FOCUS OF THE WEEK

‘BE PROUD’

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY TERM 4
The teaching staff have elected to stay back two afternoons earlier in the year instead of working on the last day of the school year. The focus of the afternoons will be the new History syllabus due for implementation in 2016 and the school plan for 2016. The administrative staff will be working on the last day with me. This will not impact on students as their last day is Wednesday, 16th December.

PARENT MEETINGS
Parent meetings will be held next week. Brisbania staff value parent community partnerships so please make an effort to meet your child’s teacher and hear what your child will be doing this year. If you would like to assist in the classroom please let your child’s teacher know.

Monday 16th February
5pm- Kindergarten in KK room
5:40- Stage 1-Year 1 and 2 in individual classrooms
6:20- Stage 2- Year 3 and Year 4 in 4WS and 4A’s rooms

Tuesday 17th February
5- 5:30 – Year 6- Karen Nicol, Principal Erina HS
5:30-6:10 Year 5 and 6 in 5/6C and 5/6E’s classrooms

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The annual swimming carnival for 8-13 year olds will be held on Friday, 20th February at Penninsula Leisure Centre. Please return money and completed permission note ASAP.

CLASSES
All classes are composites with various needs and abilities that each teacher is trained for and required to meet via differentiation of the curriculum. Brisbania has great, dedicated staff who strive for the best in all students.

POLICE TALKS
Students in Kindy, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 will have police talks in the week beginning 2nd March. K-2 will be hearing a "Keeping Me Safe" talk, while Year 5 and 6 have Crime Prevention workshops to builds relationships with police, assist in developing strategies that avoid involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour and develop an understanding of consequences of involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour.

RESOURCE PACKS
Thank you for purchasing the equipment required for your child this year.

SCHOOL AUDIT
Brisbania will be audited on 25th, 26th and 27th February.

BANKING
Banking will commence this week. This year is a SPACE theme for rewards. Kindy parents or new students wanting to get a bankbook can do so on Friday, 13th February at 9am, near the hall. Please bring driver’s licence for Id.

SECURITY ISSUES
Please call 1300 880 021.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP
We have been advised by Gosford Council that Council Rangers will be increasing their patrols in the area and fining those drivers who do not comply with parking regulations, particularly at drop off and pick up times.
In Shaw Street (up the top), be aware that vehicles cannot block traffic for an extended period of time. The entrance to the school is a “kiss and drop” zone. Please do not park and wait on the road, especially at pick up time. Parents will need to do a ‘lap’ if they arrive early rather than wait.

The idea is that cars queue to drop their child off or pick their child up. As the cars in front move off the queue moves forward. The system requires patience and everyone to act safely.

In High Street (bottom), parking is not permitted in bus zones or on grassed areas near the roundabout.

KEY POINTS:
Parents don’t leave your car. This is a pick up/drop off zone not a park and collect zone
Please be aware of children – they may not see you!!
Please don’t block our neighbours’ driveways
Be patient
Be safe
Parking in the school staff car park or across driveways is not permitted, due to the safety of our children arriving and exiting the area whilst you are reversing or for Emergency vehicle access.

The diagram below outlines the way the zone should work:

![Diagram of Shaw Street traffic management system]

KEEPING IN TOUCH – MONDAY NOTE
To our new families, you may have noticed in your child’s school bag a newsletter “Monday Note’ which is published every Monday. In this weekly newsletter we provide information about events and future events at the school. You will also see communication from our school P & C.
This publication is a way to keep our families connected and up to date with our calendar and dates for your diary.

We encourage you to access our Monday Note via the links below.

- Via our Facebook page - [https://www.facebook.com/brisbania](https://www.facebook.com/brisbania)
- Skoolbag App – get free app on your smartphone from itunes or google play store.

Our school has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community.

We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App.

To install it, just search for our school name ‘Brisbania Public School’ in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.
Important messages, alerts and news are posted to the app, facebook and school website. You can also submit absent notes via the app.

To save costs and to be more environmentally aware, we will only be printing copies of Monday Note for a family that requests a paper copy, if for some reason you are unable to access the above mentioned links and do not have computer access at home, please contact Annemarie McCarthy, in the school office, to arrange a paper copy.

2015 homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

Doing well in class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.


Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Smart foods to boost learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Annette Parrey
Principal

Dear Parents,

We are sad to inform you that due to declining numbers the Conservatorium of Music will no longer provide tutorials at Brisbania Public School.

We do however, have Tom Brett available before school for guitar and percussion (drumming) lesson.

If you would be interested in either of these programs please contact via email
tom-brett@hotmail.com

Alternatively you can contact the Conservatorium of Music directly to see what programs they have available.

We apologise for the inconvenience and ask that all instruments are returned to school.

Regards
Kylie Iles
**STAGE 1**
Kurt, Lenox, Claudia,
Leila, Luca, Josephine,
Jack, Angela, Charlotte, Corey,
Charlee, Tasmyn, Harper, Heidi, Savannah, Luke, Marlen, Sydney,
Skarlett, Mackenzie, Bailey.

**YEAR 2 LEADERS**
**RUBY & BEN**

**STAGE 2**
James, Ariel, Liam, Jade,
Charli, Jayden, Joshua, Amahli,
Noah, Abbie, Tommy, Logan,
Annika, Holly.

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**Scholastic Bookclub** are due back to your class teacher on or before Tuesday, 17th Feb. Orders can now be placed and paid for on the new 'loop' system made available from Scholastic. Alternatively, cash or cheques are still accepted.

Belinda Eddy

Thanks,

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**Davistown RSL Netball Club - SAVE THE DATES!**
Mark your calendars! Registration days for the Davistown RSL Netball Club are locked in as follows:
**Sunday 1st February 2015: 11am to 2pm**
**Tuesday 3rd February 2015: 4pm to 6:30pm**
Both will be held in the auditorium of the Davistown RSL Club.
If you would like any further information please call Lauren Holland on 0415 619 393.
Uniform Shop News

New Stock has arrived*

*Girls’ Dresses - Size 8
These have now arrived!
All outstanding orders for these have been processed, and should be already received

*Wide Brimmed Hat - all sizes
We have plenty now in stock - Small, Medium, Large
During term time, Hats and Senior caps can be purchased from the Canteen, so you don’t have to wait until Friday.

Sorry Caps and small and large size Jackets not yet available

Jackets
We are out of stock of Size 4 and Size 16. These have now been ordered and should be in stock later this week.
We generally keep lower stocks of jackets and other winter items during Term 1/warmer weather. Occasionally, obviously, we are caught out with a cold snap.
*Remember to check the lost property, Library and classroom if yours has ‘got lost’.
And we also have a seconds rack of $5.00 items - plenty of Jackets currently!

Senior Caps
No change to the March delivery. We will advise when they arrive.
If you order and pay online, via Flexischools they can be delivered to the class on the Friday.

Uniform shop hours - Fridays 0830-0930
If you can’t get there during Open hours:
You can place an order
- on Flexischools.com.au and pay online via credit/debit card. Your order will be made up and delivered to the classroom on the Friday after its processed. Cutoff time is Thursday 4.50pm
- with the correct money in a sealed envelope, stapled to the Order From before Friday any week and we can send it to your child’s class to bring it home.
(Price List/Order Form on the Brisbania School website - “P & C, Uniform Shop”

Children grown out of their Uniforms?
Please remember to pass on your outgrown uniform items to the Uniform Shop. (Preferably already washed) They can be sent via your child or left at the office. We sell these for $5.00 each and all profits go to the school

Looking for some Volunteer work?
The Uniform Shop is managed and run by Volunteers! We are currently recruiting additional ‘staff’
If you interested and available on Fridays mornings, please call the number below.
Alternatively call in and see us on a Friday morning 0830-0930

Regards
Julie Hale
0407 885 303
We hope that everyone who attended the morning tea today enjoyed themselves and were able to meet new families and friends. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped organise the event and made yummy treats to share.

Remember, our first P & C, meeting of the year will be held in the staffroom at 7.00pm on Thursday 19th February. Everyone is welcome to come and join and help make a difference in our school.

P & C Meetings are held once a month (the third Thursday) at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Liza Moulton
On behalf of Brisbania P & C

Year 2 Leaders

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**LOST SOCCER BALL**

Please check at home for soccer ball with Wade Barr’s name on it. He lost it on Friday of week 1. It is black and white in colour. Please return to Wade in 4A or the school office. Thank you

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**School Banking Account Opening Day**

Brisbania is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. Our school also receives commission for every student banker.

School Banking day is **Monday**. Bank books are collected from the classroom.

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding an account opening day on **Friday 13th February from 8.30am – 9.30am**. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. No identification is required for your child attending school, as the school will confirm their identity. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch, by calling 13 22 21, or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.
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blueberries,
strawberries,
watermelon,
rockmelon,
kiwifruit, drained canned peaches,
apricots or pineapple in natural juice, or passionfruit pulp.
Top with a fruit juice of your choice then freeze until solid – at least 4 hours, or overnight.
Enjoy watching your kids eat fruit!

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