



# 20th August 2009

## Review of Responsible Behaviour Policy

We are currently undertaking a review of our Responsible Behaviour Policy. While much of the policy will remain the same, we are considering some changes and additions. Education Queensland requires the inclusion of a policy regarding mobile phones and electronic devices at school as well as a policy for cyber bullying.

As well we are modifying our anti-bullying framework to ensure that our policy clearly outlines our school approach. Our framework includes procedures and strategies that students and parents can use to deal with bullying.

An integral facet of our Responsible Behaviour Policy is the explicit teaching of expected behaviours. Classroom teachers are working with children at the moment to help them determine the difference between "Bothering OR Bullying". Sometimes children use the term "bullying" for one-off incidents that may occur in the playground. Bullying is usually persistent wilful behaviour. We encourage children to talk with an adult (their teacher, other members of staff, our Chaplain Rachel, their parents) if they are concerned or upset by the behaviour of others. If you have concerns please talk to us. It is difficult for us to deal with issues if we do not know about them.

We are also developing an extension of our behaviour level system to include levels of achievement and rewards for children who exhibit exemplary behaviour through the term.

The draft of the updated policy was presented at the P&C meeting this week and is available for perusal at the Office. If you have comments or questions regarding the draft policy you are welcome to discuss it with Pat, or any member of staff, or to attend the next P&C meeting.



# BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

### **From the Principal Patrick McAuliffe**

Hello Everyone

News

I am not in the school this week, but while I am away MRS LOUISE HILL our Year 6/7 teacher is relieving in my position.

Solar Schools programme we have had 330 fluros replaced with HI OUTPUT super efficient tubes. All the classrooms look brighter and are using less power.

#### **District Sports**

Congratulations to all of our competitors who put in their best efforts over the two days of the competition. Our sporting district is one of the bigger ones representing about 2000 kids per age group which means that just competing there places you in the top 50 or so in the district.

#### **Songs by the Sea**

Our kids had a great time with one of Australia's best composers. Paul Jarman. Paul has composed music for some of Australia's most unique events including the Centenary of Federations, the Bicentenary, of the Battle of Vinegar Hill, and Year of the Outback, The Olympic Arts Festival, The Rugby World Cup and the Australia Day Spectacular. This was funded largely by a Q150 grant and school contributions.

Immersing kids in this musical experience for a day highlights both the strength of our music programmes in Queensland schools and gives the kids the chance to work with an expert in music education.

#### **Summer schools preparation underway**

Summer schools for Years 5, 6 and 7 students who require additional literacy and numeracy support form part of the government's three-year *Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan*. The pilot summer schools will run from September 28 to October 2, providing additional teaching to invited students to develop their literacy and numeracy skills. A number of students have been identified and invitations to the Summer School will be mailed home.

#### **[NAPLAN 2008 outcomes to be published on a school-by-school basis](#)**

The 2008 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests were published on the [Queensland Studies Authority website](#) and in the Courier Mail last week. The data released details individual results for all Queensland schools in relation to the national average. The results followed post code and tell you more about the socio-economic distribution in a suburb than the work done in a school. Rich city suburbs do very well and poor remote areas do badly. Our area has an even spread and as external tests have shown, we have kids from the bottom of the scale up to the top 2% of students in the state, all doing their personal best.

#### **2009 SCHOOL SURVEYS ARE COMING**

Randomly selected families will be sent home the 2009 SCHOOL SURVEY. We ask you to fill in this confidential survey and return it to the school office ASAP. They will be sent home on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August.



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### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER** by Rachael Bhatnagar

Next week, 26th - 28th August, I will be away on the schools Yr 5 & 6 camp up at Mapleton. I am really looking forward to spending these days with the kids and getting to know them better through the camp. I know it will be lots of fun! And there is nothing like building great relationships with kids then on a camp.

**Cupcake Day is on Thursday, 27th August.** Our Preps to Year 4s are invited to make a batch of six cupcakes decorated like little animals to enter into our Cupcake Critters Competition. Children can also bring along \$1 to buy a cupcake for afternoon tea. All money raised will go to the RSPCA.

### **DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR**

FATHER'S DAY STALL – 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER – more news soon!

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – 10<sup>th</sup> September

### **SCHOOL DISCO – 11<sup>th</sup> September – more news soon**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START – 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER – SCHOOL RESUMES

PUPIL FREE DAY – 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

TRIVIA NIGHT – 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

**HAVE YOU ENROLLED YOUR CHILD FOR PREP 2010 – WE WOULD LOVE YOUR ENROLMENT FORMS ASAP!**

**POP UP AND SEE JUDY OR JEANITA AT THE OFFICE.**

**FATHERS DAY IS COMING** - The P&C are holding a Father's Day Stall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. But we need your help. We are kindly seeking donations for this occasion so that each child can purchase a gift for their father. Please place all donations in the box in the office foyer ASAP.

## **Book Week 2009**

We're celebrating Book Week at Brighton during the week August 31 -Sept 4.

The theme this year is *A Book Safari*.

Our library will be an even more exciting place during that week. Watch out for special displays.

With today's newsletter is a note to parents about our character dress up parade which will be held Wednesday 2 Sept.

We look forward to sharing Book Week with you.

### **MUSIC MESSAGES**

\*\*\* JUNIOR CHOIR UPDATE - Junior choir will be back in term 4 at first break on Wednesday.

\*\*\* Also there have been so many distractions during this term but band rehearsal will be on Tuesday morning as normal; so all hands on deck.

**JUNIOR MUSIC CAMP** - ACCEPTANCES to the Junior music camp were handed out today to year 5 children. Please read the information booklet carefully before filling in the medical details and giving your child's T-shirt size. Next week information will be given to year 4 children who are interested in being next years beginner instrumentalists! Please check your child's bag for this important note.

