

P&C Meetings are held in the staffroom the third Wednesday of the month at 5.30pm.

Wednesday, 6 February 2013
Volume 01

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2013! Welcome to our new era of becoming an Independent Public School!

I extend a very warm welcome to all students, parents, staff and volunteer helpers on the commencement of the 2013 school year. A very special welcome to families, staff and students who have relocated to our school and of course our beautiful 145 Prep students. I am busily learning names and faces so that I can continue to say I know all my beautiful students.

I have been so impressed with how very quickly our students have settled into their classes, made friends and showed me the most beautiful behaviour!

Our numbers are very stable and I do not believe there will be any changes on Day 8.

Many thanks to Mrs Rolfe, our Business Service Manager, cleaning, grounds staff and admin staff for helping to get our school off to a great start, despite the rather wild weather.

What will it mean to be an IPS for the first time?

As an Independent Public School I have far more flexibility to utilise resources in a way that will improve outcomes for students. What does that mean for you?

A few changes you will notice straight away include:

- Teacher Aides full time in Prep. Classes kept to maximum 25 in P-3 and 28 in Years 4 -7.
- Year 1 - 3 dedicated 2 hrs teacher aide time per day with the same aide in a very structured program to achieve improved outcomes for your child.
- Gifted and Talented Education program for students in Years 2 -7, including extension science and robotics.

- Learning support tailored for intensive intervention periods with specific goals and plans for individual students over short periods of time.
- Instrumental Music program for identified gifted students from yrs 1 – 7.
- Innovative delivery of speech program for identified Prep students.
- Embedding of our newly defined values of Respect, Pride, Unity and Excellence

This is a very exciting time for our school and I look forward to leading our Independent Public School, Banksia Beach State School.

Admin Team

Our Administration team consists of myself as Principal and I directly manage Years 6-7, Mr Peter Hartshorn Year 4-5, Mrs Marcia Hooper Year 2-3, Mrs Heidi Weaver Yr Prep-1, Mrs Kerry Jacobi Head of Special Education Services and we welcome Mr Brett Somerville to our Head of Curriculum position. We all look forward to welcoming you in the next few weeks.

Parent Information Evenings

In week 3 we will be holding our parent information evenings. These are not individual teacher / parent interviews, rather a general information session to hear about what your new year level looks like. We would also like to officially welcome our new Preps with a BBQ dinner after their evening. This is an opportunity to meet more of the Banksia Beach team including the P&C. These information sessions will commence in the hall.

Monday February 11

- 5.30pm Year 1
- 6.00pm Year 2
- 6.30pm Year 3

Tuesday February 12

- 5.30pm Prep Year (followed by a BBQ)
- 6.00pm Year 7

Wednesday February 13

- 5.30pm Year 4
- 6.00pm Year 5
- 6.30pm Year 6

School Uniform

Sincere thanks to parents who have ensured that their children were in full school uniform from the very first day. (I loved the beautiful ribbons in all the girls' hair!) Reminder formal uniform is to be worn on Tuesday Yrs 4 – 7, Wednesday Prep – Year 1 and Thursday Yrs 2 /3. To see all our children in full uniform is a great credit to parents and aligns so well with our values of respect, unity, excellence and pride. Children and parents show me you respect and are proud of our school by being in full school uniform each and every day including black shoes with black shoe laces.

Government Education Payment to Parents

The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families and students with the education related costs of primary and secondary school studies. The Schoolkids Bonus can be used to assist with the costs of things like school fees, uniforms, books and sports, music or other lessons.

This bonus is a wonderful way to make sure your child has all books, equipment and uniforms for the school year.

How much will you receive?

Each year, eligible families and students will receive:

- \$410 for each child in primary school (paid in two instalments of \$205)
- \$820 for each child in secondary school (paid in two instalments of \$410).

If you haven't received the payment by 31 January, but think you're eligible, contact Centrelink to discuss your personal circumstances.

I can't wait to enjoy all the amazing experiences we will have together. Please remember our school is all of our teachers, parents, children and admin working collectively to be the best we can be! We all do the Do Bees? **Do your best, be your best, look your best and then you'll be the best!**

Let's Have a Great Week!

Regards
Jacqui King
Principal

SPIDER DAY - Wednesday 13th February

Gold coin donation – help support our Student Council

Prep-Year 5 First break
Years 6-7 Second break

For the uninitiated, a "Spider" is a soft drink with ice cream included.

PARKING INFORMATION

No Parking Zones on Sunderland Drive

A reminder to all parents driving their children to school, the front of the school on Sunderland Drive is designated a **Loading Zone – Passengers 2 mins max. (7.00-9.00am & 2.00-4.00pm)**. Under this ruling you are permitted to stop, drop off or pick up within the 2 minute timeframe of the car stopping (ie., drop and go).



Parking on the School Grounds: Parents and caregivers are prohibited from parking on the school grounds. Only parents with **school issued parking permits** have permission to park in the staff carpark and turncircle area adjacent to the admin/SEU blocks.

Bus Lane: Signage placed at the entrance to the bus lane indicates that this is a bus only area at all times. It has been noted that some parents are choosing to drive in the bus lane and park on the median strip. Not only is this against the law it is extremely dangerous for the bus drivers as well as students and parents.

Please be aware that police patrol all of these areas and offending vehicles/drivers will be booked.

SCHOOL HOUSEKEEPING

Late Arrivals & Early Departures

A reminder to all parents and students that if you are late to school or intending to leave early, you must report to the office for a slip. Parents arriving at classrooms will be redirected to the office.

Messages to Students

It would be appreciated if parents could finalise pickups for students prior to school. We do appreciate that

emergencies arise but as some classrooms do not have phones, students attending specialist lessons, etc it is sometimes difficult to locate students close to bell times.

Update of Students Details

If you have moved over the holidays or changed telephone numbers, please ensure that you have updated your child's details. Please also check your emergency contacts are updated as only the people you have listed will be permitted to collect your child unless previously advised.

UNIFORM SHOP

As our school has grown, we are endeavouring to have the Uniform Shop everyday this term to accommodate our families.

Monday	8.00am to 10.30am
Tuesday	8.00am to 9.30am (subject to volunteers)
Wednesday	2.00pm to 3.30pm
Thursday	8.00am to 10.30am
Friday	2.00pm to 3.30pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bribie Island Soccer Football Club Registration Days at the Bribie Tigers Clubhouse.

Saturday the 9th February – 9am to 1pm.
Sunday the 10th February – 9am – 11am.

Please register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au to save time on Registration Day, and remember you go into the draw to win \$50 worth of Club Merchandise if you do register on line. Merchandise will be available on these days. For more information visit our website www.bribieislandfc.com.au

Bribie Island Netball Club is currently taking registrations for the 2013 winter season. Netta and Junior teams from U6s through to Ladies. Please phone Club President Gerry Neisler on 0428 088 080 as teams are filling quickly.

Bribie Island AFL Club Junior Sign On: Saturday, 6th February, 10.00am-3.00pm at Bribie Island AFL Club, First Avenue Sports Grounds, Bongaree. Looking for players to play age 7-18 years. All playing abilities. Fun, family friendly club. All enquiries please telephone Kath Neilsen 0419 752 733.

Grant Field Golf Junior Golf Program: Want to be a future champion? Join the GFG Golf Program and become tomorrow's champion today. Term 1 sign up – Friday, 8 February from 3.30-5.30pm at Pacific Harbour Golf & Country Club. \$140 per term with a \$99 once only sign up fee to receive: Registration into "My Golf" program, Puma shirt, Titleist Cap, 4 Ingredients Kids Recipe Book and a water bottle.

Indoor Cricket Sign on: Thursday, 7 & 14 February at Caboolture Indoor Sports Centre. Junior indoor cricket caters for kids aged 4 to 15. Registration fee \$10 with weekly game fee \$7.00. Contact Amanda Smith, Manager, Caboolture Indoor Sports on 5495 5570 for more information.

Art for Kids: Studio Bongaree, small group private tuition. Tutor Greg Cannon (certified blue card), After school class Monday-Thursday. Phone 0458 339 915 or 3408 0568. \$10 cost to cover materials.

Catholic parents with children who have made their First Reconciliation and would like them to receive the **Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion** are invited to attend one of the following Parent Information Sessions to be held at Little Flower Church, First Avenue, Bongaree on **Tuesday, 5th February at 6.30pm or Thursday, 7th February at 4.00pm.** Further inquiries to Sharron Macrae (Sacramental Coordinator) 5495 1028 or 0409 877 311.

Come and Learn About the Christian Religion: The Catholic Church is running an After School Program for children of school age, every Tuesday between 3.00-4.00pm at the Little Flower Church, next to the Bribie Island State School in First Avenue. Afternoon tea and materials are provided and the program is free. First session starts on Tuesday, 12 February. For further information contact Carmel on 5497 6686 or Eileen on 3408 3601.

1800MUMMYS offers practical help and support to parents/carers in your home. The purpose of this service is to reduce the everyday stress and pressure that is placed on the family unit. Many families today do not have access to a family network to support them. The establishment of this service and the "House of Healing Legacy" charity was inspired by the book and the movie "Patch Adams". Certified and experienced staff to help families balance everyday activities, work, school and play. For further information telephone Valerie on 3408 4588 or 0427 485 970.

FOOTWORKS DANCE ACADEMY

Ages 2½ years through to adults. Classes include: Classical, Tap, Jazz, National, Hip Hop, Contemporary. Competitive solo and group classes. Fully equipped studios with parking (Foley Street, Bongaree and Morayfield Road, Morayfield). Qualified teachers. For further information contact Pam Lennon 3410 1006 / 0416 180 187 or Elizabeth Barritt 0416 180 185. www.footworksdance.com.au

Date Claimers

February

- Monday, 11 Parent Information Sessions
- Tuesday, 12 Parent Information Sessions
- Wednesday, 13 Parent Information Sessions
- Thursday, 7 Swimming commences Years 4-7
- Friday, 10 Swimming commences

March

- Thursday, 28 Last day of Term 1

April

- Monday, 15 First day of Term 2

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday	8.00am to 4.00pm
Friday	8.00am to 3.30pm

School office telephone	3408 5333
Student Absence Line	3408 5336