



### CONGRATULATIONS MASON

Mason Briscoe from 4A was entered into an online narrative writing competition- **write4fun**, and has had his work published in a book of short stories titled 'Far Out', written by students from Australia. We are very proud of his achievements and wish him all the best with his publishing career. He wrote a dedication 'Thank you Mrs. T for helping me'. She hopes he will also share some of his royalties when he becomes a bestselling author...

### **2013 School Book List and Consumables** **Forms are now OVER DUE**

All payments and forms were due for return to the office by **28th November**.

If you have not yet returned your 2013 consumables form and still wish to participate please contact Mr Pickering for an appointment on 3400 2333 or come into the office.

**Thank you** to the families who have returned and paid in full or made their 1st \$50 instalment (per child) for their child/children's consumables for 2013.

Our ordering process has begun for a smooth start to 2013.

For families **not** participating in the 2013 consumables, please tick the not participating box on the form and return it to the office. For families not participating the book list is located on the back page of the consumable form.

Please note section 5 of the booklist is a requirement of all families to seek out the listed items and send to school with their child/children.

**Admin.**

#### Diary Dates:

Assembly Time

2.00pm

4th December

Semester 2

Term 4

#### November

29 Christmas Disco

Prep-Yr 3 4.30pm -6pm

Yr 4 -Yr 7 6.30pm-8pm.

30 Swimming Yrs 4,5,6,7

30 2013 Prep Open Day

9am-10am in PY3 & PY4

#### December

4 Assembly Whole School

5 1B,1C,1D,2B,3A,3C

MAKE UP SWIMMING DAY

6 Global Care breakfast

6 Swimming Yrs 1,2,3

6 Year 7 Graduation &

Awards Night

7 Swimming Yrs 4,5,6,7

8 Carols by Glowstick from

5pm at Bribie High School

10 Spirit of Bribie

Prep-Yr 2 9am-9:30am

Yr 3-4 10am-10:30am

Yr 5-7 12pm

11 Yr 6&7 Swimming

Carnival 9.30am-1.30pm

12 Yr 4&5 Swimming

Carnival 9.30am-1.30pm

13 Tuckshop CLOSED

14 Tuckshop CLOSED

14 Last day of Term

Semester 1

Term 1

#### January

21 School Office open

23-25 Uniform shop open

9am - 12pm

# From The Principal's Pentium

## Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Welcome to our second last newsletter for 2013. It is amazing to believe we have just 11 school days remaining for 2012. So many things need to be completed before the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. Please consider the messages and information included in this newsletter to fully support your child's successful participation in their education at Bribie.

### Staff Movements

It is with great sadness I wish to confirm some retirements from the Bribie Island State School Staff.

**Linora Howell** - After ten years at Bribie as our school Business Service Manager – Mrs Howell will be retiring at the end of the school year. Our office is well respected as a friendly and helpful first point of call for the school. Linora as the manager takes ownership of this area. Linora has worked tirelessly for our school and she will be missed.

**Heinz Roedder** - Mr Roedder will be retiring again at the end of the year. Having previously been retired Heinz responded to our school's need for staff in our student support area. However he has advised he really is retiring permanently this time. We wish him well and hope his retirement is rewarding and relaxing.

**Jayn Hutchinson** - Finally, I wish to publically announce that our school Deputy Principal Mrs Hutchinson will also be retiring. Mrs Hutchinson has long service leave for all of Term One in 2013 and will be finishing up after that. All can attest to the dedication and commitment Jayn has provided Bribie since 2007. As I work extremely closely with Jayn I am saddened yet respectful of her decision.

The school will have formal farewell presentations for Mr Roedder and Mrs Howell this year. At the end of term one in 2013, after Mrs Hutchinson's long service leave, we will have a formal farewell for Mrs Hutchinson.

I have not yet been advised by the Department as to Mrs Howell's and Mrs Hutchinson's replacements. I should be able to confirm these by our last newsletter on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December.

I am sharing this information now so all our community can have time to thank and say farewell to these staff in their own way.

### Booklist and Student Resource Scheme

The booklist for 2013 has been sent home previously. If for some reason you have not received this please make contact with the school office.

### Student Leaders 2013

Following our previous election process at our last assembly we announced the following student leader positions for 2013.

#### School Captains:

**Kiarna Patterson**

**Daniel Brown**

#### School Vice Captains:

**Belle Hutt**

**Jesse Baker**

#### House Captains:

Kookaburra

**Harvey Lew**

**Madison Ellens**

Emus

**Adam Hodge-Menzies**

**Kyla Wall**

Pelicans

**Sharlie Skeen**

**Cody Medicott**

Lorikeets

**Jimbelle Eusebio**

**Mitchell Bradford**

#### Instrumental Music Captain:

**Alex Duck**

#### Band Captain:

**Lachlan Alleyne**

#### Choir Captain:

**Lilliana Robertson**

#### Student Council Leaders:

Captain

**Anthony Evans**

Vice Captain

**Chloe Crouch**

Congratulations to these students and commiserations to those who were unsuccessful.

### 2013 Classes and Staffing

At this time we start developing draft classes for the next year. Departmental policy and procedures mean we may have to change any plans up to day eight at the start of the new school year. However we still try to predict enrolments and have draft class structures well planned by the end of 2012. I am unable to provide lists of class teacher allocations at present. Allocation of teachers to classes will not occur till very late in the term. In fact we still have one unconfirmed position at present and this may not be filled till over the holiday period.

Also please be advised Mrs Haywood has long service leave for all of term one in 2013.

### Class Sizes 2013

At our LCC (Local Consultative Committee) meeting recently we confirmed our intent for the school to attempt to establish, where possible, 'straight' year level classes for 2013. Class structures are of course impacted by any changes which may occur in our enrolment demographic, but at present this proposal looks like being able to occur. The impact however is that some of our classes may be slightly over the recommended class sizes in 2013.

### 2013 Year Seven Learning Plan

In 2013 our school will be commencing a differentiated approach to curriculum delivery in the Year Seven Classes. As you are aware the new Australian Curriculum and associated C2C units have been delivered in school in 2012. One noticeable impact of the new National Curriculum is the increased curriculum expectation for all year levels. In Year Seven in particular, it is clear learning area expectations are above that which was evident in past Queensland curriculums.

To allow the students to gain the best possible opportunities in 2103 we will deliver the daily program similar to that of a high school. While students will have a base/home class they will have each subject area delivered by a different teacher. Our plan is for one Teacher to deliver the English and the Arts curriculum, one to deliver Mathematics and ICT/Technology and the third to deliver History, Science, Studies of Society and Environment and Health. Specialist Teachers will still deliver Music, Physical Education and Languages Other than English (Indonesian).

The associated benefit is that students will be provided opportunities to own their learning. This includes beginning to develop skills of self-management in readiness for secondary school.

### School Opinion Survey

I have recently received our report on the 2012 School Opinion Survey. While some areas need attention overall it is a generally positive report. The table below displays a summary of the data

	Individual questions significantly above state mean.	Individual questions about the state mean.	Individual questions significantly below state mean
Staff Survey	23%	65%	12%
Student Survey	36%	64%	0%
Parent Survey	17%	69%	14%

### **...Continued from Principal's Pentium**

#### **Other notes of significance:**

In the staff survey 63% of the domain areas are above the state mean. In the student survey not one question was significantly under the state mean. In the parent survey 11% of the questions had a 100% positive support.

93% of students and 91.3% of parents agree Bribie Island State School is a good school.

#### **Spirit of Bribie**

Our Spirit of Bribie award ceremony will be held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Times for these ceremonies are: Prep to Year 2 from 9:00am, Year 3 and Year 4 from 10:00am and Year 5 to Year 7 from 12:00 noon. Letters are being sent home from the school to parents of children who have not been able to meet expectations for a Spirit of Bribie award this semester. Students who will be receiving an award will be sending their own invite for their parents to attend.

#### **End of Term Assembly and Events**

Our final assembly of the term will be held on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of December**. This move allows the running of our two swimming carnivals on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December for Year 6 and 7 and Year 4 and 5 swimming carnival on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Some Changes for 2013**

I wish to advise that after consultation with staff and the P&C we have decided to change both the staff meeting day and the school assembly for 2013.

Staff Meetings for Teachers will now be held each Monday afternoon from 3:15pm.

**School Assembly** will be held every second **Thursday** from 2:15pm.

#### **Survey Invitation**

All members of the community are invited to participate in an online survey. The purpose of the survey is to assess the learning needs of educators in relation to the Disability Standards for Education (DSE). Responses to the survey will help the development of an e-learning resource about the Disability Standards for Education, which will be available to Australian schools in 2013.

Access details are as follows:

If you are parent/carer, please go to: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSEparents\\_carers](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSEparents_carers)

If you are office, reception, maintenance or other ancillary staff, please go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSEancillary>

If you are a teacher or allied health professional, please go to: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSEteachers\\_alliedhealth\\_EC](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSEteachers_alliedhealth_EC)

If you are an educational assistant/teacher's aide, please go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSEeducationassistants>

Your responses to the survey will remain anonymous and no school or system will be identified in any subsequent analyses or reports.

#### **End of Year and Start of 2013**

The last day of school for 2013 is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Our office will be open from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

Staff will be undertaking professional development, training and preparation from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January is the Australia Day Public holiday.

School for students commences on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Have a great fortnight.



Paul Pickering  
Principal

### **From the Deputy Principal's Desk**

#### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the last two weeks of our school year. It has been a year filled with many exciting learning experiences for all of our students. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching your children grow and develop in their learning. Many thanks for your continued support in working with us to enable us to provide the best learning opportunities that we can. The partnerships between home and school cannot be underestimated and the administration of our school certainly values those partnerships. Our staff endeavour to make every lesson count every day and with your support I know that we will all continue to do the very best that we can.

Reports will be sent home in the last week of school. The students will also be shown their classroom and where possible meet their teacher for next year during that last week as well. Teachers are currently working on the formation of classes for 2013. We spend a lot of time considering the best placement for all of our students for their new class. Remember after Day 8 there still may need to be changes made to the class groups depending on new enrolments and staffing changes.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our **Spirit of Bribie** ceremonies. The dates and times for these assemblies are on the front of the newsletter.

Please remember to remind your children that **scooters, skateboards and bikes** are to be kept in the **bike racks** during school times. They are not to be brought into school grounds to avoid injury. Please also remind students of our **uniform policy**. Everyone must wear a hat, correct shoes and uniform. We appreciate your support in these matters.

Warm regards,



Jayn Hutchinson  
Deputy Principal

## P & C REPORT

Hi Everyone,

The WALKATHON was a great success and we made a net profit of **\$3724.95!** THANK YOU KIDS for the support. **BAXTER SMITH** was the winner of the MP3 PLAYER. Thankyou Baxter for collecting the most money for the WALKATHON.

The PAULS COLLECTOR CAP SUBWAY SURPRISE PARTY will be happening next week.

The Uniform Shop YEAR SEVEN SHIRT order forms have been given out to the year 6 classes, order forms and payments are required back by Thursday the 6th of December 2012.

Please contact the UNIFORM SHOP on 3400 2308 for any enquiries.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- P&C Sausage Sizzle - every Friday 3pm
- 29th of November - Christmas Disco - Prep-Yr 3 4.30pm -6pm and Yr 4 -Yr 7 6.30pm-8pm.
- 29th of November - Raffle to be DRAWN at Disco, Trampoline with safety net. Tickets available from Parent Room. \$1 per ticket
- 13th of December - Tuckshop will be CLOSED. \*LIONS - **Sausage Sizzle \$2 at 1st break.**
- 14th of December - Tuckshop will be CLOSED. \*LIONS - **Sausage Sizzle \$2 at 1st break.**
- Pauls Collector Caps - Students keep collecting.
- Subway Party for the class that collects the most Caps happening soon.
- NEXT P&C GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 20th 2013
- AGM MARCH 20th 2013

**P&C President**

**Leisa Hudson-Bradby**

### 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 3400 2308.

### **2013 UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

#### **DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

Wednesday 23rd January 9am - 12pm

Thursday 24th January 9am - 12pm

Friday 25th January 9am - 12pm

#### **School Resumes 29th January**

Tuesday 29th January 8.15am - 12pm

Wednesday 30th January 8.15am - 12pm

Thursday 31st January 8.15am - 12pm

Friday 1st February 8.15am - 12pm

Phone **3400 2308** for more information

### 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.



### 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.

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)

## St Vinnies/Chaplaincy Christmas Appeal

Christmas is a time of giving and sharing. As Christmas approaches please consider the families in our community who will need a little help to make their Christmas merry.

Mr Piva is collecting food items (to make hampers) and gifts (books, toys etc) to distribute within our school community.

If you can help in anyway, please send donations to the school office.

\* Please do not wrap gift items – as they will be wrapped and distributed by St Vinnies volunteers.

Any assistance would be much appreciated.

Merry Christmas,  
Mr P



## CAROLS BY GLOWSTICK

Hosted by: **Bribie Island Christian Leaders Network**

**SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

Rides and BBQ from 5pm  
(Rides are a gold coin donation)

**Carols from 6pm**

**Held at:** Student Centre—Bribie Island High School

This year we are requesting that people bring a food item to contribute to Christmas Hampers which will be distributed to needy families in the community.



## School Resource Levy 2012

### **PLEASE FINALISE YOUR PAYMENTS**

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 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

## 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.

## Apps for Education



[Queensland schools App](#)



[Take a Stand](#)



[Out and About App](#)

**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 goes to

**5A**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

The winning class for Week 5 & 6 for the **Most Improved** attendance goes to

**3A**

**Well done!!**

**Attendance Awards**



**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 weeks 5 & 6 is**

**2B**

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK !!**



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY IDEAS FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Active Kids January 2013 Holiday Program - 7th  
January to 18th January 2013

## Looking for something exciting to do these school holidays?

Active Kids is a program designed to introduce children to new sports and skills in a fun, supportive and affordable atmosphere. All activities are delivered by experienced and qualified staff from organisations such as Australian Rugby League Development, Gymnastics QLD, Golf QLD and Football QLD. And best of all, they're all FREE!

The complete program for January's Active Kids Program is available online or in the current Active Kids brochure, located at libraries and Council foyers around the region, from the end of this week.

No bookings are required for the Active Kids Park Sessions activities. Just show up to the activities of your choice and have a great time!

For more information, visit

[www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/activekids](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/activekids)

**Attn: Year 7 Students:  
SHAFT January 2013 Holiday Program  
7 January to 18 January 2013**

Are you going into Grade 8 next year?  
Looking for something exciting to do these school holidays?

SHAFT is a program introduced by the Moreton Bay Regional Council for high school aged students who reside in or attend high school in the Moreton Bay Region. The exciting range of activities are subsidised by Council, making them enjoyable and affordable.

Activities range from Go-Karting to Windsurfing. Abseiling to Rock Climbing. Sailing to Golf. And all at an affordable price, ranging from \$5 to \$30 (depending on the activity).

The complete program for January's SHAFT Program will be available online on the 23rd or in the current SHAFT brochure, located at libraries and Council foyers around the region, from late November.

Bookings for the January 2013 SHAFT Program open 9am Tuesday 11 December 2012! You can make bookings online at [www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/shaft](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/shaft) or by calling **5433 2052**. Book early to avoid disappointment.



## 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 visit:

[www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day](http://www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day) or 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:** 15 December 2012 - 24 December 2012 and 2 January 2013 - 28 January 2013

Further details are available at

[www.australiazoo.com.au](http://www.australiazoo.com.au)

## **Sandstone Point 5th Annual Carols by Candlelight 2012**

### **Saturday 15th December**

Sports and Community Complex  
202 Bestmann Road East (Next to shopping village)  
(wet weather "Bribie High School")  
check [www.sandstonepoint.info](http://www.sandstonepoint.info)  
For further details please phone  
0413 251 569 or 5429 5649

**5:30pm**

### **FREE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT**

- Miss Donna the Clown
- Face painting
- Train Rides and more

**7:00pm**

### **TRADITIONAL CAROLS**

Hosted by radio personality **John Knox** and featuring **Christopher Wayne** "Australia's Celebrity Magician" from Toasted TV on channel 10.

- Glasshouse Baptist Church Band
- Keyonie Bolton
- Narhan Fawcett
- Ecumencial Children's Choir
- SANTA

Bring a chair or rug, food and Glowstick candles on sale - **This is an alcohol free venue.**





Year 7 students making their Camp Quality badges for the Camp Quality weekend at Brennan Park last weekend.



### **Imagine Peace**

### **Art Work by our Bribie Island State School Students**

Congratulations to Bella Woodham for achieving 1st place. Bella's art work has now gone to the next level of judging. Best of luck Bella!

Congratulations to all the wonderful students who entered the competition your work was outstanding.