FOCUS OF THE WEEK – BE SAFE

SCHOOL MUSICAL TICKETS
A note regarding ticket information for our school musical to be held on Wednesday 4th September will go home today.
Please read the information and order your tickets as there is a deadline for initial ticket sales.

READING – IDEAS FOR HOME

Learning to read is a partnership between home and school. Our teachers are skilled in teaching the skills of reading but it is through practice and real-life reading that students develop into strong readers.

There are two main skill sets to becoming a strong reader – decoding and comprehending. Decoding is learning letter names and sounds, word patterns and sentence structures. Comprehending is being able to interpret, connect with and analyse what you have decoded.

It is important that parents continue to play a role in reading development beyond learning to decode. What we find is that regular reading time diminishes as students become better decoders (readers) – often towards the end of Year 1 and into Year 2.

I encourage parents to continue regular reading sessions – listening to, reading with and reading to your child – through Year 2 and Year 3 (and beyond!). During reading the focus is no longer on decoding words but on understanding what was read.

Parents can ask students questions about what they read. These questions could be literal – What happened in the story? They could help the child connect with the text – Have you ever been in a similar situation? They could ask the child to predict – What might have happened if ……..?

The other important aspect for families supporting their child’s learning in reading is the value placed on reading at home. Students learn many of their attitudes and behaviours from observing their parents.

This doesn’t mean that parents need to sit down and read a 400 page novel in front of their child. What parents could do is show that they value reading. Here are some ideas:

- When you read to find out information for yourself point it out to your child – “Hey I just read this new recipe, it sounds like something we’d all like to eat.”
- Have a bookshelf in your child’s bedroom with lots of good books.
- Have book audit. Children outgrow books and the books on their shelves need to be replaced with books that match their growing maturity and skill level.
- How many books did your child receive as presents at the last birthday, Christmas or family celebration? Did they get more books than they got videos or computer games? Giving a book as a present tells your child you value reading. (sure they’ll probably leave the book under the pile of wrapping paper whilst they run off to play the latest video game but the book will still be there later to read).

Here are some tips from School A to Z on reading at home:


Here are some bookshelf ideas:

http://ohua88.com/kids-bookshelf-increase-reading-interest-of-your-kids/
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Today the whole school headed off to the Regional Athletics Centre for our carnival. The day was a great success with everything running smoothly, great weather and great participation from students. Thank you to Mr Anderson for his organisation of the carnival. Thank you to Mrs Slattery for her organisation of the junior carnival. Thank you to all teachers for their support and hard work. Thank you to the many terrific parents for their assistance across the day. We had many parents that helped out all day and others that joined in for particular activities. We are lucky to have a great parent community that are willing to help out. I know some of these parents missed seeing their own child run whilst they were helping. We appreciate your dedication. We will finish off some of the last events, back at school, during the week.

SCHOOL DISCO – WINTER TIMES – This Wednesday
The P & C will be holding a disco for Term 3 this Wednesday 7th August evening. Staff will supervise the disco. P&C representatives will provide refreshments and collect money. The P & C will operate a canteen selling pizza slices, drinks and a range of snacks. Volunteers are needed in the canteen and to help collect money at the door.

Where: School Hall
When: Wednesday 7th August, 2013
Infants (K-2): 4.00 – 5.15pm
Primary (3-6): 5.30 – 7.00pm
Cost: $3.00

Children need to be picked up in the hall at the conclusion of the disco by an adult.
If you are sharing the drop-off/pick up with a friend or relative, please notify the teachers in writing to ensure the safety of all children.
Only Brisbania PS students are allowed to attend the disco. Pre-schoolers and older brothers and sisters should not be in the hall.
Children cannot walk home from the disco alone.
Sensible footwear needs to be worn.

ENRICHMENT DAY AT EHS
Today 8 of our students participated in an Enrichment Challenge Day at Erina High School. The students were involved in a range of problem solving activities around an Ancient Egypt theme. Students were involved in a ‘Race Around EHS’ event where they had to solve problems to get the next clue. They then had some Maths problems to solve. At the end of the day students presented their findings to the rest of the participants in a creative format.
Congratulations to Mark, Darcy, Ella and Cassidy who made up our Year 5 team and Aldy, Karissa, Tayla and Harry for making up our Year 6 team.
Thanks to Mrs Duruz for managing our teams.

NAIDOC DAY ACTIVIES
Last Thursday we had a wonderful day learning about Aboriginal culture. Tahlia and Reenee from Erina High School led students in traditional dance. John Oates spoke to students about the Yirrkala Bark Petitions, Margaret & Kylie Cassidy taught students about modern versions of traditional bush tucker. Janawirri Forest taught students about traditional tools and methods. Our Year 6 leaders taught students some modern versions of traditional games.
Thanks to Miss Simpson for her organisation of the whole day. Thank you to Mrs Duruz for her organisation of the Year 6 leaders. Thank you to Miss Babbage and Miss Ellis for helping Miss Simpson.
ERINA FAIR PERFORMANCE
Last Monday our boys’ and girls’ dance groups and our Drumbala drummers performed at Erina Fair as part of our Education Week celebrations. This was great exposure and promotion for our school. Thanks to Mrs Heazlewood, Miss Green and Warren and Katy from Drumbala for their assistance.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Tomorrow eight students will speak at the Zone finals of the Public Speaking Competition. We wish them all the best. Thank you to Miss Tilley for her organisation of the speakers.

SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL – PLEASE DON’T PARK IN STAFF CARPARKS
Parents are asked not to park in the Shaw Street staff carparks. This includes the spare block area and footpaths. Parking in these areas at drop off and pick up puts students’ safety at risk.

BOYS’ SOFTBALL V’S WOODPORT 3RD ROUND
Fantastic news, our Brissie Boys Softball Team has defeated Woodport PS 17 – 8 in last week’s match. Well done Mrs T and boys on the result.
Rory & Joshua scored the most home runs as well as every boy in the team scoring.
Fantastic pitching from Rory, great work at first base by Josh and excellent catches from Lachlan, Ben, Tom and a wonderful effort at catcher by Mikey.
Overall a great team effort and sportsmanship from all the boys.
An excellent game with our boys now playing Avoca Beach PS in the 4th round.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2014 (repeat)
Do you have a child ready to start school in 2014? Do you have a neighbour or friend with a child starting school next year? Have they enrolled?
If not please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible so that we can start our planning for 2014. All they need to do is to call into the school office to collect an information package and enrolment papers.

Mr Burgess
Principal

PRINCIPAL’S GOLD BOOK

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BRISBANIA PS SPELLING BEE

Yes it is that time again! Classes will be holding their spell off over the next two weeks. Please find the link to the word lists. https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2013-premiers-spelling-bee

Username: teacher Password: samsung
Junior Lists are for Stage 2 and Senior Lists for Stage 3.

This year, we are pleased to announce that our Principal Sponsor Samsung will place a free Spelling Bee app in the Samsung Apps store. The app will provide students with the opportunity to practice spelling the official words of the 2013 Premier’s Spelling Bee. The app is available at www.samsungapps.com/

Thank you - Miss Iles
### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to assist in the uniform shop. We’d still like another 1-2 volunteers to help share the load, cover absences and help out during busy times such as Head Start. This would likely be a once per month requirement or less, as the uniform shop is only open one day per week. In case you missed it, here is a ‘Position Advertisement’ again to entice you…

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This position is Part-time - Fridays between 0830-0945, on a rostered basis, depending upon the number of applicants we receive.

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BRISBANIA P.S SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the 40 children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who participated in the Brisbania Speaking Competition on Friday. They all spoke brilliantly. Well done everyone!

The following children will be representing our school on Tuesday at Chertsey PS in the Hunter, Central Coast Speaking Competition. Good Luck!

Early Stage 1  -  Sydney and Harry
Stage 1  -  Finlay and Eva
Stage 2  -  Zara & Allegra
Stage 3  -  Haven and Mia

Many thanks to our fabulous chairperson for each stage: Chloe, Kara, Ava & Tiara.

Thank you
Miss Lynda Tilley - Speaking Co-ordinator

P&C NEWS

SCHOOL DISCO - HELPERS NEEDED

If any of you were thinking about staying to watch the disco this week then why not get involved and give Belinda a hand. We need two helpers to take money and count the students in plus we need a couple of helpers in the canteen.

The children really enjoy having their parents help at any of the school functions, so if you can spare the time, we'd love to have your help on the night. Please contact the school office and let us know if you can help Belinda.

When:       Wednesday 7th August - School Disco

Times:   Kinder - Year 2 @ 4:00pm - 5:15pm
     Year 3 - Year 6 @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Cost:       $3

P&C FUNDRAISING SOAPBOX

Sometimes we need your help and sometimes there is just no help to be had.

Our helpers help contribute to fundraising, our fundraising contributes to school enrichment for our children. So we ask, that even when you don't want to see that movie, or buy that raffle tickets, or go on that shopping trip, remember we attend a public school with limited budget for additional resources.

Do we want our children to have access to the latest technology in our classrooms, or do we still want the teachers writing on a chalk board with no internet access! This is the reason we fundraise and this is why, when you really don't want to, we urge you to think again and help us help your children's and our fabulous school.

There are so many opportunities to help and all help is unbelievably appreciated.

Here's to another fabulous school week.

Take care, Andrea Young - P&C President - 0458 003 651

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STAGE 1

NO AWARDS THIS WEEK

STAGE 2

Noah, Tanya, Max,
Hayden, Emili, Jesper, Georgie,
Jet, Flynn, Marcus & Liam.

STAGE 3

Mia, Jemma, Gabe, Dale,
Ryan, Jed, Jamilla, Grace,
Baylee, Tom, Haven, Mikey,
Mark, Max & Patrick.

The Kincumber Avoca Cricket Club will be holding our junior registration days over the next couple of weeks. We will be offering places in teams from under 9 to under 17, as well as running an IN2Cricket program for our younger players (5-7 years of age).

Place - Erina Leagues Club, Ilya Ave, Erina

Dates
Sunday August 18TH
10.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday August 22ND
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Sunday August 25TH
10.30am - 12.30pm

Contact - Rod Ursem,
0425 210 570 or
rodursem@hotmail.com

MARKETS - Davistown RSL
19 Murna Road, Davistown
SUNDAY AUGUST 18TH - (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 at Fairhaven on 0407757866

Www.facebook.com/FairhavenServices
BOOK WEEK 2013 – Read across the Universe

Brisbania PS will be celebrating Book Week 2013 and the theme of ‘Read across the Universe’ during week 6. The Book Fair will be on display in the Library from Monday 19th August to Thursday 22nd August with the main purchasing day being Wednesday. Students from all classes will be participating in various activities involving ‘Read across the Universe’ and will also be able to view books to purchase during their Library class.

Mr Lemmon—Teacher Librarian

3/4K are searching for any unwanted Brisbania School dresses. We are using the dresses as part of our costume for the musical. If you have or know anyone with a dress we would really appreciate it.

Miss Iles

Read's Coffee House

NEW COFFEE HOUSE HAS OPENED AT SARATOGA SHOPS. CAKES, COOKIES, LIGHT MEALS & GREAT COFFEE SUPPLIED BY DANES. LIKE US ON FACEBOOK. PHONE: 4369 2211

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