FOCUS OF THE WEEK

‘BE PROUD’

GREAT START TO TERM 3
All students and teachers returned rested and ready for what is looking like a very busy and exciting term. We have so many things to look forward to this term- author visit, book week parade, education week activities, athletics carnival and our fantastic musical! Of course, you can be assured that Brisbania’s usual quality teaching and learning will also occur.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS THIS WEEK
Please take the time to meet your child’s teacher this week for an interview to discuss your child’s progress.
- Kinder, Yr 1 & Yr 2: Monday 20 July
- Year 5 – Yr 6: Tuesday 21 July
- Year 3 – Yr 4 & 2/3H: Wednesday 22 July

BOOK AUTHOR VISIT
This Thursday, Australian children’s author, Dr Cameron Stelzer, will be visiting the school to talk about his passion for creating picture books, illustrated novels and inventing wonderful and appealing characters. Entry is $2 per student. Parents are welcome to attend for free. At the end of his show, Dr Stelzer will be selling and signing his books (see previous permission note for details)

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
Our annual Public Speaking Competition will be held this Friday 24 July. Please encourage your child to participate. All Stage 2 will be involved in the competition - other stages are voluntary.

BOYS SOFTBALL TEAM
The boys’ softball team travelled to East Gosford last Wednesday to play in the NSW PSSA Softball knockout. They won the first game against Chertsey PS, 18 – 7, they then played Chittaway Bay PS and won 7-6. Unfortunately the boys lost their 3rd game against Point Clare 5-9.
A tremendous effort was displayed during the day from the boys. A very BIG THANK YOU to Leanne Hastie for umpiring all the boys’ games. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport and supported our children during the games. Well done boys and Mrs Howe for her coaching and time given to enable these games to be played.

AUDITOR NEEDED
Our P&C is looking for an auditor who is willing to donate approximately 6 to 8 hours ONCE a year to independently examine their accounts and documents. If you are able to help, or know of someone who may be able to assist, please contact the Brisbania P&C President at lizamoulton@hotmail.com or brisbaniapandc@hotmail.com
ENROL NOW FOR KINDY 2016
If you have a child or know a child ready to start Kindy in 2016, our enrolment packs are ready for collection from the office. Our Head Start program will be held on the first five Fridays of Term 4. Please enrol as early as possible as Kindy numbers impact on whole school staffing for 2016.

SAVE THESE DATES IN TERM 3 - Repeat

Education Week
27 July- Erina Learning Community Erina Fair Education Week concert from 10am-1pm
30 July- OPEN DAY at Brisbania - Open classrooms 9:45-10:55am and book parade 11:15am-12:30pm.
3 August- K-6 Athletics Carnival- Mingara
2 September- MUSICAL- matinee and evening shows.
4 September- Fathers’ Day Breakfast from 7am

BOOK FAIR
This year, we will be holding a book fair organised by Mr Lemmon with resources that can be donated to the library by parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. Books will be available for certain amounts e.g. $15 $20 $25 Donated books will have a donation certificate thank you placed in the front to acknowledge your support of our library. More information soon.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

We have registered our school for the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. If you shop at Woolworths be sure to collect your stickers at the checkout and place them on your Woolworths sticker sheet (available in store or download from woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn) Once completed, place the sticker sheet in the collection box in the foyer at school. There are thousands of educational resources that we can earn depending on the number of stickers our school accumulates.

LOST PROPERTY
Any unnamed clothing will be given to the uniform shop on Friday. Please check now for any lost belongings –the number of school jackets and containers in lost property is astounding!

SECURITY ISSUES
Please call 1300 880 021.

Have a great week!
Jo Whelan (relieving for Annette Parrey)
Father's Day Raffle- We are currently seeking prizes for our upcoming Father's day raffle. 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 good prizes. As a small gesture of our appreciation we are able to offer advertising through our school newsletter. brisbaniapandc@hotmail.com

Liza Moulton
On behalf of Brisbania P & C

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2015 IS THE YEAR OF SPELLING!

It's so popular it has its own TV program. Your child can be part of this phenomenon by becoming involved in the 2015 Premiers Spelling Bee. All you have to do is get the word list from https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2015-premiers-spelling-beepassword robot. Then practice, practice, practice! Spelling heats will be held in class with finalists to be announced later this term.

So get s-p-e-l-l-i-n-g!

On Thursday 23 July, we will have a special visit from Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Cameron is visiting Brisbania Public School to run workshops with our students. Year 3-6 students will be taking a behind-the-scenes look at creating a book, and applying their own creative components. K-2 students will enjoy an interactive Big Screen Book Reading and drawing activity with Cameron.

In conjunction with the Author Visit, families have a special opportunity to purchase signed and personalised copies of Cameron's books at special prices. Individual items are $15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will receive an order form on the day of the workshops. Forms and payment can be returned the following morning, Friday 24 July, to the colourful box in the OFFICE, or visit Cameron in the Hall at 2.30pm on Thursday. Cameron will personally sign all books (including the child’s name and message)

Paul Lemmon
Teacher-Librarian
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

STAGE 1 LEADERS
Cassidy & Georgia

READING 60 BOOKS - AWARD
Hayley & Liam

READING 100 BOOKS - AWARD
Ben, Keira,
Phoebe & Kallie

STAGE 2

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
J C

STAGE 3
Aidan, Max,
Aidan, Eden, Noah,
Ava, Jake, Heath,
Casey, Max,
Kody & Bellina
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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Orders are due on Tuesday 28th July 2015

Three easy ways to pay:

1. Credit Card using Loop. To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP (No need to fill out form, all done electronically)

2. Cash. Please enclose cash with your completed book club order and return to school

3. Cheque or Credit Voucher. If paying by cheque please make payable to Scholastic Australia. Attach cheque or voucher to the completed form and return to school.

Thanks,
Belinda Eddy

LIBRARY NEWS
(Book Parade, Book Fair, Author Visit & Returns)
It is almost that time of the year again when all students will be participating in the Parade to celebrate Book Week at Brisbania. This day will be on Thursday 30th July and a note was sent out at the beginning of this week with further details.
As usual, a Book Fair will also be held at the school library. Parents will be able to purchase a book to donate. Their child’s name will be placed on a sticker certificate inside the book that shows they have donated it, to acknowledge the support given. Payments can be made by cash or cheque only (no credit card facilities will be available). Along with this, we will have a selection of old library stock that will be available to purchase for a gold coin donation.
Leading up to Book Week on Thursday 23rd July, well known Australian Children’s author and illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer will be visiting. All parents are welcome to attend this special day. Details about session times and the event have been sent to students.

Happy reading
Paul Lemmon (Teacher Librarian)
CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Brisbania Public School is held on **Thursdays** from **12:45-1:40pm in the Library**.

Term 3 lessons will commence on **16th July, 2015**.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from Mr Lemmon in the Library, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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SARATOGA
ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS

The teenage years can be a challenge. Parents often struggle to maintain positive relationships with their adolescent children.

- How do you set limits?
- What behaviour is acceptable and what isn’t?
- What do we do when an adolescent has behaved in a way that breaches family values and expectations?
- The answers aren’t always clear cut.

The Engaging Adolescents program helps parents learn some new skills to make life with their adolescent more peaceful and enjoyable for all. It is designed to give parents relevant, current information and practical strategies for dealing with adolescent behaviour.

I recently completed the necessary training to deliver this program to parents and I am hoping to conduct this course at Erina H.S. early in Term 3, 2015. This is an open invitation for parents interested in learning new skills to move towards better, more open, communicative relationships with the adolescents in their lives.

At this stage I am asking parents who are interested in attending the course to contact me so that I can get an idea of possible numbers. The course will run in the first 3 weeks of Term 3, 2015 and will consist of three two hour sessions. These sessions will take place during school hours. The cost will be around $12 for the Parent Workbook.

If you are interested or have questions regarding the course please contact me at Erina H.S. on 43 677 353 or by email on michael.lamm@det.nsw.edu.au

I look forward to meeting you at the course and presenting ideas and strategies that may make a difference.

Michael Lamm
School Counsellor

Registered Psychologist No. 1372238