**FOCUS OF THE WEEK – Be Ready to Learn**

**WELCOME BACK**
Welcome to Term 2. This will be a busy term as it is a short term—only eight and a half weeks! Some of the major events this term include our cross country carnival, Yr5 Bathurst Excursion, NAPLAN testing for Yrs 3 & 5 and our Mothers’ Day celebration.

**DONATION BY THE DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH**
Each year the Davistown RSL Sub-Branch donates funds to our school to allow us to support students to participate in a range of school activities. This year the Sub-Branch has donated $1500 to the school. This is an extremely generous donation and we appreciate the support shown by the Sub Branch.

**ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE AT THE DAVISTOWN RSL**
Thank you to the more than 70 students that attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service in their school uniform. Congratulations to Tiarana and Grace for reading poems at the service. Thank you to Skye, Tom and Paige for laying a wreath on behalf of the students, staff and families of our school.

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY – THIS FRIDAY**
This Friday 3rd May we will hold our annual Cross Country at Davistown waterfront. Thank you to Mr Anderson for his organisation of the carnival.

**MOTHERS’ DAY MUFFIN MANIA**
We will hold our annual Mothers’ Day Muffin Mania breakfast on Friday 10th May. Mums, Grandmas, Nans and all those that play a mothering role in our students’ lives are welcome to attend. A note with details will be sent home shortly but basically mums and their child(ren) come up for a ‘muffin and cuppa’ before school on the Friday and then visit their child’s classroom briefly before coming back for assembly and the drawing of the P & C’s Mothers’ Day raffle.

**SCHOOL ANZAC DAY SERVICE**
On the last day of last term we held our ANZAC Day service at school. Mr Sheargold and Mr Blackmore attended as representatives from the Davistown RSL Sub-Branch. Our two leaders, Rory and Maya, did an outstanding job in leading the service. Well done! Thank you to Mr Anderson and Miss Simpson for organising the service.

**SCHOOL MUSICAL**
2013 is a school musical year. Our musical will be held on Wednesday 4th September with a matinee and night performance. So keep that date free. We would like every student to be involved in both performances.

**ROAD SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL**
Thank you to everyone that drives safely around our school. We appreciate the care you show towards our students and families.
On the last day of last term the Highway Patrol was in our High St 40km/h zone making sure people comply with the speed limit. We appreciate their support in keeping everyone safe.
STEWART HOUSE DONATIONS AND COMPETITION

Next Friday 10th May is also Stewart House Day. Stewart House is a residential school in Sydney that provides a range of services for students across the state. Students are selected by their school to attend Stewart House for a two week visit. Students are selected for a range of reasons including access to medical services, a break from difficult home circumstances and students that would benefit from a visit to Sydney.

Each year Brisbania sends one or two students to Stewart House. Students don’t pay for their visit. Stewart House is funded through donations and support from the State Government. Today you will receive an envelope to make a donation to Stewart House. If you make a donation you can enter the draw for a holiday valued at $4000.

OC(OPPORTUNITYCLASS) 2014 - ATTENTION Y4 FAMILIES

Opportunity Classes are for academically gifted and talented children in Years 5 and 6. Our local OC is located at Gosford Public School. The OC provides intellectual stimulation and a rich educational environment. Before being placed in an Opportunity Class, students need to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test. The results of this test, combined with school assessment and other information about academic merit, will form the basis of any offer made.

From this year, all applications should be made online through an internet connection. A limited number of application packages will be provided through the school shortly for those parents who do not have Internet access.

The website where you will find all the necessary information and the application is: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Parents will be able to apply online between Monday 29th April and 17th May 2013.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Over the last two days staff have undertaken extensive training. On Monday staff participated in a training day around our Empowering Local Schools project. Teachers spent time exploring the current political, social and professional change agendas and developing their understanding of many of the changes that are underway in education. They also spent time planning their involvement in the ongoing professional learning involved in the project.

On Tuesday staff were lead by Mrs Elliott and Mrs Slattery on an exploration of the new English Syllabus, which incorporates the Australian Curriculum components. Teachers undertook a range of activities to familiarise themselves with the content, outcomes and themes of the new syllabus. This is vital work in preparing teachers to be able to teach the new syllabus from next year.

THE DIGITAL MONDAY NOTE


A link to the latest version of the newsletter is posted on our Facebook site www.facebook.com/brisbania and Twitter @BrisbaniaPS account each week.

We are hoping most families will access the newsletter on-line. If you wish to continue to receive a paper version of the newsletter please contact the school office.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION (repeat)

All families have received a letter asking them to contribute to helping us provide the quality of education your child deserves. We receive government funding that allows us to fund a basic education for your child.

Often the funding we receive doesn’t cover the costs we have to run the school. For example there isn’t an allowance for electricity to run the air conditioners in the school. Air conditioning is not a standard part of equipment and was installed by parents and the school for the comfort of students. The cost of maintaining the air conditioners and running them (electricity) is the responsibility of the school community.

Money raised through the voluntary contributions goes directly to providing additional reading and mathematics materials, sporting equipment and technology for use in classrooms. This then allows us to cover other costs such as running the air conditioners.

The voluntary contribution is endorsed by the P & C association.

The contribution this year has been reduced to reflect the additional costs of parents supplying textbooks for students.

First Child - $40
Two Child - $60
Three or more children $70
Mr Burgess
Principal

PRINCIPAL’S GOLD BOOK

McKenzie KS    Zane 5/6W    Navadah KS    Haven 4/5D    Rory 5/6W    Jayde K/1T
Kasey 4/5D     Jaspar 3/4K  Max 5/6E     Teliah 5/6E   Tania 3M     Ryley 3M
Bailey 3M      Zara 2T     Isaac 2T     Jaden 3/4K   Jack 3/4K    Blake K/1T
Austin K/1T    Chelsea K/1T Tom K/1T     Ellanor K/1T  Dean K/1T    Jayda K/1T

YEAR 5 BATHURST EXCURSION—REMEMINDER
2nd instalment of $100 is now due for the
Year 5 Bathurst Excursion.
Thank you, Mrs Whelan - Assistant Principal

TERM 2 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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STAR OF THE WEEK

KB—Sophie KD—Kate K/1T—William 1C—Ben 2WD—Lachlan
Jones 2T—Oscar 1SF—Kyan

YEAR 2 LEADERS
Tiara & Zayd

ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 11 TERM 1

STAGE1—Anabel, Zane, Ellanor, Allira Smith, Ocea, Jack, Jesse, Harper, Sophie, Austin, Aliyah, Lucas, Emma, James & Finn.


NO ASSEMBLY AWARDS THIS WEEK FOR STAGE 3

Reading Awards—20 Books
Claire
Kobe
Jessica
Rory
Wade

NEW KARATE CLASS AT DAVISTOWN

Ages 6 to 8 years are welcome
(Davistown Progress Hall)
Thursday 4pm to 5pm
trainer - Mick Barrett
7th Degree Black Belt and founder.

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