WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER FABULOUS BRISBANIA YEAR!
Welcome to all our new families and our new students.
We welcome back Mrs Nicole Heazlewood as Stage Three Assistant Principal and welcome Miss Janelle Chapman as our new Assistant Principal, supervising Stage One.
As usual, we have dynamic, enjoyable educational programs planned for the year. Stages work closely together and teachers support each other exceptionally well. Our classes have been put together with a lot of thought as to student/teacher relationships as well as academic and social considerations. Classes were formed prior to the end of 2015 with many weeks work put into them. Requests were considered. Please be assured that all teachers at Brisbania are professional and well trained and hold your child’s education as upmost important providing differentiation in each room to cater for all students’ needs.

2016 STAFF
Our fabulous teachers are:-

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Mr Brett McKeown - Reading Recovery and Release From Face To Face
Mr Gregory Anderson - Release From Face To Face (M-W)
Mrs Merran Woodard-Knight - Release From Face to Face (T)
Mr Shaine Singh - Release From Face To Face (M)
Mr Paul Lemmon - Teacher Librarian
Mrs Vicki Vanderstichel - Learning and Support Teacher
Ms Karen Baxter - School Administrative Manager
Mrs Annemarie McCarthy - School Administrative Officer
Mrs Loida Anorga - School Administrative Officer
Mrs Ann Wright - School Learning and Support Officer
Mrs Megan Woodhead - School Learning and Support Officer
Mrs Michelle Hudson - School Learning and Support Officer
Mr Michael Lamm - School Counsellor - alternate Tuesdays
Ms Leanne Foubister - School Counsellor - Thursdays
Mr Adrian Conjin - General Assistant

Assistant Principals are: -
Mrs Duruz - Kindergarten
Miss Chapman - Years 1 and 2
Mrs Whelan (M, T, W) and Mr Anderson relieving (Th, F) - Years 3 and 4
Mrs Heazlewood - Years 5 and 6

The protocol for contacting the school is to phone to make an appointment with the office. The class teacher is the first contact followed by the Assistant Principal for the Stage. Teachers have many meetings and will return your call as soon as possible after receiving the message of your call. If necessary, an appointment will be made at a mutually agreeable time as soon as possible after a call.

WHS RESTRICTIONS - PERMISSION TO APPLY TOPICAL PRODUCTS
With updated WHS restrictions, we now require permission to apply topical products to your child. These include RID, Stingose, Dettol and Savlon should your child need mosquito or ant treatment or a clean up after a fall. If you do not want staff to apply these topical products, please put your request in writing and return to the office ASAP or by 12 February. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that permission is given.

STAGE 3 2016
Students will be attending a LIMS excursion tomorrow Tuesday, 2 February.

BEST START
Students in Kindergarten will be working with their teachers on BEST START assessments next week. The Kindy team will send home more information on the assessments.

RESOURCE BUYING DAY
Next Friday is our resource buying day. Class requirements will be sent home in a separate note.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS will be held in the week beginning 15 February. Stages will let you know the date and time the meetings will be held.

1, 2, 3 MAGIC
A series of 3 workshops will be run in the parenting program 1,2, 3, Magic. If you are interested please contact the school ASAP or complete the Expression of Interest attached. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays - 24 February, 2 March and 16 March with our Assistant Principal Learning and Support, Lori Gibson at Brisbania PS 9:30 to 12 noon.

A BRISBANIA FAMILY NEEDS YOUR HELP
One of our family’s needs your help. A fundraiser that started in the holidays has raised $3425 to buy one of our fathers a new desperately needed wheelchair.

The Little Teapot Café will be taking donations via a collection tin also and when we reach the milestone, there will be an event held at the Davistown RSL club to celebrate our achievement. There is a link set up to make online donations gofundme.com/wheelyneedyourhelp

It would be so great to have your support and kick off the new year by giving this amazing gift to a great local family man, husband and dad. Thanks in advance for your support.

Enjoy the 2016 Brisbania school year we look forward to working with you!
Annette Parrey
Enjoy your week.
Annette Parrey

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The P & C are looking for free soil/good clean fill (Not CLAY) as part of their playground upgrade project. Please contact Suzanne if you can help on 0423 036 697.
Brisbania P&C Association – What’s it all about anyway?
A P&C Association enables parents and citizens to meet with representatives of the school teaching staff to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community, and assists in providing equipment required by the school. Did you know that funding from the government does not cover the purchase of interactive whiteboards that are used in every classroom, or the nature garden that is currently being built – these enhancements to your child’s learning are funded by the P&C, and decisions about what additional resources to purchase are made at P&C meetings. Similarly, if the school wants parent input, it’s often sought at the P&C meeting – so if you’re not there, your views can’t be considered. It’d be great to see you at our monthly meetings, and have your input in the decisions that impact on your child’s education. The first meeting for the year will occur on Thursday 18th February, 7pm, in the staffroom, thereafter the 3rd Thursday of every month in term time.

HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED
The P&C also runs the Canteen and Uniform Shop – both services that every family uses at some time. In order to provide these services efficiently, Brisbania P&C Association requires someone to fill the role of Treasurer – if you have some financial knowledge and experience in MYOB, and can spare a few hours each week to assist the volunteer run association, please contact the school office or email brisbaniapandc@hotmail.com

Emma Brock
On behalf of Brisbania P & C

Any parents interested in helping the school with Book Clubs - Few hours a Term
Contact Belinda Eddy
0427 208 632
Mon to Wed

Scholastic Book Clubs
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers

at Brisbania PS

on February 24, March 2 & 16 at 9.30-11.45am.

You need to attend all 3 sessions to complete the course

Learn:

✓ To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
✓ To set clear expectations and help them develop frustration tolerance
✓ To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well
✓ To resolve family conflict quietly
✓ Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

The course is free for Brisbania parents.

Register below by returning the slip to the front office by February 15.

What people are saying...
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realised quickly that 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

Who is running it?
The presenter for this course is Lori Gibson (APLAS) who completed Parentshop’s 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training in 2012. Lori has worked in the behaviour field for over 25 years and has been a facilitator of parenting courses for more than 10 years.

I would like to attend the 1 2 3 Magic Course starting on the 24 February for 3 sessions.

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: ___________________________________________
Children at school: ___________________________________________

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au
2016 Saratoga Hawks Registrations Open Now!

Come play with us for season 2016! We are a fun family & community orientated Junior AFL club. We love teaching kids to play AFL with fairness, passion, skill & pride.

Davistown RSL Netball Club - SAVE THE DATES!
Mark your calendars! Registration days for the Davistown RSL Netball Club are locked in as follows:
Sunday 7th February 2016: 11am to 2pm
Tuesday 9th February 2016: 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.

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to
Come, Stay and Play!
At your local Girl Guide meeting
For girls aged 6-18 years
Guides enjoy friendship, adventure, games, camping, outdoor activities, cooking, life skills and more – provided by trained Leaders
To find out where and when your local units meet
Call: 8396 5200 (office hours) Or Email: dmterrigalkincumber@zonewise.com.au
Our mission is to enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self respecting, responsible community members.
A message from Brett Lee

The SWKT Series is coming to Central Coast on 7 February 2016 and will be held at James Browne Oval, Peninsula Leisure Centre, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.
Visit: http://try.weetbix.com.au

We’re delighted to be running the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon (SWKT) in this, its 18th year. We’re proud of the fact that it’s the biggest event series of its kind in the world and even more so that it helps our own kids stay active and healthy.

The greatest challenges facing our kids today are obesity and mental health issues. Every year the research we do with parents confirms that around 91% of all kids’ self-esteem is improved as a result of participating in a Kids TRY event. My fellow TRY Hero ambassadors and I particularly enjoy giving every child a gold medal and seeing the big smiles on their faces.

Online School Resources to help you spread the word
To help spread the word about the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon to your school community, head to the Schools section of the website here: http://try.weetbix.com.au/schools.

This section of the website features:
- a virtual video presentation, featuring World Champion Surfer and TRY Hero Stephanie Gilmore. This offers a great overview of the SWKT event and what’s involved. You may like to screen this at a school assembly, in a classroom, post it to Facebook, or link it to in your school newsletter.
- stock text that you can use in your school newsletter,
- a Facebook tile for you to post on your school Facebook wall,
- a Schools PDF flyer for you to send to parents,
- links to Event Videos from every event in the 2015 Series,
- a selection of images that you can use to promote the TRYathlon, and
- details of the $5,000 schools cash grant and how to enter.

Win a $5,000 cash grant for your school*
If 15 or more students from your school register as part of a Group for any SWKT event, your school could win a $5,000 cash grant for you to put towards a healthy initiative. By joining this group, your students will also be eligible for $5 off their own individual entry price, too.

As the whole series is run as a charitable event by Sanitarium I would like to close by thanking our Government and sponsor partners for their help and support. Our platinum partner, Bupa, also deserve a special mention.

Brett Lee
National Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Ambassador

PS/ For more information on the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon or to create your group to be eligible for the draw, visit http://try.weetbix.com.au

1 Sanitarium online parent survey 2014 *Terms & conditions apply