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EARN AND LEARN
Last week we ordered Maths equipment for measurement - volume class kits and thermometers from our Earn and Learn points. Thank you for supporting the school with this promotion.

BALL GAMES
The ball games carnival is on this Friday at Ettalong Oval for Stage 2 and 3 students. Have fun and show great sportsmanship!

HEADSTART
Headstart continues on Friday mornings with two remaining sessions.
Our Kindy 2016 Information evening will be held on Wednesday, 28 October at 6pm in the hall. If you have older children, it is still important to hear the information the Kindy 2016 teachers will share at the Information Evening.

SWIMMING SCHEME
Our 2015 Swimming Scheme begins on Monday, 2 November and goes through until Friday, 13 November. A reminder note given to students details what to take.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – 65 boxes, what a great response.

BUSH FIRE SEASON and BRISBANIA PS
The bushfire season runs from 1 October to 31 March each year. As such, it is timely to remind the community that Brisbania PS is in a bush fire prone area and is placed on the Bush Fire Register of the Department of Education (DoE). Should a catastrophic fire danger rating be issued, it is a DoE directive that the school be closed until the rating is lifted. Please be aware that the school will advise of closure via social media and the radio after 4:30pm the previous day. Staff would be required to report to the closest open school, while students are under parental supervision at home. Staff members have undertaken an e-learning module on Preparing and responding to bush fire and have reviewed procedures.

APPLICATION FOR YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT IN 2017
Last week students in Year 5 were given a letter ‘Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective HS in 2017’, if your child did not bring home their letter, copies are available at the office and from our various online options.

Important information:
- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015.
- Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

For further information, please visit the below link.

REVERSE SANTA
As is tradition at Brisbania, we will be holding our Reverse Santa on Friday 4 December. For those new to the school, a small new gift would be most appreciated. We then get the Saratoga Station of NSW Fire and Rescue to pick up gifts for delivery to less fortunate children at Christmas. So if you are shopping you might like to get this gift before December.

CHANGE TO EHS ORIENTATION DAY FOR YEAR 7 2016
Orientation Day at Erina High School has been changed from Wednesday 2 to Thursday 3 December for Year 6 students.
CHORAL FESTIVAL
Congratulations to our fabulous students who sang so beautifully at the Central Coast Choral Festival last Tuesday. Your teachers and parents should be very proud, as I was to be in the audience!

SECURITY ISSUES
Please call 1300 880 021.

Enjoy your week.

Annette Parrey

PRINCIPAL’S GOLD BOOK

Aliyah       Isabelle
Mitchell     Charli
Corey        Blake
Billy         Kara
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BLINGO will take place on Friday 13th November, 7pm at Davistown RSL auditorium. Come along and organise a table of friends for a fun night...

$12 pp for 10 games (6 per page) includes bingo dabber.

Please pay at the school office to secure your table – please bring correct change if possible.

# Optional dress up in ‘bling’ or Friday 13th attire - Prizes for best dressed
# Loads of fantastic bingo game prizes  # Lucky door prizes  # fun break games

Our next P and C meeting will be on at 7pm on Thursday 19th November in the school staffroom. All welcome! Prior to this at 6.30pm is the AGM. All positions will become available for re-election. This includes: president, 2 vice presidents, secretary and treasurer. Only current financial members are able to vote.

Liza Moulton
On behalf of Brisbania P & C

Stage 2 Excursion

Stage 2 had a wonderful day visiting Taronga Zoo recently. We started with a special Indigenous presentation where students were able to get “up close & personal” with a python, shingleback lizard and baby ringtail possum. Then it was off for some fun at the Seal Show where the splashes from the seals were welcome relief from the heat. After lunch we headed off in different directions to check out the rest of the awesome animals. Thank you to Miss Simpson for organising our terrific day and special thanks to the lovely parents who accompanied us.

ERINA HIGH SCHOOL Y7 2016 ORIENTATION DAY

We have been advised by Erina HS that the Orientation Day for our Y6 students will be held on

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3, 2015

followed by a parent evening that night at Erina HS, NOT on the Wednesday as indicated in the original Erina HS correspondence.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Charlotte, Coby, Natalia,
Lenox, Zayne, Miley-Georgia

STAGE 1 LEADERS
Emma & Riley

READING 100 BOOKS - AWARD
Jack & Daniel

READING 140 BOOKS - AWARD
Archer & Ryan

READING 180 BOOKS - AWARD
Lahnia

STAGE 2 Week 1 - 3
Trinity, Kolby, Benicio,
Jessica, Aaron, Chloe, Annabelle,
Tahlia, Tanisha, Byron,
Jet, Connor, Allie, Harrison,
Grace, Clayton, Joshua, Aaron,
Chloe, Jessica, Byron, Joel

STAGE 3
Tayah, Claire, Sophie, Mia
Brisbania Public School P&C

Proudly presents

Bingo Night
Friday 13th November 2015

7pm Davistown RSL auditorium
-Social Night for our Parents and Local Community-

Organise a table of friends...
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(Correct change would be lovely!)

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Year 1 families
Have you used your Family ACTIVation pack yet? All Year 1 students recently took home a lanyard with cards filled with fun games for families to use. These games reinforce the skills that your children are learning at school in PDHPE, they are easy to use and with pictures to follow.

Get out and get skilled, get active and get healthy!

For more information or to download a copy of the pack check out the website Q4: Family Activation Pack at www.healthpromotion.com.au

THE TUNNEL OF DEATH
People say the tunnel is haunted. I thought that was just a myth. I thought wrong. One hundred people died when the doors shut. Paranormal activity they say. A man came out of the tunnel dead and alive. The police shot a bullet to the head. It wasn’t human. The taste for blood rushed to the brain, eating ten people alive. Five of them came back in body bags. The military knew that they were dead. They burned the corps for experiments. While they were investigating the bodies one of them woke up. Then the dead rose. Five of the dead escaped the military base. The news was all over it.

NEWS FLASH… NEWS FLASH… NEWS FLASH…
Last night the tunnel door opened. 14 year old Jordan got footage. It looked like five sick dead people entering the forsaking tunnel.

This has been channel 5 news.
Do you dare to enter the tunnel of death?
Written by Nicholas McBride
Accessing Free Microsoft and Adobe Software

Did you know that as a student of Brisbania Public School your child can download Microsoft and Adobe software for free on their home device? A software licensing agreement between the NSW Department of Education, Microsoft and Adobe allows students to download a number of software applications at no cost.

Access Free Software

**How to Access Software and Google Apps:**

The Department of Education and Communities has provided free access to Microsoft Office, Adobe Programs, Google Apps and Office365 to all DEC students and teachers.

To access Google Apps and Office365 the students will need to login to their student portal. The student portal can be accessed via the DEC Home Page. Login is in the top right side of page.

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All NSW Department of Education and Communities School students are eligible to download and licence Adobe and Microsoft software from the Academic Software Download Centre.

**Academic Software Download**

This software is only available to download onto personally owned devices.

Students will need to use their @education.nsw.gov.au student email (this is their login for school computer eg john.doe@education.nsw.gov.au) address to register on their first visit. To register, click on the “Sign In” link at the top of the page and then click on the REGISTER button. A verification email will be sent to your DEC email address (students can find email on their portal). To complete the registration please select the link provided in the email.

**Note:** Individual students are eligible for one download per application only.

Please be aware that you must activate the product key within one month, otherwise it will expire. To extend this the activation, you will be required to pay a fee of approximately $11 to reactivate the product key.

*A video on how to download the software available to all DEC students can be viewed here:*

NSW DEC Software Download

Kylie Iles
**TERM FOUR TO-DO LIST:**
- pay for Amy’s school excursion
- buy James new cricket shoes
- find out more about Saver Plus!

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500. The Smith Family is looking for new participants in your local area.

To be eligible you need to have:
- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
- some regular household income, e.g. you or a partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work.

Contact Geoff Hynd your local Saver Plus Worker: 4322 2900 / 0428 282 900 or geoffrey.hynd@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.