WEEK THREE FOCUS – BE SAFE

Our focus this week will be around being safe in everything we do. In being safe we focus on responsibility and co-operation. Some of the topics parents can cover with their child this week include:

- Once you arrive at school you move to the netball court area and remain there until the bell.
- You walk/catch the bus straight to or from school. No detours.
- Making sure you are at school on time and prepared to learn.
- Always walk on the concrete and follow the school rules.

PARENTS ARE YOU PROUD AND SAFE?

I would like parents to reflect on their actions last week – particularly in regards to driving and parking around the school. On reflection were you safe and are you proud of your actions? I imagine for the vast majority of our parents the answer would be yes and I thank you for that. However, the Council Ranger was here on Tuesday and Wednesday and warned many drivers that their actions were unsafe. He will be back over the next few weeks to book those that haven’t taken the advice.

I also received complaints from our neighbours that drivers were blocking their driveways and even that one driver abused a neighbour. Please be considerate of others. It is easy, under the stress of getting your children to school on time, to become solely focussed on your child. Please look around and be aware of our neighbours and other road users.

PARENTS AT ASSEMBLIES

Thank you to parents for responding to my request last week for parents to be role models at assembly. It was great to see all parents standing proudly and joining us in the National Anthem on Friday. I appreciate your co-operation.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Thank you to the many parents that attended the parent information sessions last week. It was great to see so many people attending. Teachers concentrated on giving you some important information and providing more details on the information sheet so it is important that parents also read the information sheet.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This week sees our first major event for the year – our annual swimming carnival. The carnival is held at Peninsula Leisure Centre. Thanks to Mr Anderson for his organisation of the carnival. Parents are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice Captains. I am also particularly proud of the students that missed out on an official role. Firstly for putting themselves forward to take on the role and secondly for the way they accepted missing out on a role and in congratulating those that did become leaders. I’m sure those people will help out the new captains and vice captains. Good luck to our new leaders, with your first official duties, at this week’s swimming carnival.

Platypus – Zane & Ruby (Captains), Matthew & Telia (Vice Captains)
Kangaroo – Tom & Kiah (Captains), Lachlan & Maya (Vice Captains)
Wombat – Rory & Teya (Captains), Dale & Jemma (Vice Captains)
Koala – Ben & Tiarna (Captains), Joseph & Ashlee (Vice Captains)
P & C THIS THURSDAY
Our P & C will hold their first meeting for 2013 this Thursday at 7.30pm in the school library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Our P & C is a vital part of our school community. They are actively involved in having input into school policy and major decisions. The P & C also raise funds towards the goals they set each year.
Last year the P & C donated $25000 to the school for the purchase of interactive whiteboards.

NEED NEW FURNITURE OR PERHAPS A NEW PAIR OF JOGGERS?
The bus filled with the tittering of excitement as the anticipation grew when the IKEA sign first came into view. The possibility of finding a bargain at DFO added to the anticipation…
You could be part of that excitement and bargain finding if you join in the P & C’s bus trip on Saturday 23rd March.
More details are included later in the newsletter.

SHAW STREET KISS AND DROP ZONE (REPEAT)
The Shaw Street cul de sac at the top entrance to the school 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.
- Be Safe.

The diagram below outlines the way the zone should work:
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.

My apologies that, due to a production error, the bottom of the information card was ‘cut off’ last week and the section for father’s contacts and emergencies contacts was missing.

WHOOPING COUGH (REPEAT)
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.

CHILDREN’S MEDICAL CONDITIONS (REPEAT)
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.

BOOK CLUB (REPEAT)
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 (REPEAT)
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 2013 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.
NUT PRODUCTS AND EGGS AT SCHOOL ANAPHYLACTIC (ALLERGIC) REACTION
(REPEAT)

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 eliminate 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.

**CRUNCH AND SIP (Fruito) (REPEAT)**

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.

Michael Burgess
Principal

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**PRINCIPAL’S GOLD BOOK**

- Erin 4E
- Olivia 4E
- Aliyah 1C
- Liam 4/E
- Hayden 4E
- Chelsea K1T
- Kara 2T
- Lily 3/4K
- Kayla 3/4K
- Shantay 3/M

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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Stage 2 Expositions

Giraffes Would make Great Pets

Have you ever felt unsafe in your house? Well, you should get a giraffe. It can kick two times as fast as a lion runs. Is it hard to cut the top of your trees? Well, a giraffe can do that too. That is why you must get a giraffe right NOW!

Austin

Have you ever felt lonely in your home? Well, I have got the perfect present for you. Yes, I tell you, but would you still want it? I will explain to you. It is very tall and has brown spots. Can you guess what it is? Yes, you got it, a giraffe. It would make a great pet.

Cindy

If you train it, it will keep you safe day or night. One kick from those powerful legs can break a lion’s skull. Now go and get one, not tomorrow, today!

Jaden

You should get a pet giraffe. If you do it will keep you and your family safe. It will be very helpful to you. It will look for robbers or people robbing other houses. If you have scraps it will eat them. So, you have to get a giraffe now!

Kayla

Can you think what animal I’m thinking of? It has a long neck, four long legs, and great sight. Do you know what animal I’m thinking of? Yes, a giraffe. Who would like a giraffe? They can prune your trees if they grow too tall. When you feel unsafe in your house your pet giraffe will protect you. So get a pet giraffe now!
STAR OF THE WEEK

KD—Amelia  
KB—Maili-Rose  
KS—Marhysa  
1C—Bondi  
1SF—Jessica

YEAR 2 LEADERS

Wade and Jessica

ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 3 TERM 1

Stage 1—Maddison, Marlen, Tom, Emily, Lily, Callum, Sydney, Blake, Allie, Aliyah, Lauren, Clayton, Kobe, Beau, Claire, Ava, Joel & Tiara.

Stage 2—Tristan, Sophie, Lilly, Arabella, Shantay, Aaron, Olivia, Seth, Ruben, Joel, Cindy & Holly.

NO ASSEMBLY AWARDS THIS WEEK FOR STAGE 3
**SARATOGA HAWKS JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Registration this Sunday 24th February – 2 Venues!**

Kincumber Shops – Outside Australia Post 10am – 2pm

Family BBQ and Registration at Davistown Waterfront - 11am – 2pm

Teams include AusKick (5 – 7 yrs), Juniors (Under 9, 10 & 12), Youth (Under 13, 15 & 17s) and Girls (Under 15)

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**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: ________________

FATHER’S WORK NO: ________________ FATHER’S MOBILE: ________________

EMERGENCY CONTACT: ________________ CONTACT NO: ________________

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BRISBANIA BEFORE, AFTER & VACATION CHILD CARE

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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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