SETTLED START
All classes have settled in well. We are hoping that 1SF will be able to move into their new classroom today, if work carried out over the weekend has been completed.
The settled start is a result of the hardwork of teachers to form classes and prepare for the new year. It is also the result of parents working to ensure their children are ready for school with correct uniform and prepared to learn.

FOCUS FOR WEEK TWO – BE READY TO LEARN
We continue to focus on being ready to learn this week. Teachers will be establishing routines and developing work habits. The value focus for ‘Be Ready to Learn’ is participation.
Participation doesn’t only mean being part of something it also means to actively be involved. Students need to learn to be actively engaged in learning and not simply let information ‘wash over’ them.

AFTERNOON DEPARTURE ROUTINE
I thought I’d run through the various departure routines.

1. Netball Court preferred departure point.
   To minimise traffic in Shaw St. we use the netball court as the main dismissal area.
   Students in Years K – 4 will be walked to the netball court and dismissed from there.
   Students using Brisbania Close are walked to the school gate and dismissed.
   If parents choose for their child to exit via Shaw St they need to realise that there is no supervision at this exit.
   Parents are welcome to wait on the netball court to collect their child.

2. Walkers
   Students that are walking home meet Mr Burgess in the middle of the netball court and are escorted across the High St crossing.

3. Bus Travellers
   We have two afternoon buses – one that travels around Saratoga (bus 63 – this is the public bus) and one that travels around Davistown (bus 51 – this is a school run).
   Students travelling on the buses line up on the netball court and wait for the teacher on duty to escort them to the bus.

4. Wet Weather Variation
   In wet weather at departure time students will be walked to the COLA area for dismissal. Bus students line up towards the hall. Walkers line up on the blue Ghecko.

5. If you are running late to pick up your child please phone the school
   Please phone the school office if you are running late to pick up your child. It greatly reduces anxiety if we can say mum or dad called and they’re caught in traffic and will be a few minutes late.

BUS PASSES & BUS FARE INCREASE
We have one morning bus (bus 56 from Green Point) and two afternoon buses – one that travels around Saratoga (bus 63 – this is the public bus and runs back to Green Point) and one that travels around Davistown (bus 51 – this is a school run).
Students that are eligible for a bus pass should have received their 2013 pass by now.
Students in Years K – 2 will receive a bus pass, if they apply for one, regardless of where they live.
Students in Years 3—6 may receive a bus pass, if they apply for one, only if they live a certain distance from the school.
Students in Years 3—6 may also travel on the bus if they pay or buy a bus pass. Bus passes may be bought from the Busways depot at Kincumber South.
Students may pay as they get on the bus.
The cost of a fare is $1.10
Bus application forms are available from the school office.
MORNING ARRIVAL
Students should not arrive at school prior to 8.30am. Students arriving before this time are unsupervised!
Before school is not a play time it is a waiting time.
On arrival students are to move to the netball court where they are to wait for the class bell.
In wet weather students are to move to the COLA.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS
Parents are invited to information evenings to be held next 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—5.40pm in hall
Year 1 & 2 – Tuesday 12th February 5.45—6.25pm in the hall
Years 3 & 4 – Wednesday 13th February 5—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)

BEHAVIOUR CARDS AND REWARDS
We have made some changes to our behaviour cards and reward systems. Different stages use slightly different systems to reflect the increasing maturity and needs of students. Teachers will explain these changes at the parent information evenings.

P & C
We are lucky to have a hard-working and cohesive P & C association. The P & C team work towards goals each year and contribute to policy decisions of the school.
The P & C executive are elected in November each year. The current Executive are:
President - Andrea Young
Deputy Presidents – Julie Hale & Kathy Le Breton
Treasurer – Kelly Dobell
Secretary – Emma Brock
The P & C meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the school library.
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21st February.

TEXTBOOKS
Textbook buying day is this Friday 8th February. A separate note has already been sent home and is also available on the school website.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS
- Students may ride their bike or scooter to school once they have turned ten years old. This age restriction is based on advice from the RTA regarding the development of children’s peripheral vision.
- The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to bikes or scooters. Students bring their bikes/scooters to school at their own risk.
- Students wishing to ride a bike or scooter must complete a bike/scooter licence. The privilege of riding a bike or scooter will be withdrawn if the student displays unsafe behaviour.
- **Students must wear a helmet** for both bikes and scooters.
- Bikes and scooters are to be walked in the school grounds.
- Bikes and scooters are to be walked to the **bottom** of Brisbania Close before mounting.
- Bikes are to be parked in the bike racks under the BBAASC. Scooters may be parked in the designated area outside Mrs Whelan’s room. It is suggested that a bike chain or other security is used for bikes.

KINDERGARTEN FINISH TIMES
As starting school can be very tiring Kindergarten children will finish at 2.20pm for the first 3 weeks of school. Normal finishing hour of 2.50pm will commence 25th February.

HELPERS FOR THE CANTEEN
Paula, in the canteen, is looking for volunteers. If you can spare a few hours every few weeks she’d love to hear from you. Any of the other canteen helpers will tell you that it is great fun to do canteen duty. Making lots of healthy food, serving lovely students and hanging out with the wonderful Mrs Egan.
Contact the canteen if you can help.
**ATTENDANCE**

Students between the ages of 6 and 17 must attend school each day and on time by law.

If your child needs to be absent due to illness or urgent family business then the absence needs to be explained and the absence approved by the Principal.

If your child is away, please send a note into your child’s teacher, stating the date and reason for the absence.

Where possible appointments for students should be made outside school hours.

Absences are regularly monitored. Absences that are not legitimate or not explained can lead to a referral to the Home School Liaison Team. This team firstly works with families to improve attendance but they also have powers to prosecute parents.

Longer term absences, such as family holidays, need the prior approval of the Principal.

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE**

Each year the school receives a grant from the State Government to support low income families to participate in the school. The grant is a little over $400.

Families may apply for support with uniforms, textbooks and excursions.

An application form needs to be completed. The Student Assistance panel assesses the need of families. Generally no more than 20% of the cost is funded via the Student Assistance grant.

Application forms are available from the school office.

**DRUMBALA**

Our Drumbala drumming group recommences this Wednesday afternoon after school.

Information notes are available from the front office or by meeting Katy or Warren in the hall on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr Burges
Principal

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**Expression of Interest – P&C Fundraiser to IKEA and DFO**

We’ve hit the ground running in readiness for 2013 Fundraising opportunities. It has come to light that we have keen Mums and Dads wanting to go to Ikea and DFO (Direct Factory Outlets) for some bargain shopping. If you’re unsure what DFO have to offer, I’ll do some name dropping which may spark your interest: Billabong, Seafolly, Diana Ferrari, Fossil, Quicksilver and Royal Doulton. Please view all stores at www.dfo.com.au/homebush. Ikea really speaks for itself, home furnishings for every room in your house.

We can organise a Bus trip no problem however for this Bus trip to go ahead we require an Expression of Interest by you. Due to the short notice, the Bus Company’s availability is 23rd or 24th March. We are trying to avoid clashes with weekend sports which will allow more opportunities for most people to come along and enjoy the day, hence our March dates.

Don’t forget Husbands, Mum’s, Sisters and Friends may like to join you for a Coach trip down South for the day.

Please text Pauline on 0411 581 353 with your name, number and the date you’d prefer by the 16th February.
Stage 2—Harry, Emili, Mack, Ryan, Lucy, Blayd, Isaac, Cory, Taren, Kayla, Toby & Malakai.

NO ASSEMBLY AWARDS THIS WEEK FOR STAGE 1, & 3

PRINCIPAL’S GOLD BOOK

Lauren 1SF  Clayton 1SF  Ellie  K/1T
Chelsea K/1T  Lincoln 1SF  Charlotte 1SF
William K/1T  Erin K/1T

STUDENT BANKING STARTS NEXT MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

Don’t miss out!

This is your last chance to join the Brisbania School Band for 2013. Tutorials will begin next week for training band and concert band students. A note will be sent home with additional information. So, if you’re interested in joining the band, please see Miss Illes for an information booklet.
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