FOCUS OF THE WEEK

‘BE READY TO LEARN’

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY was last Friday. It is an important day internationally to acknowledge the skills and efforts of teachers in our increasingly complex society. Thank you to our wonderful Brisbania teachers who make a difference every day as they inspire and engage our young people to believe, persevere and succeed.

NSWPSSA KNOCKOUT – GIRLS SOFTBALL
A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to our girls softball team who played Wyong PS last Thursday and were victorious 15 – 6. They have claimed the title of ‘Central Coast Champions’. Well done girls and thank you to our parents, especially Belinda DeMeyer, and Mr Randall for supporting with transport, coaching and cheering.
The girls will now play against the winning school of Hunter Region – Caves Beach PS this week.

BALL GAMES CARNIVAL
What a fantastic day! Brisbania provided the largest contingent of children at the carnival and, as we would expect, their behaviour and sportsmanship was excellent. There were some wonderful performances and outstanding efforts throughout the day. As soon as confirmation of the results is received we will post them for you. All participants attempted a new ‘World Record’ for overs and unders. The current record stands at 721 but last Friday we had 1097 in the line. Truly remarkable! A review (and double review) of the official video will determine if we did break the record. If we did, it will be tremendous, but if we didn’t then we have still been part of something very special and did our very best. Stay tuned! Thanks to Mr Anderson for organising our participants and the supervising teachers for their expert coaching and enthusiasm.
This Wednesday our Year 5 students are off to Erina High School for a fun day of volleyball, cricket, NRL, AFL, and a workshop with the CC Mariners. Morning tea (fruit break), lunch (BBQ), cordial and water will be provided on the day. **Please meet at Erina HS at 8:45 am.** The day will conclude at 2:45pm. Enjoy your day!

**HEADSTART**

Our last Headstart for 2016 Kindy students is on Friday. Our new Kindy students will meet their Year 4 buddies this week. Thank you to the Kindy 2016 team for a great introduction to Brisbania.

**STAGE 1 RUGBY LEAGUE CLINICS**

On Tuesdays from 1:20 to 2:50 there will be three half hour clinics. Students attending Swimming Scheme will be back at school in time to participate in the clinics.

**SWIMMING SCHEME**

Our 2015 Swimming Scheme began today and continues until Friday, 13 November. A reminder note gives details of what to take.

**WHOOPING COUGH**

There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) amongst primary-school-aged children and a modest increase in high schools. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any younger brothers and sisters at home. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

- Children with symptoms should see a GP.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.
- Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

**CHICKEN POX**

We have had a confirmed case of chicken pox from a student in Stage 3. Persons who are previously vaccinated can still get chickenpox.

Please be aware if your child has any of the following symptoms:-

What are the symptoms?

- Chickenpox begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash.
- The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.
- The rash appears over three to four days. At any one time, the lesions of the rash vary in stages of development.
- Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.
- Most people recover without complications, but sometimes the infection can lead to serious complications, such as pneumonia and inflammation of the brain. Rarely, the infection can be fatal.

**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](http://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.

**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.

Enjoy your week.

Jo Whelan
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**PRINCIPAL’S GOLD BOOK**

Nicholas McBride-Davis  
Jade Hackshall  
Ben Morgan  
Liam Russell  
Caleb Peterson  
Zane Robinson  
Seth Smith-Fitzjames  
Beau Brown  
James O’Donnell
BLINGO NIGHT – We are seeking prizes for our upcoming bingo night. If you have any contacts with businesses that are in the position to donate to our school, please forward their details to us, or if possible, ask on our behalf. We would be so grateful for vouchers or items that would make great prizes. As a small gesture of our appreciation we are able to offer advertising through our school newsletter. brisbaniapandc@hotmail.com.

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

PRIVATE VIP SHOPPING NIGHT- Casey’s Toys Erina
Christmas shopping here we come!
Tuesday 17th November 6pm - 8pm
20% of sales are returned to the school.
Nibbles, drinks and lucky door prizes.
Please RSVP by 11/11/15 to brisbaniapandc@hotmail.com so we can confirm numbers for catering.

Our next P and C meeting will be 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
EARLY STAGE 1
Reese Hennessey, Billy Splatt, Katie Jones, Anton Mitchell

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Jett Lord-Brown, Riley Coleman, Tom Greer, Finlay Vant, Billy Splatt, Layla Whyte, Harlan Giuliano

STAGE 1
Aleeya Bennet, Riley Smith, Charlie Wells, Daniel Lee, Lulu Carmichael, Daniel Blyton, Beau Goodwin, Kate Eagle, Jack Montagnoli, Mitchell McBride-Davis, Charlize Winbank, Liam Bray, Thomas Lewis.

STAR OF THE WEEK
Mia Banks, Ella Simpson, Ellie Paine, Kaitlyn Rossendell, Maddison Troy.

STAGE 1 LEADERS
Kallie Pavett & Davis Martin

READING 100 BOOKS - AWARD
Mia Banks & Daniel Blyton

READING 180 BOOKS - AWARD
Daniel Lee & Ben Sapsford

STAGE 2 WEEK
Kolby Finlay, Isabelle Cashell, Holly Nugent, Phoenix Markland, Ellie Trigg, Harrison Jasper, Kaitlin Brock, Jemma Ellis, Kaitlin Brock, Billie Higley, Jorji Sargent.
- Brisbania Public School P&C -

Proudly presents

BLINGO NIGHT
Friday 13th November 2015

7pm Davistown RSL auditorium
- Social Night for our parents and local community -

Organise a table of friends...

$12 pp for 10 games (6 per page)
Includes bingo dabber
- Please pay at the school office -
(Correct change would be lovely!)

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# Prize for best dressed

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# Lucky door prizes

# Fun break games

For further information please e mail:
brisbaniapandc@hotmail.com
PARENTS! GRANDPARENTS! AUNTIES! UNCLES! FRIENDS!

Dream of Christmas shopping without the crowds and chaos??

Bring your friends or family to our very own exclusive VIP night of shopping!
You will be treated to
- Nibbles and Drinks
- Exclusive special offers on the night
- Christmas gift wrapping available
- Friendly helpful staff to assist you
- Entry in the Lucky Door Prize draw

Tuesday 17/11/2015
6 - 8pm

RSVP For Catering: Wed 11/11/2015
brisbaniapandc@hotmail.com

Your shopping helps our school with 20% of sales given to Brisbania

Please Note:
No layby available at this event
This is a child free event
Premier Screening

Thursday 19 November
Event Cinemas
Tuggerah Westfield
6.00pm arrival
6.30pm screening of movie
$15 per person
Great lucky door prizes to be won.

TO BOOK:
www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/events

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