FOCUS OF THE WEEK - ‘BE PROUD’

THANK YOU
A very BIG thank you to all the Brisbania staff, students and parents/community members who have welcomed me so warmly and worked so collaboratively with me this term. Special thanks to the support of the Executive team. I look forward to the rest of 2014 watching the great teaching and learning and partnerships.

YEAR 3 SYDNEY EXCURSION
Students will be attending the Year 3 excursion that was postponed due to the wet weather on Wednesday 9 April. Please ensure students arrive at school by 7:20am.

ASSEMBLY OF EXCELLENCE - THURSDAY 10th APRIL
Our first Assembly of Excellence will be held on THURSDAY, 10 April at 9:15am in the hall/cola area. It is expected to run for approximately 40 mins.

EASTER HAT PARADE
Our annual Easter Hat parade is to be held on Friday, 11 April at 11:15 in the cola area. Hope you can come along and enjoy the creations! The raffle prizes (great baskets full of Easter eggs) will be drawn at the parade. The P&C will be selling cakes on the day.

SAFE AND HAPPY EASTER BREAK
Friday is the last day for Term 1. Thank you to the P&C who ran the Easter raffle to be drawn on Friday.

I hope everyone has a restful, safe holiday. Thank you to the students, staff and community for a great first term!

Anzac Day Service at Davistown RSL is at 6am on ANZAC Day Friday, 25 April. Mrs Slattery will be meeting the students at the RSL club.

Term 2- Students return Tuesday, 29 April. School Development Day- Monday 28 April- New English syllabus and collaborative stage planning, PLAN- DEC software to track students in Literacy and Numeracy and Relaxation are our focus for the day.

Over the school holidays if you see anything suspicious; please ring our school security or local police.

SCHOOL SECURITY: 1300 880 021
GOSFORD POLICE STATION: 4323 5599
JUNKYARD ORCHESTRA
Well done to the fabulous Stage 2 students and teachers on their enthusiasm and engagement with the Junkyard Orchestra. It was great to hear them perform using their instruments last Wednesday. Performances at Erina Fair begin in May. Our performance date is 29 May. Keep practising, you will be brilliant!

MR LEMMON- AUSTRALIAN SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPION AGAIN!!!
We are so proud to have Mr Lemmon as our Teacher Librarian. Last week, he competed in Perth and achieved the following in his age category at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships:-
1st in ironman, surf race and rescue board. He beat past Olympians and RL players to achieve his victory!!
3rd in board and board relay.
He also competed in Open team events. You may have seen an article on Mr Lemmon in Friday's local paper. In September, he goes to the World championships to be held in France to win again!

QUOTE NEEDED
Are you a Licensed Builder or concreter? Are you interested in giving Brisbania PS a quote for a path to be constructed from our Before and After School Care to Brisbania Close? Please contact Annette via the office ASAP if you would more details.

SPORT NEWS
Our netballers went to a Netball training day last Wednesday and had a great time. Thanks to parents for driving, Mrs Whelan, Mrs Self and Miss Babbage for driving, organising and accompanying the girls.
Two of our boys, Ryan & Max attended the Sydney North Regional Rugby League trials. After a very intense and gruelling day of playing Rugby League, Max was rewarded with gaining selection into this team.
Max will now be playing at the NSWPSA State 11 Years Rugby League Championships @ Cronulla from Tuesday 3 June - Thursday 5 June 2014.
This is an extremely hard team to get selection into. The Sydney North team is selected from boys who attend schools from all Sydney Northern Beaches, Hornsby area, Central Coast schools including up to the Tuggerah Lakes.
Well done, Max!

MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS AT BRISBANIA (repeat)
A reminder that students are not allowed in the cola or in classrooms of a morning. The bottom playground is our supervised morning play area. Students going to the canteen for breakfast must have permission from the teacher on duty. Parents are able to sit in the cola area, but students need to be in the bottom playground for supervision until the bell rings.

Of an afternoon, students who are walking need to meet Miss Parrey in the circle in the dismissal area. They will then be walked to the crossing and escorted across. Students catching the buses are reminded to sit in the appropriate line until asked by the teacher to walk sensibly to the bus. No balls are to be used while waiting.
Recent Busways bus safety talks were conducted for all students. Appropriate bus behaviour is expected at all times from our students. Should an incident occur on the bus, please contact the school so we can follow up as soon as possible.
Should parents wish to talk to teachers of a morning, please come to the office so that teachers can be called as often there are meetings or other school activities being run by teachers. Thank you for your cooperation with in this matter.
If your child is a walker, please check if your child is waiting for the walking teacher in the circle, as I have heard some are not following this procedure and I would hate there to be an accident..

STUDIES WITH BUDDIES (repeat)
Studies with Buddies is a community program to support students through developing the key factors of learning - Focus, memory, confidence and motivation. Pam Bonner, a retired teacher with 36 years experience, has set up this program. Cost $10 for 2 hours, Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30pm at Terrigal Uniting Church. Each child works one on one with an older community member, wanting to support student learning while giving back to the community. The program includes memory games, afternoon tea, social and gross motor skills. Contact Pam on 0407 595 191 or via email at tutoringtuc@fastmail.com.au

P & C EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS
Thank you to the parents that have already returned their Easter Raffle tickets. Please ensure that all tickets are returned to your class teacher by WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL.
Donations are still being sought and can be dropped off at the school office by WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL.
The raffles will be drawn at the Easter Hat parade on Friday, 11 April.

BUNNINGS FUNDRAISER BBQ
The P & C has a date confirmed for our annual Bunnings BBQ fundraiser which is a great day. Please add this date to your diary. We will send home information at the beginning of Term 2.
Sunday – 1 June

Annette Parrey
Principal
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Congratulations to the Hawks, under 11s basketball team, they played a spectacular semi-final, defeating the Grammar School 8-4. The Hawks proudly represent Brisbania each week displaying great sportsmanship and dedication and have kept the spectators on the edge of their seats.

We wish them luck in the grand final this week.

Thank you coach Rod and our players, Cohen, Colby, Tristan, Harry, Aaron, Jaden, Aidan & Jonty.

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Our School is conducting a trial with our own Skoolbag iPhone App. It will help us communicate more effectively with our Parent community. We are trialling the iPhone version for 30 days. If we continue with the App after the trial we will then get the Android version in the Google Play Store. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag App. To install just look for our school name "Brisbania Public School" in the App Store, and install it on your iPhone.

You will be able to access newsletters, get alerts for events, email absent notes plus much more all from your phone.

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K-2 2014

EASTER HAT PARADE

This year, the K-2 Easter Celebrations will be on Friday 11th April. All children in the K-2 school will be taking part in Easter fun activities during the morning.

After recess, at 11:20am, parents, friends and family are invited to come to our spectacular... ….

HAPPY EASTER

Brisbania Easter Hat Parade!

So it is time to start collecting Easter ‘stuff’ to decorate your child’s Easter bonnet or hat. Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students will need to make and decorate their creations at home.

A separate note will come home with some ideas.

We hope you can hop along and join the fun!
Yesterday we attended the inaugural 4 Villages Walk, along the Davistown/Kincumber bike track. Despite the almost constant rain, we had a great time selling our baked goods and meeting members of our community. I’d like to give a big thank you to all of the amazing members of our school community who cooked delicious cakes and slices and to those who were able to visit the stand to help sell them! We raised almost $300 which is a great result. The walk was a great concept and we look forward to participating in the coming years.

A huge thank you goes to Mark Andrews from STAR ELECTRICAL who arranged for new power points to be installed in our canteen. Thankyou to the Clements family who have again kindly supported our raffles through the donation of a huge Masterfoods hamper! Last but not least, we would like to offer our sincere thanks to the Clarke family who have arranged for 4 VIP tickets to the Nitro Circus show to be donated to our P and C. These will form the major prize for our Mother’s day raffle this year. We are in awe of the huge support that comes our way from our school community.

We are looking forward to the K-2 Easter hat parade on Friday. At the parade we will be drawing the Easter Basket Raffle. There are 16 baskets this year! THANKYOU TO EVERYONE who donated eggs, making this event possible. Please return all raffle ticket books sold or unsold to the office by Wednesday 9th April so we can get them ready for the draw. If you are unable to sell your child’s book, please return them to the office asap so we can pass them along to others. Remember- there will be a basket of eggs for the student who sells the most books. We had great success selling raffle tickets at Saratoga shops over 2 days last week. Thank you to the students and families who dedicated their time to this. We raised almost $400.

* If using a ‘Sticky Beak Canteen Wallet’ these should be handed in, in the morning as usual.
* All other orders will have bags provided. Labels will be printed in the canteen and attached.
* You can use a computer or smartphone to order. For smartphones use a web browser to open a phone version – there is not a flexischools app.
* Orders can still be made in the traditional way if preferred.

Breakfast is available every morning from 8.30-8.45. Hot Milo is perfect for the cooler weather.

SAVE THE DATE- FRIDAY 30TH MAY – TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE DAVISTOWN RSL!! Tickets will be on sale after the holidays, so start to gather people together to form tables. This event will be another chance for our community to join together in fun! There will be lots of games to play between rounds and many fabulous prizes up for grabs!

Tickets for our Mother’s Day raffle will go on sale during week 1 of Term 2. Our major prize is 4 VIP tickets to the Sydney show of Nitro Circus. There will be 10 prizes in total up for grabs!

We hope that you and your family have a safe and very happy Term 1 break.

Liza Moulton
On behalf of Brisbania P and C
STAGE 2 – Jack, Tia, Joel, Thomas, Jorji, Finn, Beau, Max, Jai, Sammi-Lee, Flynn, Baylee, Sophie, Aaron, Georgie, Bohdi, Alec.

STAGE 3 - Tia, Nik, Jack, Lleyton, Corey, Kobe, Calum, Jayden, Makaia, Haylea, Lucy, Matthew.

NO ASSEMBLY AWARDS THIS WEEK FOR STAGE 1

NETBALL TEAM

The Year 6 Netball team attended a training clinic run by NSW Netball Association last Wednesday at Adcock Park. They were put through a series of drills and skill activities, before playing a friendly game. Hopefully we will be able to use what we’ve learned from this session in our training and up and coming game against Chertsey Primary School at the beginning of next term.

Thank you to Miss Babbage for your assistance on the day and to the parents and Mrs Whelan for assisting in transportation.

Well done girls and good luck for the knock out competition!

Mrs Self - Netball Coach
Retained Firefighters Needed

Retained firefighters are ‘on call’ paid firefighters who respond to emergencies, 24 hours a day, from home or work rather than on duty at the station. Retained firefighters perform a wide range of duties attending fires and other emergencies as well as community education and fire prevention activities. We welcome applications from women, indigenous people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Saratoga Fire Brigade Vacancies - Apply Now - www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
Firefighters Central Coast Job Number: 00023BF

Requirements:
- Availability to attend fire calls and other incidents to suit fire station requirements.
- Live or work within a reasonable distance from the fire station you are applying for.
- Be able to demonstrate good communication skills and be able to work as part of a team.
- Ability to meet the medical and physical requirements of the job, including the requirement to undergo a pre-employment medical.
- Hold a current motor driver licence. (Not L Plates)
- Be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident.

Vacancies currently exist at Saratoga Fire Brigade

For more information contact the FRNSW Central Coast Zone Office during business hours on 4353 2351, or visit our website: www.fire.nsw.gov.au or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

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**EASTER RAFFLE**

Easter is creeping up and so is our annual ‘Easter Raffle’ and infant’s hat parade.

Last year we had a huge raffle with 16 baskets packed with yummy chocolate eggs and Easter treats.

This year we aim to have the same - Yum!!!!

We are asking for each family to please donate some eggs or Easter treats that we can include in our raffle.

We also need baskets to put all of the treats in, so please send any donations into the office at school asap.

Thank you.

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**CANTEEN BREAKFAST**

Beginning Monday 24th March we will be selling breakfast at our canteen YUM!!!

All menu items are on trial and we welcome feedback. We hope to expand the range depending upon demand.

- Breakfast will be available from 8:30 to 8:45.
- Students need to ask permission from the teacher on duty before going to the canteen.
- Students can only go in pairs, not groups.
- Only students who have bought their breakfast should sit on the silver seats near the counter to eat their food.
- Please place all rubbish into the bin.

**Menu**

- Cereal cups - Cornflakes/Nutrigrain $1 ea (with or without milk)
- Cheese and bacon rolls $1.50
- Cereal with vegemite/strawberry jam 50c ea
- Warm Mince $1
- Apple or orange juice pop-top $1.50
- Up and Go $2.00

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