheme by making on-going payments are strongly urged to complete **all payments by the end of this month** so we may look to finalising all accounts by the end of the school year.

ASOT – The Art and Science of Teaching

Over past weeks teachers at Bribie Island State School have been undertaking training in aspects of the Art and Science of Teaching (ASOT). ASOT is a pedagogical framework which we are seeking to fully implement in 2013. In previous newsletters I shared a very brief overview of this framework. As the teachers continue to work through this program I thought you may like to know where we are up to.

Recently we have been working on the positive effect of two elements of effective instruction – **Goal Setting** and **Feedback**. The key message we are promoting can be depicted in this maths sum:

Goal Setting + Feedback (regular and specific) + Acknowledgement of Success = ENHANCED LEARNING

Teachers are working towards:

1. Writing whole class goals.
2. Developing individual or group goals for students. (Reading is our current school focus, so most will be in this area.)
3. Writing a scale for the goals.
4. Providing formative assessment. (Giving feedback and leading students in the recording of their progress.)

Over time we are looking at developing a school-wide culture and language around ASOT and the depth of sharing and reflection of practice, this will further scaffold the improvement of student outcomes.

Please contact myself or our leader of this project - Mrs Roebuck should you require more information.

Have a great week.



Paul Pickering
Principal

CHANGE OF DATE 28th October

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:

Kylah Poelima, Te-Anni Kerr, Jessica Blundell, Sophie Radley, Chloe Hall, Nathan Prentice, Bella Woodham, Abbey Walker, McKinley Travers, Kira Davidson and Emma Mayne.

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 **28th 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.

P & C REPORT

Hi Everyone,

I would like to say THANK YOU to the School Community for the support they have shown with P&C events, again THANK-YOU. The P&C Committee needs your help, we are in need of a NEW Vice President and NEW Co-Vice President, for Nomination Forms see Leisa, Carolyn, or Mary in the **Parent Room**.

NEXT P&C MEETING 24th OCTOBER.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *P&C and MR P's Sausage Sizzle - Every Friday \$2
- *26th October - Book Club orders due back
- *17th November - Family Fun Day
- *29th November - Christmas Disco
- *29th November - TRAMPOLINE RAFFLE DRAWN - at Disco - Tickets available from Parent Room
- *Paul's Collector Caps - Kids keep collecting - Subway Party for the Class that collects the most Caps

Thank-you
Leisa Hudson-Bradby
P&C President

NEWOPENING TIMES

UNIFORM SHOP

Monday - Thursday:

8.30am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Friday: 8.30am - 9.30am

TERM 4 SPECIAL OFFER

Buy a POLO SHIRT and SHORTS together or a POLO SHIRT and SKORTS together and Receive a COMPLIMENTARY HAT.

For any inquiries regarding UNIFORMS please call into the PARENT ROOM or Contact Leisa, Mary or Carolyn on 34002308.

Student Banking

Student Banking Day - every Wednesday
9.30am - 10.30am

Any enquiries contact our School Banking Coordinator, **MARY TURNER**, between 9.30am and 10.30am.
WEDNESDAYS at the PARENT ROOM Ph 3400 2308.

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.



**Bribie Island Community
Kindergarten
Cotterill Avenue,
Bongaree**

Limited places are available for pre-prep 4 year olds. Fees are a maximum of \$20 per day and for Health Care Card holders fees can be as low as \$1 per day.

Contact the Kindergarten on 3408 1788 or email briebekindy@swiftdsl.com.au

All enquiries welcome. We are an inclusive kindergarten.

BUSY FINGERS

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.

Busy fingers are located at: **38 Cotterill Ave, Bongaree.**

Open from 8.30am—3pm Monday– Friday

Saturday's 8am—12pm

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



Bribie Blitz



Our blitz for the next fortnight will be
TUCKSHOP

- Students can only buy items from the tuckshop during playtime
- Class monitors pick up ordered lunches during eating time

Be Respectful Be Safe Be an Active Learner



LOST CHILDRENS READING GLASSES



Our office has pairs of reading glasses that have been handed in. If your child has misplaced their glasses, please come into the office. Office hours are between 8.30am—3.30pm

School Resource Levy

Thank you to all our families that have made their complete payment for the school consumables. Those parents who have opted to participate in the school resources levy scheme by making on-going payments are strongly urged to complete **all payments by the end of this month** so we may look to finalising all accounts by the end of the school year. Thank you

Donations for Mr P. - Black school shoes

Do you have any pre loved black school shoes still in good condition?

Mr P, our school Chaplain, is asking for donations of all sizes of black school shoes to help keep his supply of pre

Global Care Breakfast Program

Global Care is an organisation which successfully provides free a healthy breakfast meal for our students every **Thursday morning** from **8am-8.50am** in the hall.



Apps for Education

<http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/apps/education/index.html>

Apps for mobile devices are listed here that relate to the Education sector of the department.

While currently this selection is small, it is expected to grow to include a range of Apps that are compatible with a range of mobile devices.

These Apps are selectively developed to align to current strategic objectives and to enhance existing services provided to the wide range of clients of the de-



[Out and About App](#)



[Queensland schools App](#)



[Take a Stand](#)

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.

Attendance Awards



The winning classes for week 1 & 2 will be announced at the school assembly on the 23rd October.

Attendance Awards



KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK CLASSES

Attendance Awards



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 winning class for week 1 & 2 Will be announced at the school assembly on the 23rd October.