



BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

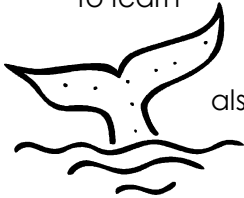
From the Principal Patrick McAuliffe

Hello Everyone

I attended my eldest daughter's graduation recently where the key note speaker talked about his 30 years in biotechnology and referred to an African saying "If you want to travel fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go in a group." Which brings me to our whale project. It was a fantastic group project, that no one could have done on their own.

To pull off such a grand spectacular act required the inspiration from Mrs Hill's teaching past, small teams working together, large groups suspending the whale above their heads so that it could be hung up. Problem solving when things went wrong. Lots of measuring, cleaning and taping.

This has been a great activity! The whole school has been amazed by the size of our Blue Whale. It is a project that everyone should have a go at just to achieve something great, something huge, something that is a fantastic team effort and to learn about the biggest thing that has ever lived on our planet.



So, as a group we went farther than any of us could go alone. We also went farther than all the schools in Australia and New Zealand because we won the National Geographic TV Blue Whale competition! The prize money is \$10 000!

NEXT P&C MEETING IS NEXT TUESDAY 7th April – 6.30pm in the staffroom.

REMINDER – WE DO NOT HAVE EFPOS OR CREDIT CARD FACILITIES AVAILABLE

PLEASE SEND CASH OR CHEQUES TO PAY FOR EXCURSIONS ETC

REMINDER - +Pencil Grips for Sale!!!! Years 1 and 2 students- please get one

A Good pencil grip is one of the first steps to developing good handwriting skills. As a parent you can help your child to develop good pencil grip. Correct pencil grip will allow your child to write quickly and smoothly, while a tight or incorrect grip can hinder writing. To help your child get into good habits it would help them tremendously if you could get them a pencil grip that they put on their lead pencil. Available for sale from the library, cost \$3.40 and can be used over and over again. To get one your child/you needs to come to the library with the money and one can be purchased at that time. Please label it with a pen straight away. It will make good handwriting and letter formation that much easier.

At home you can improve your child's fine motor skills through various writing activities or through other fun activities which involve movement of fingers (like playing with play dough), colouring and using pegs. Please help them with this – it will make a big difference to how they cope at school in general. See you at the library with your \$3.40!!! Mrs Jeston- Support Teacher

ICAS Competitions - must be in by **Wednesday 8 April** - forms available from the office foyer.



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DENTAL VAN IS HERE. We need your Permission forms returned ASAP.



SPECIAL SPORTS DAYS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

*WINTER SPORT STARTS FRIDAY 1ST MAY – NETBALL & SOCCER – NOTES
OUT SOON!*

CROSS COUNTRY – 6TH MAY

SPORTS DAY – 29TH JULY 2009 – SAVE THIS DATE!

There will be no newsletter next week – HAPPY EASTER to everyone – keep safe!

**SCHOOL WATCH – 13 17 88 – ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS PLEASE PHONE
THIS NUMBER!**

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS – Meredith Kelly

This Saturday is the **Sandgate Village Fair**. Our Senior choir are performing at 11.35 so please come along and support the girls. Look for the stage in the carpark (near the lagoon area.)

Dress for those involved is long black trousers, Black shoes, black/dark socks and music shirts (These I will be handing out at school on Friday)

Our year 7 instrumental students have the opportunity to audition for the Northside Honours Instrumental Music Camp. I have handed out Information sheets and a "permission to audition form". I require those forms back at school by this Friday (tomorrow).

Well done to the six yr 5 instrumental students who have entered band already! Their consistent homework practice routines and enthusiastic attitudes are paying off!

DATES COMING UP



MONSTER TRUCK VISIT – Monday 6th April from 12noon

Brighton State School will also be pre-selling the tickets to the **BIG MONSTOR TRUCK SPECTACULAR SHOW on Friday 24th April at 7pm – PINE RIVERS SHOWGROUNDS**. For every ticket sold the School receives 20%! So please consider us when purchasing your tickets. Adults \$25, Children (4-14) \$15, Children under 3 FREE, Family pass – (2 adults, 2 children) only \$50.

PREP to YEAR 3 SPECIAL CLOWN DAY – Wednesday 8th April 2009 – please return your permission forms.

YEAR 4-7 REWARD DAY – Thursday 9th April

THURSDAY 9TH APRIL LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – SCHOOL RESUMES ON
TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 2009

ANZAC DAY – 24TH APRIL AT 10AM



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P&C FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS & REMINDERS

Easter Raffle - The raffle will be drawn at school parade on Monday 6th April. Don't miss out on the fantastic prizes.



MOTHERS DAY STALL IS COMING! Donations can be left in the box in the Office foyer – thank you to the families who have donated such lovely gifts.

Community News

Wake Up & Shape Up - Aerobic exercise: In reality, there is no best exercise to burn fat, because it's more of an issue related to sufficient intensity and consistency that helps to speed the metabolism. However, all things being equal, there are certain cardiovascular exercises that seem to get the job done quicker and with more efficiency than others. Jogging, Steps (up and down), cycling, Aerobic classes. The more aerobic an exercise is, the greater effect it will have on your cardiovascular fitness and metabolism - and ultimately your percentage of body fat. Would like to know more? Call Peter on 0448695585.

St Kieran's Parish Sacramental Program 2009 – Enrolments are now being taken for the Sacramental Program in preparation for the receiving of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. If you would like your child/children to be enrolled in the program please contact Ann Lugsden 3602 5027 or pick up an enrolment form from the office at St.Kieran's school.

The next **Discussion in the Pub** will be held next Tuesday 7th April from 7pm – 9pm at the **Full Moon Hotel**, in the Sandgate Room. The topic of this discussion is 'Deciphering the Code & Negotiating the Maze', and it is being planned by the SANDBAG Child Support Advocacy Group, who are concerned with the way that changes in Child Support legislation, Centrelink, and family law are impacting on families. Babysitting will be available on the night but must be pre-booked by Friday 3rd April by contacting Paula on 3869 3244. There will be a lucky door prize of a massage for one lucky person attending this event.

