FOCUS OF THE WEEK

‘BE PROUD’

CAROLS BY TORCHLIGHT
Wednesday evening, 17 December 6-8pm. BYO rug, picnic, torch, mozzie repellent. NO ALCOHOL. What a nice way to end the year! This is a FREE event to say thank you for your support this year.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL THANKS
What wonderful efforts the parents of Year 6 went to for the Year 6 farewell last week. THANK YOU for the detail and effort it was greatly appreciated.

PAPER LEVY
Please pay now for 2014 paper levy if you haven’t paid.

SARATOGA CAROLS
Thank you to the choir for singing at Saratoga shops on Saturday.

Thank you for a great 2014 Brisbania year!
What fantastic, dedicated staff and wonderful students we have at Brisbania! It has been an honour to be your principal this year.

Mrs Elliott, Mrs Whelan, Mrs Duruz, Mrs Heazlewood and Mrs Slattery, as my Executive team, have demonstrated strong leadership of their teams and all staff have worked tirelessly for the good of the students and the school.

All staff have held high expectations of our students and seen fabulous results. Well done to you all!

K-2 have had many varied experiences at school this year including:
Dog Safety Talks, Police Safety talks, a visit from tooth fairies, the Easter Bunny and Santa, our Easter Hat Parade, discos, singing with other students around the nation, Year 6 Mini fete and Buddies.

Excursions to Sydney Sealife Aquarium and The Australian Reptile Park complimented and enhanced class themes and provided valuable experiences that I’m sure the students will remember.

I know the Year 2 students enjoyed swimming lessons as they were written about as a reason to look forward to Year 2 in an exposition written to Year 1.

Stage 2 students have shown great enthusiasm and commitment to their learning this year.

The excursions to Sydney, Parramatta and Kariong Gardens and Recycling depot complimented and enhanced class themes and provided valuable experiences that I’m sure the students will remember.

Stage 2 have established, cared for and harvested our veggie garden. I would like to acknowledge the support of Mr Whelan throughout the year in providing direction and passion for the garden.

The Junkyard Orchestra was a highlight of the year with amazing performances at Erina Fair and school on a number of occasions. Brisbania was by far the best out of 12 schools. Thank you to Mr Singh for his leadership and tutoring to get the orchestra to such a high standard.
The Cultural Explosion Day was fantastic with so many different foods to taste.

This term the students (and parents) have designed and made amazing, working machines as their project. Spending the afternoon with the students having each machine explained and demonstrated showed their understanding of simple machines and their creativity. Congratulations, I was truly amazed at your efforts!

Stage 3 students have shown commitment and leadership through their LIMS program. They have been involved in the Friends and Rock and Water Programs.

The excursions to Bathurst and Canberra complimented and enhanced class themes and provided valuable experiences that I’m sure the students will always remember. The CARES excursion provided skills for life with bicycle and road safety and learning about licences and points.

An amazing display of quality work on Ancient Civilizations, last week, showcased a great term of interest, enthusiasm and passion.

All students participated in Sports In Schools, increasing their ability in fundamental movement skills. Our Athletics and for those turning 8 this year Cross Country and Swimming carnivals were also held showing sportsmanship, fun and perseverance. Fitness was also important. Sporting teams have shown determination and skill development.

NAIDOC day celebrated our Aboriginal culture and Harmony Day our diversity.

A committed Learning and Support team has overseen support for students throughout the year and enrichment groups have been running across a range of areas and Mr McKeown has done a great job with the Reading Recovery program.

Strong transition programs have been implemented for Kindy 2015 to prepare students for school and for Year 6 to enter high school.

Brisbania was a host venue for the Central Coast Public Speaking Competition.

STAR FM did their breakfast broadcast from the school in November with a BBQ, fruit and juice breakfast.

We held our book parade with students and staff taking great effort to look amazing as favourite book characters.

Our choir sounds lovely. Mr McKeown, Mrs Self and Mr Singh have done a fabulous job getting the students to sound so good.

Our Dance groups performed at Central Coast Dance Festival and Erina Fair. Mrs Heazlewood and Mrs Crompton’s choreographing and supervision allowed for polished performances.

Our inaugural Aboriginal Dance group under the leadership of Cassidy and Casey performed at the Term 3 Assembly of Excellence. Thank you to Mrs Heazlewood and Ms Simpson for supervising the group.

Our P&C have been extremely proactive this year with very profitable fundraisers - a fabulous fete, trivia night, discos and raffles. They have transformed the canteen into a profitable venture and will run Carols by Torchlight on Wednesday evening. The P&C have donated money for 2 Smartboards, iPads, a shipping container to store large sporting equipment and school signage.

Mrs Heazlewood had her skills recognized by being asked to fulfill roles at Gosford office to support teachers across the Central Coast in the areas of teacher accreditation and P-2 Initiatives. We thank Mr Stott and Mrs Hatton for taking 1/2SH in her absence and Mrs Duruz stepping up to the Assistant Principal role.

We have purchased new iPads and laptops to increase our use of technology across Key Learning Areas. Additionally, new guided and home readers and a great Aboriginal literacy program Yarning Strong were purchased.

LMBR continues to be a slow process with many problems that we are trying to overcome. Mrs Baxter has worked extremely hard to upskill in all areas to make the implementation as simple and pain free as possible.

An Assembly of Excellence was introduced and held at the end of Term 1, 2 and 3 to celebrate achievements.

Teachers have worked hard on the school plan for 2015 with our 3 Strategic Directions set as Wellbeing, 21st Century learning and New Curriculum implementation.

Thank you to all our volunteers who assist the school by helping at school, driving teams to sporting events, coaching teams and supporting Brisbania at key events. Your time and effort is invaluable.

I must commend the compassion and tolerance shown by our students towards others. Well done!
Additionally, Year 6 have been tremendous role models for our younger students. Enjoy high school and thank you for your behaviour, assistance and commitment to learning.

Special thanks to Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Baxter and Mrs Anorga on the wonderful job they do in the administration of the school. Mrs Wright, Mrs Woodhead and Mrs Hudson, our School Learning Support Officers, the support you have provided students and teachers has been most valued. Also to Adrian for the upkeep of the school and grounds.

It has been a very busy, enjoyable, productive year.

I would like to wish Miss O’Toole a very happy, exciting 2015 as she travels to England and thank her for all the great results she has achieved with her students at Brisbania.

Mrs Hatton is also moving to Melbourne with her family and I wish her all the best and thank her for her varied roles at Brisbania this year.

For those families leaving us, best wishes for the future, thank you for entrusting us with your child’s education at Brisbania.

Congratulations, Year 6 on completing you primary schooling, you are a lovely group of students. Best wishes for your years at high school.

Thank you for your support in 2014.

Have a safe, healthy, happy holiday.

2015

School resumes for students in Years 1-6 on WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY.

Kindy start on THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY

Staff return TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY.

The uniform shop will be open on 27 January from 8:30 to 9:30am.

Annette Parrey

Principal
IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

hold your child’s hand. Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.

talk to your child about road safety. Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.

point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.
Talk with your child daily about road safety.
Remind other adults and carers about this too.

Have a safe holiday break!

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SPECIAL AT IGA
IGA Saratoga have a sale on BBQ Chicken - $8.99 each. Customers with our school newsletter get $1 off.

Seasons in Art Photography
Christmas Gift Vouchers
1/2 Price!
includes location shoot (Saratoga/Avoca/Terrigal) and a variety of 12 high res colour & b&w family photos on disc
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Leaving your child at home alone

Making some clear ‘home alone’ rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and can also keep you from worrying. Most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed.


Printable 2015 homework calendars

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out School A to Z’s 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


PRIMARY

Swim and survive program

Lessons are for beginners through to confident swimmers keen to practise their technique (from infants to 12 years). See the map to find the pools where friendly swim teachers with AUSTSWIM accreditation teach across NSW.

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The simplest way...
to be SunSmart!

Showing children that you wear sunscreen is the best way to teach them about our harmful UV rays.

Children imitate adult behavior – both good and bad. When it comes to sun protection, setting the best example is important for teachers and parents.

What should you do?

- Wear a sun safe hat.
- Wear a shirt with a collar and sleeves.
- Apply sunscreen before going outside, and then at regular two hour intervals throughout the day.

Be SunSmart and your children will follow your lead. Enjoy the holidays!

For more information visit
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or call 9034 1761

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The simplest way... stay healthy over Summer.

Summertime = BBQ time in Australia.

Here are five ways to make your barbies as healthy and delicious as possible.

- Limit or avoid processed meal like sausages and bacon.
- Use lean cuts of meat.
- Make sure half your plate is filled with vegies.
- Cook vegies like eggplant, zucchini and capsicum straight on the bbq (or as part of the kebab in picture).
- Make a few salads to serve on the side.
- Freeze fruits like grapes and berries make a delicious treat for a dessert on a hot day.

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The best holidays happen at camp

✔️ Relaxing ✔️ Fun ✔️ Great value ✔️ Safe

Tick every box this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation Camp. Our popular Kids' and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep you and the kids entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, mountain biking, surfing, kayaking, crafts, hiking, cooking and more, and relax knowing you’re in good hands. Kids Day Camps start from $47; Family Camps weekends start from $160 for kids and $220 for adults. Kids under five years attend free of charge. Cost includes accommodation, meals and activities.

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