

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

Wednesday, 5 February 2014
Volume 01

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

I extend a very warm welcome to all students, parents, staff and volunteer helpers on the commencement of the 2014 school year. A very special welcome to families, staff and students who have relocated to our school and of course our beautiful 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. We have just over 1100 students who are in 45 classes.

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.

This year we enter our second year as an Independent Public School. What does this mean for our students and our families?

As an Independent Public School I have far more flexibility to utilise resources in a way that will improve outcomes for students. This enables us to:

- Provide teacher aides full time in Prep. Classes kept to maximum 25 in P-3 and 28 in Years 4 -7.
- Year 1 – 3 classes have a dedicated 2 hours 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, maths and English.
- 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 Years 1 – 7.
- Innovative delivery of speech program for identified Prep students.
- Utilisation of new reading programs to ensure the best possible reading outcomes.
- Partnering with local businesses to provide new team uniforms, academic incentives and physical resources to ensure we are able to perform at the highest level.

We are fortunate to be an Independent Public School and I look forward to the advancements this will bring in our second year.

Admin Team

Our Administration team consists of myself as Principal and I directly manage Years 6-7 plus the following:

Mr Peter Hartshorn - Year 4-5
 Mrs Marcia Hooper - Year 2-3
 Mrs Heidi Weaver - Prep- Year 1
 Mrs Kerry Jacobi - Head of Special Education Services
 Mr Brett Somerville - Head of Curriculum
 Mrs Jennifer Rolfe - Business Services Manager
 Mrs Michelle Hogan – Acting Guidance Officer.

We all look forward to welcoming you in the next few weeks and of delivering the highest possible service.

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 10

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

Tuesday February 11

5.30pm Prep Year (followed by a BBQ)
 5:45pm Year 4
 6.00pm Year 7
 6:15pm 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 and hair bands in all the girls' hair!) Reminder formal uniform is to be worn for assembly days - Tuesday Years 4– 7, Wednesday Prep – Year 1 and Thursday Years 2 /3.

To see all our children in full uniform is a great credit to parents and aligns so well with our values of Pride, Unity, Respect and Excellence. 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.

This year we see even more initiatives beginning at Banksia Beach. As well as our Concert Band and Big Band we will also have a Marching Band representing our school. Their first performance will be on ANZAC Day.

We also have a Dance Troupe who will be competing in their first eisteddfod in May. Thank you to all of our fabulous staff who give up so much time to provide so many different and interesting activities.

This weekend sees our first Triathlon. We will have 25 teams competing for Banksia Beach. Again, a wonderful effort. Please come and support our teams. All families who are competing are invited to a BBQ after in the park.

I look forward to sharing all the joys of 2014 with your family.

Regards
 Mrs Jacqui King
 Principal

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 use the turn-circle adjacent to the admin/SEU blocks. This turn-circle area is a “drop and go” area only and is not to be used for parking.

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 often classes are not in their rooms whether it be assembly, library, 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 correct as only the people you have listed will be permitted to collect your child unless previously advised by you.

Prep and lower school Parents

Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes and underwear in their school bags on a daily basis as accidents do happen. Due to hygiene and health issues, the school cannot carry a supply of underwear.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NAB AFL Auskick is running at your local club now!:

Bribie Island Junior Australian Football Club

When: First session Wednesday 19 February 2014

Time: 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Length of program: 7 weeks*

Cost: \$65

Register and pay online by Sunday 23 February, to receive 4 FREE TICKETS (2 adults & 2 children) for a selected match to see the Brisbane Lions in action at the Gabba. Further details about the ticket offer will be sent to eligible participants.

Bribie Island Bulldogs AFL sign-on

8 February 10am-3pm First Avenue

Ages Under 8s (born 2007) through to Under 16s born 1999, Seniors and Masters.

For further information please phone Kath Neilsen 0419 752 733.

Boot Camps 4 Kids After School Program

Mondays and Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm. Start up cost \$35. Unlimited classes from \$11 per week. Commence in February and get classes for \$5 per child. Contact Leanne Farrugia on 0406 209 030.

Caboolture BMX Club is holding a Come and Try day on the 9th February at the track which is located at Centenary Lakes Sport Complex. For more information telephone 5428 6233.

Footworks Dance Academy – Morayfield & Bribie Island: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Performance Group. Beginners from 3 years. Telephone 3410 1006 or www.footworksdance.com.au Enrol now for 2014 by phone or via website.

La di dah Colourstrings Music Kindergarten has been bringing awareness to the joy of music in the Moreton Bay region for over ten years. Classes run in the North Lakes area and on Bribie Island and are for children from 6 months of age to 5 years. Singing, movement, playing percussion instruments are all part of the 45 minute sessions. Classes are fun, experiential, child-centred and play-based. Class times, venues and further information can be found at www.ladidahmusic.com.au or contact sally@ladidahmusic.com.au or 3285 1628 to book a FREE TRIAL CLASS. Classes resume Monday 3rd February for classes in North Lakes and Thursday 13th February for classes in Bribie Island.

SPECIAL REQUEST

LOST CAT - Escaped his confinement the day after his move from New Zealand to Bribie Island. RECENT SIGHTING around 30 Tradewinds Drive. LOST since 8/12/13 Tradewinds Drive - Banksia Beach



Siamese X Burmese - White/cream with Light Ginger ears and a light ginger splash across his face and light ginger stripes on his tail. Blue eyes., Microchipped, No collar.

If seen, please try to coax him to you by calmly calling his name (ANU), give him a good pat and then try to pick him up and bring him inside to confine him. He'd be fine in a laundry or upside down laundry basket if you didn't want him walking around your house!! Call me to verify that it is him and I will come and pick him up. His name is Anu.

Call/sms Donna on 0457 002 666.

<https://www.facebook.com/donna.stanger.18>

I REALLY APPRECIATE all of your help!! He's loved so much and it's breaking my family's heart that he is lost.

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