Principal’s Message

P & C Meeting
The first P & C meeting for term two will take place next Tuesday (5/5/15) at 7.30pm. These meetings are a nice way to get involved in the school and meet a great group of our hardworking parents – everyone is welcome.

At this meeting Mrs Pearson will outline the new school plan which will guide us for the next three years.

Parent / Teacher Interviews
I’d like to thank both parents and staff for giving up their limited free time to allow the parent / teacher interviews to take place last night. It is a great time to find out how your kids are going and catch up with the teachers to share information.

We have 538 students at our school and 388 interviews took place yesterday (about 65%) which is great to see. Hopefully this number will continue to increase.

School Environment
We are always trying hard to improve the environment of the school. During the school holidays we had the awful dirt area between the canteen and office replaced with artificial grass which has made for a nice improvement.

We have also employed a company to add graphics to the school playground. We have a dragon number line, a spelling jump activity, 4 way hopscotch, a hundred’s chart and a road map. These graphics will be great for kids at lunchtime and also fun activities for classes.

Air conditioning will also be installed in the hall and new computer lab.

Cross Country
Just a reminder that the school cross country is meant to take place this Thursday (30/4/15). The younger students run around the school oval while the older runners also run around Darling Street Reserve.

As I write this the ground is OK for the cross country but more rain is forecast for this week and we may need to cancel or change the route. As this event is at school, if the event is cancelled, a normal school day will take place.

Don’t forget to collect sponsors for your run!

Thank you
David Leydon
Principal

Upcoming Events

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Library News

**Book Club** is due back to school (return to the library) by **Thursday 7th May**. Please remember there are no cash orders, all orders are to be submitted on-line via ‘Loop’.

**World Books** – BRPS have subscribed to World book E-books. You can read books online or download them to your device. See flyer below for all the information needed.

Thank you to the wonderful family (who wish to remain anonymous) who donated $200 to the school library for new resources for our students.

Just a reminder to parents that the Premier’s Reading Challenge is undertaken by all BRPS students as part of library. You don’t need to worry about filling anything out or reading additional books (although this is always a good idea).

Congratulations to the following students who have finished the **Premier’s Reading Challenge**:

Claire Cox, Megan Abood, Nina Furtado, Rahi Chhugani, Harrison Haladus, Olivia Topic, Olivia Lesniak, Olivia Stevens, Lucas Scott, Mackenzie Haladus, Yash Sallakonda, Jacques Murray, Alex Alizart, Jordan Burns, Alicia Bidin, Sarah Tame.

**Kids Matter**

**Rule of the Week**

Week 2 – Respect - I treat everyone equally

Week 3 – Be Safe - I wear my hat outside

Just a reminder to come and check out our parent Information wall in the library foyer. There is information on community events and ideas to help with everyday life:

- Disability Links
- Child development
- Children with disabilities
- Dealing with anxiety
- Depression
- Events within our local community
- ADD/ADHD
- Finding assistance
- Men’s health
- How to eat well

This information will change on a regular basis so make sure you keep checking in! If there is a topic that you would like information about don’t hesitate to ask. If we don’t already have it we will find it for you.

**Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2015**

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.


If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection please speak to the school principal by the end Term 2, 2015. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

**Spellcheck**

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Anzac Day

Thank you to all the families who attended our Anzac Day Assemble and sent in information about their relatives. The display looked great. Not only were children discovering aspects of their family’s history, they were learning about the Anzac spirit and bringing our BRPS community together.
On ANZAC Day, 25th April each year, we remember the brave men and women who have served our country in times of war. On ANZAC Day we show our thanks to the people who have fought for our country. It is such a special day, it has been made a holiday so families can go to the march in their towns. We can wear ANZAC badges and wave Australian flags to show how proud we are.

We Enjoy our freedom because of their sacrifice. Thankyou for being so brave
2A

We researched what ANZAC Day means using our XO's.

In groups we discussed why countries may go to war and how we can prevent war.
P&C News

Welcome back to a new term! We hope you all had a fantastic holiday and didn't get too soggy in the last few days!

Cross Country

Our first event for this term is the Cross Country Fundraiser on Thursday 30th April. Last term you received your sponsorship forms so hopefully you have started getting some donations. All money, plus the sponsorship forms, must be brought in on the day of the Cross Country. Please bring it directly to the office in the morning where the P&C helpers will be collecting it. This year, you are also able to do online donations which is great for all those Aunties and Uncles overseas or far away that might want to help you out. Instructions on how to set up online fundraising are on the information sheet that was stapled to the sponsorship form. Extra sponsorship forms are available in the office.

Mothers Day Stall

Our Mothers Day Stall will be held on Wednesday May 6th and Thursday May 7th this year. There is a large range of gifts to choose from so remember to come along and grab something special for either your Mum or Grandma.

Spare Change Challenge

This year, instead of doing the 5c Challenge, we will be doing the Spare Change Challenge! There will be a prize for the class that raises the most money and money will be collected every Wednesday in August (5th, 12th, 19th and 26th). So start saving now!

P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th May at 7:30pm in the School Staffroom. All are welcome to attend.
EASTER HAT PARADE

The last week of Term 1 we had our annual Easter hat parade. There were plenty of wonderful hats on our infants heads.

The winners of the hat parade.

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HOMEWORK CLUB

When: Every Tuesday, 3pm to 3:30pm
Where: K-2 in the learning and support room
Year 3 - 6 in the Library

Make sure you bring your homework!!!

Parents please make sure you sign your child out when leaving.
Boosting teenagers

25 Don't 'impose' your opinions. Be interested in their different ideas, even if you don't agree. If you respect your children's views, they will be more likely to respect yours.

26 Young people need space and time alone so allow your teenager to have their privacy. ... but do remember that adolescence is an emotional rollercoaster. If a teenager seems to be spending too much time alone in their room, they may be depressed or stressed. Encourage them to talk about their worries.

28 Talk with your adolescent about personal safety, like how to say “No” to anyone who suggests abusive or unsafe behaviour. Teach them about internet safety.

29 Let them know that if they get into trouble or tricky situations you will support them doing what's best.

30 Let your young person know that you are interested and available whenever they need you. No matter how independent they may seem, adolescents still need their parents' support and understanding.

Finally, how do you rate your confidence as a parent?

Remind yourself each day of all the things you have done for your family and give yourself a big pat on the back!

30 ways to boost a child's confidence

From the day they are born, children learn by watching and copying adults. They need parents to spend time with them, give them lots of encouragement, and show them how to be confident but fair. Spending time with children can remind us how to enjoy the simple pleasures of life again! Many of these tips are useful with children of all ages ... and even adults!

Boosting babies and toddlers

1 Give your baby lots of kisses and cuddles.

2 Smile and talk to them from day one.

3 Tell them you love them often.

4 Show pleasure at how your baby is developing. What can they do today that they couldn't last week?

5 Don't expect too much too soon. Look at a book on how babies generally develop - but remember that all babies are different!

6 Play with your child as much as you can. Getting down and dirty with kids can be fun!

7 Act our favourite stories with them. Children learn to speak more confidently through play-acting.

8 Take time to listen to your children. Let them try to explain what they mean before interrupting or correcting them.

9 Encourage children to try out new skills. Let them experiment doing things their own way.

10 Talk kids through the steps of doing something new, rather than doing it for them.

11 Try to 'catch' children behaving well. Instead of just saying "Well done!" tell them exactly what you liked about their behaviour. This will give them confidence to do it again.

12 When your child misbehaves, make it clear how. Let them know it's just the behaviour that needs to change but they are still OK.

13 Help young children to be proud of their work. For example, putting their artwork on the fridge.

14 Allow them to make simple choices about which clothes to wear: "This top or that?"

15 Share daily activities like clearing the table or sorting the washing. Small children like pairing up socks.

16 Try to be consistent. Children become more confident when they know what to expect and see adults following their own rules.

Boosting pre-schoolers

17 Routines help children feel safe and secure. Try to keep regular times for meals and bedtime.

18 Encourage your child to play with others but don't force them to join in. Let them watch with you until they feel more confident.

19 To help children relax before sleeping, take it in turns to remember something happy that happened during the day.

Boosting school children

20 Spend time talking together about everyday things. Have family meals together — without the TV on!

21 Everyone benefits from outdoor activities like swimming, bike riding or bush walks. Exercise helps us all to stay positive and healthy.

22 Children's self-respect grows when parents watch them perform. Try to make time to go to school sports matches and concerts.

23 Encourage children to see that mistakes and awkward moments are just part of growing up. Help them to work out what went wrong and how to put things right, like apologising.

24 Avoid arguing with your partner in front of the children. Choosing which parent to side with is upsetting and undermines children's confidence.

For more parenting information and support:
Parentline ACT  (02) 6287 3833
Parentline NSW  1300 130 052
Parentline NT  1300 301 300
Parentline QLD  1300 301 300
Parent Helpline SA  1300 364 100
Parenting Line TAS  1300 808 179
Parentline VIC  132 229
Parenting Line WA  (08) 6379 1200 (Metro)
1800 654 432 (Freecall STD)

Parenting lines provide a telephone service providing information and good ideas about caring for babies and children.

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