



BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

23rd April 2009

Vic Bush Fire Fundraiser at Brighton

On Thursday 2nd April, the student council at Brighton State School held a fundraiser for the Victorian bush fire victims. The students had to wear something 'red, yellow or orange'. The money raised will go directly towards the Red Cross for the bush fire victims as well as the wildlife which were affected by the tragedy. The school pet 'Fruit loops', a Rainbow Lorikeet, was part of the inspiration for this fundraiser.

In total **\$282.70** was raised which was a great effort by all.

Ashlee and Allen, Student Councillors

From the Principal Patrick McAuliffe

Hello Everyone

Welcome back to school for term two. This week we have our school's ANZAC ceremony on Friday at 10 am in the hall. We have also been invited to march in the ANZAC Day Parade at Sandgate on Saturday morning. Meet at 8.45am outside the RSL in Sandgate, the march begins at 9am, marching to ANZAC PARK (parents may take children at the end of the march).

We hope that the older children will stay for the service, which finishes at 10.30am. Our student councillors will be laying a wreath at the service.

What to bring....

Please wear your school uniform, Bring a hat and a Bottle of water

The School Pride Program has been announced. We have had three projects approved, a new entry and path to the hall, electronic white boards in all classrooms and new furniture for some classrooms. All up that is about \$150 000.

The next round of the Building the Education Revolution for us will be the 6th of June. The covered walkway to Prep is nearly finished, only the hand rails to go!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS – Meredith Kelly

Due to the Anzac Ceremony at school this Friday 24th, there will be a band rehearsal starting at 8.30am. in the hall. If the children could please be at school at 8am to help set up chairs and music stands in the hall it would be greatly appreciated.

Dress is

- Long black trousers(not ski pants for the girls) ,
- black shoes and black socks.

Music shirts will be handed out at 8.30. Come to school in your performance clothes and the children can change back into their school uniform after the ANZAC ceremony finishes.

Camp Year 5,6,7 – 26-28th August - parents are welcome to start paying off their child's camp. Please put your money into an envelope marked clearly – into the RED BOX in the office foyer.

All excursions can be paid in this way – if it helps you to budget please make use of this as long as it is paid in full before the cut off date. Money won't be accepted after the cut off date.



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BOP (our Brighton Options Program) is coming up later this term. Tuesday 26 May will be our BOP day. Students in years 1 – 7 will choose from a selection of activities, as well as taking part in a fabulous Hands on Science activity on that day. Activities last year included maths challenges; chess tournaments; divergent thinking; personal grooming and construction. Some of you might remember the fabulous cardboard castle that Mr McAuliffe made with students during BOP last year. Notes detailing activity choices for this year will come home soon!

Chess Club - Don't forget, Chess Club is held on Monday after school until 3:45pm in the library. Our newest players have started to play "real games" and our more experienced players are honing their skills. Adults who know how to play and would like to come along to mentor our junior players would be most welcome. Please contact Mrs Wendy Calvert ph 3631 9132 if you are interested.

KERRY'S CORNER - Brighton's Support Teacher

Smith Family Reading

If you put your child's name forward for this program then the buddy reader should begin calling your child as of next week. Remember these are lovely high school students who are giving up their time – so, let's try to work together. Any problems please see me on Monday, Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Speech Language Pathologist

We have a visiting Speech Language Pathologist who comes to Brighton 3 to 4 days a term. There is a long list of referrals. But if you have any concerns please let your teacher know, we can do a referral and put them on a waiting list. Cases are prioritised and usually students are assessed and a home program that you can do is provided. If you have concerns please see your teacher.

Year 6/7 Support

This term students identified for support through the Year 5 test will be supported all term to develop and improve their literacy skills. This will start this week and be completed by a teacher.

Year 3 Support

Students who were identified for support in the Year 2 net will be supported to develop their Mathematical and literacy skills this term. A teacher will be implementing this support.

Referrals

Are you really concerned about your child's progress and learning? Have they been referred to the Guidance Officer before? If the answer is no- please see your teacher- discuss your concerns. A referral can be made and decisions made about appropriate action!

P&C FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS & REMINDERS

MOTHERS DAY STALL IS COMING! More details soon..... Thanks so much for the donations, our box is getting full, but there is still time to donate – so please help make this Mothers Day special for everyone. Donations can be left in the box in the Office foyer.

Winners of the EASTER RAFFLE – 1st Prize R.Johnson, 2nd Prize – L.Thompson 3rd Prize – L Morse All the winners were relatives of school children at Brighton – isn't that fantastic!

NEXT P&C MEETING IS NEXT TUESDAY 28th 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



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REMINDER - Pencil Grips for Sale!!!! Years 1 & 2 students- AVAILABLE FROM THE LIBRARY NOW! cost \$3.40

Head Lice

Did you see A Current Affair on Monday night? There was a big story on head lice. The experts were saying that to rid your child of lice is a time consuming practice but if everyone does it properly then it helps the whole school community. What to do- treat your child's hair and then treat it again in the appropriate suggested time frame. The IMPORTANT thing to do is to put a lot of inexpensive conditioner in the hair and comb with a fine nit comb until the eggs are all out- this step is vital. If the eggs stay then there will be a reinfestation. Once this is under control check your child's hair weekly.

Reminder - TUCKSHOP DAYS - MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Upcoming Dates

Monster Trucks this Friday night, 24th April at the Pine Rivers Showground's - Adults \$25, Children (4-14) \$15, Children under 3 FREE, Family pass – (2 adults, 2 children) only \$50. see Judy for tickets.

SPECIAL SPORTS DAYS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR –

Winter sport starts Friday 1st May – netball & soccer – have you returned your forms?

CROSS COUNTRY – 6TH MAY

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

Community News

STEP BACK IN TIME – WWII DANCE SPECTACULAR

Come along and listen to the Big Band music this Friday night at Einbunpin Lagoon Reserve for a special free concert in the park. For a few hours from 6.30pm on the eve of ANZAC Day, the rotunda at Einbunpin Lagoon will come alive to the tunes of Glenn Miller, Vera Lynn and all your favourite wartime melodies. Part of the Brisbane City Council's entertainment program, with funding from the Council's Suburban Initiative Fund, this concert promises to be a very special ANZAC eve concert. It will feature the South Brisbane Federal Band conducted by Marieka Gray and special guests the Andrews Sisters Tribute Band. The Glenn Miller Orchestra Tribute Band will provide the musical backing for the three vocalists that comprise the Andrews Sisters Tribute Band.

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN ACT? - shake & stir theatre co's drama classes are back in TERM TWO at **BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL HALL** every Monday afternoon for Prep - 7. Only a few places remain! Call the office now on 3358 6025 to arrange your child's **NO OBLIGATION TRIAL LESSON**. Classes are a perfect way to further your child's confidence, dramatic interest or just to get them ACT-ive. Jump onto

www.shakeandstir.com.au for more info