WEEK THREE FOCUS – BE PROUD

Our focus this week will be around being proud of everything we do. In being proud we focus on excellence, care and integrity.

Some of the ways in which parents can help their child to be proud include:

- Having them in correct school uniform everyday.
- Making sure they are at school on time and prepared to learn.
- Encouraging students to always do their best and praising them when they do.
- Encourage them to be proud of their school, their family, their country.
- Asking them this week if they are proud of what they did at school today.

SHAW STREET KISS AND DROP ZONE

The Shaw Street cul de sac at the top entrance to the school in is a “kiss and drop” zone. If everyone uses the zone correctly then the system works well.

The idea is that cars queue to drop their child off or pick their child up. As the cars in front move off the queue moves forward.

The system requires patience and everyone to act safely.

From time to time the Highway Patrol and/or the Council Rangers patrol the zone to ensure drivers are acting appropriately.

KEY POINTS:

- Parents don’t leave your car. This is a pick up/drop off zone not a park and collect zone.
- Please don’t block our neighbours’ driveways.
- Be patient.

The diagram below outlines the way the zone should work:

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FOCUS OF THE WEEK ‘BE PROUD’
PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Parents are invited to information evenings to be held this week. The information evenings are a chance for teachers to give a brief overview of routines and programs for 2013. If you are unable to attend an information sheet will be provided.

Times are as below:
- Kindergarten – Tuesday 12th Feb 5.00—5.40pm in hall
- Year 1 & 2 – Tuesday 12th February 5.45—6.25pm in the hall
- Years 3 & 4 – Wednesday 13th February 5.00—5.40pm in their classrooms (inc 4D parents)
- Years 5 & 6 – Wednesday 13th February 5.45—6.25pm in 5/6W classroom (inc 5D parents)

WHOOPING COUGH

We have recently been advised by Central Coast Area Health of some reported cases of Pertussis (Whooping Cough) on the Central Coast.

Whooping Cough is highly contagious and can be life threatening to newborns and young children.

Please be aware of the symptoms which we have listed below:

Whooping Cough

Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.

The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a "whooping" sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.

Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.

Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks.

Special Antibiotics are prescribed to treat this condition.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS – PLEASE UPDATE

It is vital that we are able to contact you or your nominated representative in the case of illness or emergency.

Please ensure that your emergency contact details are current.

If you have changed your phone number(s) please let us know.

Please think about the people you have nominated as your emergency contacts. Are they still the people you want to be your emergency contacts? Have they changed their details?

A student information card proforma is included in today’s newsletter for you to complete and send back to the school office if you would like to update your details.

PARENTS AT MONDAY/FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

We enjoy having parents stay for our assemblies on Monday and Friday mornings. We ask that those parents help us set a high standard and act as good role models for students.

Please refrain from talking/laughing during the assembly and particularly during the National Anthem.

We ask that parents stand during the National Anthem and sing along with us.

CHILDREN’S MEDICAL CONDITIONS

We are currently updating our records regarding children’s medical conditions. All staff need to be aware of children’s medical issues as staff have contact with all children during the week.

If your child has a medical condition that is severe or life threatening, as a matter of urgency, please write to the school office if you wish to have details of any medical issue recorded at the school. For the more serious medical conditions, we will be making up a booklet for staff and playground staff with a picture of your child and medical alert/response in case of an emergency.

If you have previously done this, there is no need to contact us again. This information will ensure a prompt, response to any medical problem that may occur whilst your child is at school.

Only medication that has been prescribed by a Doctor/Paediatrician along with written instructions from the parent will be administered by our office staff.

Unfortunately we are unable to give non-prescribed Panadol, antihistamine etc to children.
NUT PRODUCTS AND EGGS AT SCHOOL ANAPHYLACTIC (ALLERGIC) REACTION

A few students at Brisbania Public school have been diagnosed with a life-threatening allergy. Whilst many students have allergies to many things, a handful of students suffer severe anaphylaxis if they come in contact with NUT AND/OR EGG PRODUCTS. All staff have received information and training on responding to severe anaphylaxis. All students enrolled at Brisbania Public school, who are prone to severe anaphylaxis or suffer any other serious medical disorder or physical disability, have an individual response plan which links the school with parents and relevant medical practitioners.

In an effort to reduce the life-threatening risk posed to some students by severe anaphylaxis the school asks parents not to send nut or whole egg products in the school.

The school canteen has ceased to provide nut/egg products such as Nutella and Peanut Butter. I also urge parents and caregivers to refrain from using any nut/egg products, especially Nutella & Peanut Butter, in their child’s packed recess and lunch meals, either at school or on excursion, as the slightest contact can trigger an anaphylactic reaction.

A couple of other products that can trigger reactions are: Uncle Toby’s Apricot Yogurt Topps Muesli Bar, Uncle Toby’s Choc Chip Muesli Bar, M & M’s and Arnott’s Kingston Biscuits.

These actually contain nut products – not traces.
Thank you to all parents who are not packing the above products in their children’s lunchboxes. Children can still enjoy these items after school at home as treats.

It is common practice for all schools with students who suffer severe anaphylaxis triggered by nut products to encourage parents not to send nut/egg products in the school.

This also protects your child from the distress of possibly triggering an allergic reaction in one of their classmates.

BOOK CLUB

Your child will have received the first Scholastic Book Club flyer last week. The Scholastic team put together a range of books and other items that are available to order. If you wish to order please complete the form on the flyers and return with payment to your child’s teacher. Thanks to Belinda Eddy who is our volunteer co-ordinator for Book Club.

SCHOOL BANKING

Don’t forget that Monday is School Banking day and students can bring in their weekly deposit commencing Monday 11th February.

For every deposit made at the school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Details of the new 2012 rewards will be coming home soon. Thank you for supporting the School Banking Program at Brisbania PS.

Thanks to Tanya Neal for acting as our volunteer co-ordinator of student banking.

FRUITO! (Crunch and Sip)

All students are encouraged to bring along a piece of fruit to have in class around 10am each morning. The idea of fruito is to give students a little boost after an hour of learning and to sustain them until recess. Teachers have found this to be really effective in increasing productivity and learning.

The bonus for parents is that many students who didn’t normally eat fruit are now having at least one piece a day. Very healthy!!

Fruito is only a quick break and most students are back working after a minute or two.

Apples and bananas are perfect because they can be eaten with little mess and students can continue to work whilst eating.

Students are also encouraged to drink water at this time to maintain hydration.

Mr Burgess
Principal
STUDENT INFORMATION CARD

NAME OF CHILD: ___________________ DATE OF BIRTH: ________

MOTHER'S NAME: ___________________

FATHER'S NAME: ___________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________

HOME PHONE: ___________ WORK PHONE: _________________

MEDICAL INFORMATION: (If applicable) _______________________

MOTHER'S WORK NO: ________ MOTHER'S MOBILE: ____________
Stage 2—Max, Colby, Riley, Liam, Mitchell, Lochlan, Makaia, Jack, Austin, Shaylah, Jack, Ruby & Jayden.

Stage 3—Lucy, Lachlan, Joel, Nicholas, Joshua, Sciona, Kiah, Skye, Karissa, Aldy, Mia, Nik, Sarah, Leah & Mark.

NO ASSEMBLY AWARDS THIS WEEK FOR STAGE 1

PRINCIPAL’S GOLD BOOK

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BUS PASSES

We are happy to inform you that replacement bus passes are now available to purchase online. Just visit our website at www.busways.com.au – select the Central Coast Region and School Bus Passes.

Term bus passes for students who are not eligible for free travel are also available to purchase online at the same internet address/details as above.

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The Coastal Physical Culture Club
Come and try physique at The Coastal Club in 2013! We are all about affordable dance, meeting friends and having fun!
Our classes run from Kincumber and Erina Fair.
First class is FREE for new members, all new registered members receive a FREE club singlet 3 yrs and up...
For further information look up our website: www.coastalphinse.com or call Alex 0413 692 363 OR Kristen 0439 993 603.

The Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre would like to invite you to join the Malinya Road Reserve Bushcare Group and help provide habitat for the endangered Bush Stone-curlew.

Why help?
To provide essential habitat for Bush Stone-curlew to forage and breed.
To meet like-minded people and enjoy an outdoor activity in a beautiful location.
Because without your help, they may not survive at all on the Central Coast!

What is involved?
Removing weeds and preparing a site at Davistown for this iconic bird species which is in imminent danger of becoming extinct on the Central Coast.
Working under the direction of a professional bush regenerator.
Join is once per month, or whenever you can manage the time.

Volunteers are needed from February 2013
For more details about when and where, contact the project officer on 4349 4752 or email narelle.teie@ccen.org.au

This project is funded by the Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority CMA through its Caring for our Country grants.

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Thursday 21st February
P & C Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 22nd February
Swimming Carnival (Years 3—6)

Tuesday 12th March
District Swimming Carnival—Peninsula Leisure Centre

Thursday 21st March
P & C Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 21st March
Harmony Day Activities

Friday 29th March
Easter Public Holiday (Good Friday)

Monday 1st April
Easter Public Holiday

Friday 12th April
Last day of Term 1
WIN
A SLUSH PUPPIE DRIFT SCOOTER

Prize A - Drift Scooter

Plus SLUSH PUPPIE Turbo Cups and Heaps of Instant Prize SLUSH PUPPIE Drinks to Giveaway!

Simply Buy a Specially Marked SMALL Cup SLUSH PUPPIE and Peel Back the Cup Lip For Your Chance to WIN an Instant Prize!

Prize B - Turbo Cup

Prize C - Small Drink

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