FOCUS OF THE WEEK

‘BE PROUD’

SOUTHERN CENTRAL COAST PSSA CRICKET TRIALS
Noah Watterson recently attending the above trial and was successful in selection and will now try out for the Central Coast Boys cricket trial next Thursday, 12th March. Well done Noah!

A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH
We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

CHANGES TO EXTENDED LEAVE ABSENCES
There is a new DEC form that parents can fill in for extended leave. There is no longer an exemption and absences are recorded as leave and counted as leave on student records. A certificate is issued to prove that the school has approved the leave. Forms are available from the office.

ABSENCES
It is VERY IMPORTANT for students to be punctual and arrive at school by 8:50am. Part day and full day absences are included on school reports. If your child is late, please walk your child in to the office, sign them in and explain their absence as the auditor has requested a crackdown on following up all absences. Please assist us in sending in a note explaining an absence when your child returns to school after his/her absence.

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY
Last Wednesday, students read with their buddies and had a great afternoon!
CRICKET
Well done to the cricket team on Friday who WON!! Thanks to Mrs Howe and parents for driving and supporting.

For the first time in over 10 years, Brisbania fielded a P.S.S.A cricket team. We played our first of a knockout series, on Friday against Woy Woy South. We won the game convincingly, scoring 86 runs against Woy Woy's 50. We now will play round two against Woy Woy.
The boys did our school proud by playing with integrity and great sportsmanship. A special thanks to the parents who helped on the day.
Sharon Howe

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Good luck to our Zone swimming team for the carnival tomorrow. Mr Anderson and Miss Babbage will be attending.

CROSS COUNTRY
FRIDAY, 27 MARCH is our Cross Country date for 8-13 year olds.

CHALLENGE DAY
Two teams of our students from Stage 3 will be attending Erina High School this Wednesday & next Wednesday to participate in a range of activities and challenges that they will complete collaboratively. Each team will be assigned a Year 8 team buddy. We wish them all the best of luck and successful team work.

MARITIME SAFETY TALK
A maritime safety workshop will be held next week for Years 3-6 in the school grounds. Presenters will be Boating Education Officers from Boating Operations Sydney Maritime from the Roads and Maritime Services. If fine the workshops will be on the oval, if wet, under the COLA.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our school photos will be taken on 5-7 May. Payment envelopes will be sent home in the last week of school and need to be returned by FRIDAY 1 May.
Photo days are:
5 May- Year 3-6 individual photos and class photos
6 May- K-2/3H individual photos and class photos and Whole School Photo
7 May- Year 6, siblings and catch up

Full school uniform and black shoes if possible should be worn.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW- INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS
The 2015 Science, Computer, Writing, English, Mathematics and Spelling Competitions are being held through the school again this year for interested students in Years 3-6. Information regarding entering and paying for these competitions was sent home last week. Final date for payment is 1 April.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY
Students in Years 4-6 will be completing the survey in the coming fortnight during library time with Mr Lemmon. Mr Lemmon will have student helpers to assist with reading the survey, for those students requiring extra assistance. Each student has a unique username and password and their answers are confidential.

WYONG HIGH SCHOOL IT SELECTIVE CLASS 2016
An information meeting will be held on 10 March at 6pm with school tours running from 5:30pm. Applications for the selective class close on 17 March, with the test date on 25 March. Please contact the office if you would like a form.
BRISBANIA P & C EASTER RAFFLE
Today the P & C are sending home a book of raffle tickets and a letter to the youngest member of each family. If you don’t receive yours please ask at the office (1 per family initially).
For more information, please read the P & C news in this newsletter.

SAVE THESE DATES
BRISBANIA’S MUSICAL
Our musical will be on **Wednesday, 2 September**, teachers are choosing songs now and the committee is planning the event.

GRANDPARENTS DAY
Our Grandparents Day will be held during Grandparents week on Thursday, 22 October.

SECURITY ISSUES
Please call **1300 880 021**.

Last week, a man in a white van with curtains followed a student while walking to dance at Davistown lessons. Please be alert and walk in a group.

Annette Parrey
Principal

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**Tjudibaring AECG**
6pm Avoca Public School
Wednesday 11th March

**All welcome**
Easter is creeping up and so is our annual ‘Easter Raffle’ which is drawn at our Easter hat parade. This is a much loved tradition at Brisbania and last year we had a huge raffle with over 20 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.

Today we are sending home a book of raffle tickets to the youngest member of each family. If you don’t receive yours please ask at the office (1 per family initially). Please ask friends, family and neighbours if they would like to buy any.

**COMPETITION:** There will be a big basket of eggs for the student who sells the most books.

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. We ask when each family sells their book please return the money and ticket stubs back to your teacher or the front office. If you would like to sell more tickets, please send a note requesting this or ask at the front office. It may take a few days to receive the next book as P & C volunteers will be organising it.

We are also seeking donations for our upcoming raffle for **Mother’s day**. If anyone has 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 good prizes! As a small gesture of our appreciation, we are able to offer advertising through our school newsletter which in turn will hopefully provide good promotion of their businesses.

Last year the P & C were able to purchase laptops and ipads with the money we raised from our raffles and other fundraising events. This year we are purchasing more interactive whiteboards and a container shed for sports equipment and that is just the start. We can’t do this without the help from our community. So please join together and make this a successful year for everyone!

Look Out!!! There are lots of exciting activities coming up in the next few months including **Mother’s day stall**, breakfast and raffle (Friday 8th May), a **school disco** (Tuesday 24th March) and an **Easter raffle** and parade, **election day BBQ** (Saturday 28th March) and the foreshore walk **cake stall** (Sunday 29th March). **All of these events are run by the P & C and support that can be offered would be greatly appreciated.** Email: brisbaniapandc@hotmail.com

More details to follow soon. Enjoy your week.

Liza Moulton
On behalf of Brisbania P & C

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**FAMILY DAYCARE AT KINCUMBER**

Has vacancies Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays!!

Educator has certificate 3 in children’s services.

Beautiful and calm service

Educator with Jelly Beans Family Daycare Scheme.

Call 1300 153 55
EARLY STAGE 1
Sienna, Tyler, Amelia, Luka, Casey & Reese.

STAGE 1
Cooper, Katie, Daniel, Billie, Ryan, Indiana, Zoe, Anakin, Georgia, Mary, David, Amelia, Molly, Maili-Rose, Callum, Charli, Frankie & Tahlia.

STAGE 1 LEADERS
Hayley & Dean

STAGE 2
Shakyla, Benicio, Ky, Jade, William, Ava, Chloe, Chelsea, Jackson, Kobe, Tiara, Byron, Jarvis & Kaitlin

STAGE 2 LEADERS
Erin & James

STAGE 3
Cindy, Ella, Malakai, Shayla, Bellina, Taren, Tayah, Eryn, Marcus & Isaac.
Entry is now OPEN in the 2015 School Writing Competition!

Make sure you get your poem or short story in before the 29th March 2015.

Everybody has a story to tell and we would love to hear yours!

What would you do with the $1000 cash prize? How awesome would it be to win an awesome Xbox One or PlayStation 4 or how about an Apple iPad Air or a Samsung Galaxy Tab?

Do you have a fine rhyme, a spectacular story, the perfect poem or a terrific tale that could make us laugh, cry, shake with fear or sigh dreamily?

Get writing and send us your 16 line or less poem or 500 words or less short story and you could be a winner!

Enter now at www.write4fun.net

Thank you

Sarah Elliott
Assistant Principal
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

Date: Wednesday, 25th March 2015

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night. Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
Play AFL with Saratoga Hawks in 2015!
Registration is now open for boys & girls. Visit our website for all the fun & details www.sarahawks.org.au

Auskick $95 – ages 4 to 7 – includes FREE Auskick Pack + Auskick T-shirt.

Age Teams $95 – Under 9’s, 11’s & 13’s.
Season starts soon...don’t miss out!
www.sarahawks.org.au
www.facebook.com/SaratogaHawks

MARKETS
DAVISTOWN RSL
19 Murna Road, Davistown
Sunday March 15th
(9am-2pm)

Dozens of great stalls within the comfort of the club’s auditorium
Browse the markets and enjoy the facilities of a fantastic club!
Something for all the family – including a terrific kid’s playground

For more info please phone Sue or Catherine at Fairhaven on
4323 3566
www.facebook.com/FairhavenServices

Cancer Council NSW
Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
...to make a healthy breakfast.

We recommend eating two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetable every day.

Why? Because fruit and veg are packed full of nutrients and vitamins that give you energy, keep you healthy and help prevent diseases like cancer.

Try to get your family eating fruit and veg with breakfast – it will help all of you have more energy throughout the day.

You might like:
• wholegrain toast with avocado and tomato
• sliced banana on Weetbix
• frozen berries blended with reduced-fat milk and yoghurt for a smoothie
• eggs served with cooked vegies – tomato, mushrooms and spinach.

Remember: try to eat fruit + veg at every meal!

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Eat It To Beat It