WEEK FIVE FOCUS – BE RESPECTFUL

Our focus this week will be around being respectful in everything we do. In being respectful we focus on the values of respect, fairness and responsibility. Some of the topics parents can cover with their child this week include:

- Always using your manners
- Speak nicely to all people.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Accepting that other people might look different to you.
- Accepting that other people may have different opinions.
- Showing respect by looking after the school and equipment.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students for their efforts at the swimming carnival on Friday. It was great to see our new House Captains and Vice Captains leading their teams in chants and cheering.

I was very proud of the many students that “had-a-go” and swam for their house. As one Grandparent commented we have lots of ‘gutsy’ students at Brisbania!

Thank you to the many parents and grandparent that attended the carnival. It was great to see so many people there to support the carnival and the students.

Thank you to all staff and our parent volunteers for your hard work in making sure the carnival ran smoothly.

Notes will be sent home next week to children that have qualified to attend the PSSA District Swimming Carnival being held at PLC – Woy Woy on Tuesday 12th March.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK/FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

One of our goals in our three year plan is to phase out paper copies of the school newsletter in favour of a digital version.

The first step in this is to establish a Facebook page and a Twitter account so that we can send the link for the newsletter to parents.

Parents won’t have to join Facebook or Twitter as the newsletter will still be available on our website. The use of Facebook and Twitter is just a way to send a reminder, to those that use these services, that the newsletter is ready for viewing.

Of course if you are not an internet user you will still have the option of receiving a paper copy.

During this transition period we will send both the paper copy home to all families and post to our social media sites. In a couple of weeks we will give families the chance to opt out of receiving a paper copy.

As we develop our use of social media we will use these services to provide reminders to parents about school events and news.

Please like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

www.facebook.com/brisbania

@BrisbaniaPS
P & C NEWS
Wow what a great turn out for the P & C last Thursday. It was encouraging to see many new faces and that many of these people volunteered to help out with upcoming events. The P & C has a busy and exciting year planned. We recognise that not everyone can come to the meetings but don’t worry there are other ways you can help out. These include donating goods, buying raffle tickets, attending events.

BUNNINGS BBQ – Sunday 10th March
The first big event for the P & C this year is running a BBQ at the West Gosford Bunnings store. We need your help.

Before the day:
To find someone/a business to donate the sausages. (50kg)
To find someone/a business to donate the bread (60 loaves)
To find someone/a business to donate the cans of drinks
To find someone/a business to donate the napkins, sauce, gloves
Does anyone out there have a mobile cool room? Or some big eskies?

**We already have people trying to source these things but we may have other parents out there that have better contacts!

On the day:
Volunteers to cook and serve
We will need to 3-4 people at a time to do an hour (or more) shifts from 8.30am – 4pm
If you can help out please contact Andrea Young – the P & C President.

P & C EASTER RAFFLE
In conjunction with the Bunnings BBQ and the Easter Hat Parade the P & C are holding an Easter Raffle. They are looking for families to donate some Easter Eggs so that prize baskets can be made up. If you can donate some Easter Eggs please send them into the school office.

VISIT BY SYDNEY SWANS PLAYERS
Last Tuesday we had a visit from Ted Richards and Tim Membrey of the Sydney Swans. Ted and Tim spoke to students about playing AFL but they also had some great messages about looking after your body, making healthy food choices and to be active.

OUR STUDENTS AT ERINA HIGH SCHOOL
Last Tuesday I had a meeting at Erina High School and had an opportunity to visit our Year 6 students from last year in their new Year 7 classes. I had the chance to speak to about three quarters of our students. Every single student I spoke to said they were loving being at Erina High School. They also said the transition from Primary School to High School was very smooth. The most popular subjects were English and Science. One of the classes I visited was in the middle of an experiment and using Bunsen burners – very exciting!
It was great to know that our Stage 3 teachers had prepared our students well and that our transition program helps students adapt quickly to the High School environment.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
Parents please keep your children off the playground equipment after school. Unfortunately due to liability reasons we can’t have children playing on the equipment outside school hours.
BE SAFE – DON’T WALK THROUGH TOP STAFF CAR PARK
Please use the footpath around the top staff car park. It is unsafe to walk through the car park as vehicles enter and leave the car park throughout the day.

BE SAFE – BRISBANIA CLOSE
Please do not drive into the Brisbania Close entrance to drop off your child (even on wet days!). This is extremely dangerous as students use this entrance as well as children/staff from the Before and After School Care Centre.

LATE ARRIVALS
If your child arrives at class after the second bell they will be required to complete the late book. They will need a slip from the front office to indicate they have signed in at the office.

BUS TRIP TO IKEA AND DFO
Unfortunately the bus trip to Ikea and DFO being organised by the P & C has had to be cancelled as not enough people had committed to attending the trip.

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.

Mr Burgess
Principal

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P & C NEWS

P&C MEETING
A gigantic thank you to everyone who came along to last week’s first P&C meeting of the school year, I was totally overwhelmed by the sea of new faces and I do hope that you will come back again.

It was also great to see our regulars all fired up and ready to start supporting the school again for another year.

Just a reminder that without the enthusiasm of our P&C and the efforts of our dedicated volunteers, who continually get out there and help fundraise and lobby on your behalf, we would not have our school canteen, our uniform shop, our school discos, our interactive whiteboards in every classroom, new mozzie machines, the wombat crossing on high street, the footpath down to Davistown and the list goes on!

BUNNINGS BBQ - HELP NEEDED
Brisbania Public School have been allocated the great Bunning’s BBQ fundraiser on Sunday 10th March 2013 and we need your help! We need volunteers to help cook and collect money on the stall so if you can donate two hours (or more) of your time to this fantastic fundraiser we would love to hear from you.

A separate note will be sent home this week so if you can spare time to help us on the stall then we would really love to hear from you.

EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE
Following the success of the Easter Chocolate Raffle last year, we shall once again be selling tickets for our chocolaty baskets. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

RAFFLE COORDINATORS - THANK YOU
I was especially pleased to accept the support of four new faces at last week’s meeting as our 2013 raffle coordinators who will work as a team to source and gather raffle prizes for our list of fundraising activities this year - thanks again to Ann-Marie, Zoe, Liza and Belinda - you can only imagine how delighted I am to have you on-board.

If anyone has any suitable raffle items to kick-start the girls efforts, then please feel free to drop them at the school office.

We are looking for raffle prizes for the following events:

- Mothers Day Breakfast
- Chicks at the Flicks
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Melbourne Cup Event

MOTHERS DAY STALL 2013
Sonia Carmichael and Melissa Hackshall will once again be sourcing a range of beautiful items for our Mother's Day Stall and we would love your donations. If you have any new/un-used items that could be donated for the stall, please leave them at the school office for the attention of the Mothers Day Stall. Remember the more donations we receive the more profit we make from the stall.

We have such a great variety of events happening this year and I look forward to bringing you more information on each as they get closer.

Thank you once again to everyone for giving up your time to support our fantastic school, teachers but most importantly children.

Kind regards

Andrea Young
Ph 0458 003 651
andrea.young264@bigpond.com
P&C FUNDRAISER BUS TRIP TO IKEA AND DFO
NOT GOING AHEAD
I’d like to thank everyone who responded to the ‘Expression of Interest’ for the DFO and Ikea bus trip, unfortunately the required numbers have not been met and the DFO /Ikea trip will not be going ahead.

I’ll try again for a more suitable date towards the end of the year.

Thank you
Pauline Riley

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Holy Cross Parish
Parents of Catholic students who wish them to make their Reconciliation at Holy Cross Parish please register online. You will find all the details on the website www.dbb.org.au/parishes/kincumber. Click on Sacraments then Reconciliation to take you to the registration page. If you have a problem please contact Ann Cartwright (Catechist Co Ordinator) 4369 1211.
STAR OF THE WEEK

KD—Jesse  KB—Zane
KS—Lily   K/1T—Jasmin
1C—Lara    1/SF—Clayton
1/2H—Jimmy

YEAR 2 LEADERS

Jet & Ava

ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 4 TERM 1

STAGE1—Aliya, Lochlan, Ben, Charli, Beau, Georgia, Lulu, Phoenix, Rory, Lara, Jemma, Paige, Mia, Jake, Chloe, Liam, Noah, Quinton, Jorji, Tia, Logan & Zara.

NO ASSEMBLY AWARDS THIS WEEK FOR STAGE 2 & 3
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: ______________

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“Need to top up your cardstock, embellishments & scrapbooking supplies?”
Order direct from the catalogue and get your order back within the week!

Want to learn how to make pretty party decorations, table lamps, wall art, embossing techniques or just need time out and need something to do?

Contact Christine 0417 300 255, for more information.
Or visit: www.paperinc.stampinup.net for event details.

PS. I’m also looking to set up several Party Clubs of 6 members. Freebies involved with the clubs!