



BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

29 January 2009

From the Principal Patrick McAuliffe

Welcome back to the new school year and a big welcome to all our new families. We have had it all for the start of school, rain, heat, wet weather lunch time, stifling humidity and in spite of all this the kids have settled in very well.

Our school population looks stable at around 320 kids so we don't expect to have any changes to our classes when we submit our day 8 numbers.

Ms Green joins us as a new teacher for Year One, Mrs Meg Pustolla has returned to Year 3 sharing the class with Mrs Kathy Haer on 3HP. Meg will be working Thursday and Friday. Mrs Joyce Dawe has taken 6 months Long Service Leave. Ms Angela Ray is back with us on Year 2R and Mrs Kerry Jeston has returned as our Learning Support Teacher.

Exciting news...

we have a new/secondhand tractor, the old one wanted to retire after 60 years of working for the school!

Here's some news from the end of 2008 that arrived too late for the newsletter.

The P&C's Q150 Celebration Grant application was successful. We will get \$10 000 for a Walkway and Bush tucker Garden - planted out with Queensland natives and plants indigenous to the Brighton Wetlands.

The year 7's came second (state wide) in the Suncorp SunWise Smart Moves Challenge and won a Shane Webcke signed football and a pop up shade tent.

We will receive \$1200 from TELSTRA for our music program.

NEW CHAPLAIN – RACHAEL BHATNAGAR

Hi, my name is Rachael and I am the new school Chaplain here at Brighton State School. My basic role as the Chaplain is to support and care for the school community. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and to start building great relationships with the community. Brighton State School is a great school. I did my primary schooling here. It is great to see some familiar faces. I am glad to be back and look forward to being the Chaplain here. I will be at the school on Tuesday's and Friday's and the Chaplains room is located under the office. Please note that in order for your child to access the Chaplaincy Service, you will need to complete the form with today's newsletter. Please fill this in and return it to the office. Look forward to meeting you soon. Rachel (Chaplain Tuesday, Friday)



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SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY – MORE INFO SOON

Education Tax Refund – for more information check out the Australian Taxation Office web site. www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

Walking School Bus

The Brighton State School WSB will start up again next week. The Lascelles St group will start up on Monday morning 2nd Feb, & the North Rd group will begin on Friday 6th Feb. If you'd like information about the WSB, please ring Cecilia on 3869 2581.

Welcome to 2009! Instrumental News from Meredith Kelly

On Tuesday I saw all our Instrumental students – beginner and continuing, to hand out timetables and touch base in preparation for their lessons next week.

*Concert Band rehearsal will begin in week 2. Music has been handed out already so the children can make a headstart on that practice.

*Our beginner students start their year with a full day music workshop in week 3 called 'KICKSTART'. This is an excellent opportunity for your beginner student to learn how to care for their instrument, assemble it, and play their first notes.

Nomination forms have been given out, and these must be returned by next Wednesday 4th February. Please get these forms back ASAP as without the medical/nomination form your child cannot attend.

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT – TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY

5.30pm to 7pm

**We will notify classes of times in next week's
newsletter.**

Followed by P&C AGM - 7pm in the staffroom

ARTS COUNCIL PERFORMANCE - SPEAK UP - 2ND MARCH

\$6 PER CHILD

ENVELOPES OUT NEXT WEEK



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MESSAGES FROM SONYA Uniform Shop Volunteer Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP – YOUR HELP NEEDED

Would you have some spare time to help with the Uniform Shop? Please come and see me (Sonya) Wednesday 8.30 to 9.30 to discuss when you may be available. It would be great to open from 2.30 to 3pm, 3 times per week, and 8.30 to 9.30pm, 3 times per week. If you could help that would be great. My email address is sonny_dcarlson@optusnet.com.au if you have any questions.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS SHOP – If you have good quality uniforms you would like to sell please come up on Friday mornings at the Uniform Shop outside the Office foyer from 9 to 9.30am or leave them at the office with your name and phone number and I will get back to you.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MUSICAL – are you interested in getting involved in this fantastic event? If you have any experience in entertainment, stage, dance, drama, yoga, karate, or just would like to help please come to the planning meeting on Thursday 19th February from 2.30pm in the staffroom or email me on sonny_dcarlson@optusnet.com.au

Have you seen our website?

Check it out at www.brightonss.eq.edu.au

SCHOOL BANKING STARTING NEXT WEEK - thanks to our fabulous volunteer Janet Taylor student banking will start next week. Please put your child's banking in the PINK BOX inside the office door on Wednesday ready for THURSDAY BANKING.

JABIRU NEWS

Therese is leaving this week after 6 years at Brighton Primary School. We are having a going away party this Friday 30th January around 4:00pm, we would love all past and present families to join in on saying a big thank you and goodbye to Therese, she will definitely be missed.

TERM 1 – Tuesday 27th January to 9th April
18th September

TERM 3 – Tuesday 14th July to

TERM 2 – Tuesday 21st April to 26th June
to Friday 11th December

TERM 4 – Monday 5th October