FOCUS OF THE WEEK

‘BE SAFE’

THE CANTEN IS CLOSED TOMORROW
23TH FEBRUARY

NO CANTEN TOMORROW
The canteen is closed tomorrow as Paula is hosting the Central Coast Canteen network meeting in the hall for canteen coordinators from around the Central Coast.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all students on their behaviour, participation and sportsmanship towards their peers. Thanks to Mr Anderson for organizing the fabulous day. Next Monday, we will present the swimming carnival ribbons at the morning assembly.

MR PAUL LEMMON – CENTRAL COAST BRANCH MASTERS SURF LIFESAVING
Congratulations Mr Lemmon on another great performance at Branch. Mr Lemmon received 9 gold and 2 silver medals from his individual and team events. Good luck at State!

PINK STUMPS FUNDRAISER
On Friday, to raise funds for the McGrath foundation in providing breast care nurses to support women with breast cancer, Brisbania is holding a Pink Stumps Day. Stage 3 will watch the boys cricket team play teachers and parents, while K-4 will play kanga cricket. There will be a pink mufti, gold coin donation and a pink Meal Deal at the canteen. Thank you for your support.

1, 2, 3 MAGIC
If you have been contacted regarding the course, the 3 workshops will be held in the Reading Recovery Room in the Stage 3 building. 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.

PARENT INFO SESSIONS
Thank you for attending the information sessions last week, we look forward to working with you throughout the year.
What is impetigo?
Impetigo, sometimes called "school sores" is a bacterial infection of the skin. The main causes are strains of staphylococcus aureus (known as 'staph').

What does it look like?
Impetigo occurs in two forms, blistering and crusted.
In blistering impetigo the blisters arise on previously normal skin and grow quickly in size and number. The blisters quickly burst and leave slightly moist or glazed areas with a brown crust at the edge. The spots expand quickly even after they break open and can be many centimetres wide. They are sometimes clear in the centre to produce ring shaped patterns. They are not usually painful but can be itchy.
Crusted impetigo has a thick soft yellow crust. When the skin is 'scratched' the infection can enter through the broken skin, these conditions include dermatitis (eczema), scabies, insect bites and head lice.

How is it treated?
Impetigo is very easy to catch from other people. If possible, your child should be isolated until the blisters have dried out. Encourage your child and family to wash their hands frequently, and especially after touching an infected area. To prevent spread don’t share clothes, towels, bed linen, nail scissors, tweezers, razors or toothbrushes. It usually is treated with antibiotics. Your doctor should take a swab from the spots to check which antibiotic to use.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey- Years 4-6
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.
The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.
I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.
A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 4 March.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH
Seasons for Growth is a program for children and young people who have experienced significant change or loss. It is based on the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal part of life. We examine the impact of changes such as death, separation, divorce, and natural disaster upon our lives, and explore how we can learn to live with and grow from these experiences. The core intentions of this program are the development of resilience and emotional literacy to promote social and emotional wellbeing. The program is educational in nature and does not provide therapy. We use the imagery of the four seasons to illustrate that grief is cyclical, not a linear journey with a clear end. A small number of our staff members are trained “Seasons for Growth Companions” who facilitate small groups where participants share their experiences, and support and learn from one another. Peer support is a key element of the program, and confidentiality is strongly emphasised. We will be running Seasons for Growth during the year. If you think your child would benefit from this program, please contact the office ASAP.

CONSIDERATION FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS IN SHAW ST
Please be considerate of our neighbours in Shaw Street. Please do not park over our neighbours’ driveways at any time, whether parking, standing or queuing for drop off or pick up. We have had complaints from neighbours in regard to being unable to enter or exit their properties.

TJUDIBARING AECG
The first meeting for 2016 will be held on Wednesday, 9 March from 5:30pm at Kincumber High School for Aboriginal families.

PLPs
Annual PLP meetings for our Aboriginal students will be held on Thursday 3 March. Please return your RSVPs.

ERINA HS OPEN NIGHT FROM 6PM
On Wednesday, Erina HS will hold their annual open night showcasing quality education, music and drama performances, art and design projects, technological innovation, sporting success and academic achievement.

MRS WHELAN
Mrs Whelan will take long service leave for three weeks from 29 February. Miss Brown will be teaching 4/5WA on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mr Anderson will relieve as Assistant Principal for Stage 3 until Mrs Whelan returns.

Have a great week!
Annette Parrey
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.

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We held our first meeting of the year on Thursday evening. It was wonderful to have two new Kinder parents join us! We look forward to welcoming more new people to our meetings in the future. We meet at 7pm on the third Thursday of each month in the staffroom.

Unfortunately Emma Brock resigned as President for 2016 due to a change in personal circumstances. We would like to thank her for all her hard work as a valuable member of the P&C executive for the past 3 years. A by-election was held on Thursday and I was elected President. Belinda Aldrick was elected Secretary and Jenny Livingstone was elected Treasurer. Thanks also to Hayley Hogger who continued in the role of Treasurer whilst we found someone else to fill this vital role.

Last year our fundraising enabled us to purchase iPads, laptops, 2 smart boards, 2 projectors, a new bed for sick bay, tables and benches to be used as an outdoor learning area for Stage 3, as well as start our playground renovations. Our main fundraising events this term are the Easter Raffle and the disco in the last week of term. More details about these events to follow shortly.

Next Monday (29th February) we will be hosting a welcome morning tea for all parents and carers new to Brisbania (and any other parents/carers who would like to meet other parents/carers). We will meet in the hall straight after the morning assembly. We look forward to meeting you.

Have a good week everyone!

Suzanne Petrie Sapsford, P&C President

Thank you to my colleagues and the students of Brisbania School for your warm messages, very positive speech, awesome book and hilarious singing. I am completely overwhelmed by these acts of love and feel very humble, but proud, to plant a magnificent flowering gum in my honour. This has been a chapter of my life I will forever treasure and hold close to my heart. Farewell! I'll return as a volunteer whenever needed.

Thank you, Rhonda Chapman.
WELCOME MORNING TEA

All new parents/carers are invited to morning tea in the hall next Monday 29th February (after the morning assembly.) ALL parents/carers interested in meeting other parents/carers are welcome to join us for a cuppa, sweet treat and a chat.

SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS 2016

KOALA
Captains: Charli Russell & Tristan McKenzie
Vice Captains: Claire Blyton & Alex Walters

KANGAROO
Captains: Sammi-Lee Edwards & Xyris Robinson
Vice Captains: Baylee LeBreton & Heath Gasson

PLATYPUS
Captains: Georgie Touzel & Harry Mellross
Vice Captains: Tayah Webb & Kyle Alcorn

WOMBAT
Captains: Bellina Biffone & Alfio Gangemi
Vice Captains: Cindy Trigg & Luke Batey
Skye Hackshall
9 Yr Girls 50 Free 39.91

Chloe Sapsford 11 Yr
Butterfly 44.81

Relay 3:05.16

Junior Girls Kangaroo
Open medley 3:23.43

Alec Walters
Freestyle 1:24.00

Chloe Sapsford 11 Girls 100m
STAGE 1 - Star of the Week
Casey Ramage, Lacey Trigg, Luca Norris, Harlan Giuliano, Tasmy O'Donnell

AWARDS

YEAR 2 LEADERS
Makaila Richards & Ella Simpson

STAGE 2 AWARDS

STAGE 3 NEWS
This week’s LIMS Line-up of Leadership are:-
Bailey, Holly, Austin, Anton and Callum.
GUILTY of excellent leadership.
Congratulations.
We are proud of you.
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 deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youth saver 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.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking day is Tuesday.

We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:
Time: 8.30am – 9.30am
Date: Friday 26th February
Location: Cola

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. It is possible to open accounts for non-school aged children please bring along their birth certificates. No money required on the day.

SOME ORDERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TODAY -
PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S BAG FOR BOOK CLUB ORDERS.
$1000 FREE KIDS DENTAL
The Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2016. The Commonwealth government provides eligible children with a $1000 free kids dental benefit on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or other relevant government payment.
Not sure if your kids are eligible? Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your kids are eligible or have remaining benefits from 2014.

FREE Teen Triple P Seminar Series
The Power Of Positive Parenting

Children and Young People’s Mental Health is pleased to offer parents of young people this evidence based seminar series. There are three 2 hour seminars in the series which will be held on 3 consecutive Monday evenings at Wyoming Community Centre. You can attend just one or all three seminars.

The program does not address the management of mental health problems in teens, however many parents have found the program useful in reducing the everyday conflict and stress associated with parenting teens.

DATES:       Monday 14th March 2016  Raising Responsible Teenagers
             Monday 21st March 2016  Getting Teenagers Connected
             Monday 4th April 2016  Raising Competent Teenagers

TIME:        6PM – 8PM

VENUE:       Wyoming Community Centre  147 Maiden’s Brush Road, Wyoming 2250

PRESENTERS:  Ruth Plewsen and Jo Heap

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. To book into our seminars or for more information, please phone Children & Young People’s Mental Health on 4328 7300 and ask for Ruth or Jo

www.triplep.net

FREE KIDS DENTAL
Has your Child Dental Benefits Schedule refreshed in 2016? Eligible kids may be entitled to a $1000 benefit to be used on selected dental services.
Contact us to see if your child is eligible!

PacificSmilesDENTAL

visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au to check digitally
Empire Bay School Band Fundraiser

You are invited to ‘An Evening with Doctor John Irvine’

Focus - Helping Young Worriers Beat the WorryBug

When: Thursday 10th March
Where: Empire Bay PS Hall
Time: 7PM
Cost: $20pp (Tickets available from Empire Bay School office – 43691796)

About Dr John
Dr. John Irvine is one of Australia’s most renowned child psychologists. As a pioneer in his field, he has been read, viewed or heard throughout the nation. At the age of 18, he started his own one-teacher school and continued in the field, teaching in the New South Wales schools for many years before becoming a child psychologist. He is currently a consultant at the R.E.A.D. Clinic and has written several books including Thriving at School and A Handbook for Happy Families, which now has four accompanying DVDs.

What the evening will involve
Dr John acknowledges the growing problem of anxiety in kids - everywhere, which calls for immediate and timely attention. Dr. John has been invited to Empire Bay PS to help tackle the issue by presenting sensible advice for parents, educators and other caretakers. The evening will include background information on the origin of worry, an assessment guide to help determine the problem and an opportunity for a Q & A session to answer any general questions you may have for Dr John. Paper will be available on the night for you to write your question anonymously if you prefer.

Dr John will introduce the WorryWoos which help children to open up and express their feelings in a positive way and understand that they are not alone. We have asked Dr John to bring along any books and support material for community members to purchase on the evening if they wish to.

We can guarantee a friendly, funny and informative evening!!