



BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

12 March 2009

From the Principal Patrick McAuliffe

Hello Everyone

The Australian Government's Building the Education Revolution has generated much enthusiasm in Queensland schools since its announcement on 3 February. The Australian Government has provided further information about the program, including details of the key elements, how the funding will be allocated, indicative amounts and key implementation time frames. We were placed in stage 2 with funding of \$600 000. I have raised the issue of our funding being less than the indicated amount with District and Head Office.

We have been advised to "disregard the budget details", get to know the new guidelines and we have been assured that there will be consultation in the coming weeks to finalise the scope of works. Our P&C is working very hard to ensure that we make full use of this building programme.

From the Principal's Report to the P&C – Tuesday 10th March

- High School visits to the year 6 and 7 classes are due in Term 2, second week.
- Dental Van will be here from Friday 20th March
- Woollies Grant for \$5000 is up for grabs again – anyone interested in helping with the submission should contact Pat. Applications need to be in by 6th April.
- Prep walkway to school is due to start next week.
- Student Leaders presentation took place last Wednesday.
- Student Council fundraisers for the year will be co-ordinated by Rachael our Chaplain.
- Pass Australia and BRSHS are providing an activity programme for us on Thursday.

ICAS Competitions from Miss Amanda Roberts.

Recently a note was sent home regarding the ICAS competitions for 2009. The ICAS competitions are run by the University of NSW and cover the subjects of Maths, English, Writing, Spelling, Science and Computer Skills. They are independent of our usual school based and statewide assessments, but can provide useful information as to how your child compares against other children in the same year level across the country. They are not compulsory. If you missed the information, copies of the original note are available at the office. If you wish for your child to participate, please return the permission slip (attached to the original note) and entry fee by **Wednesday 8 April**.

CHESS CLUB HAS STARTED -Monday from 3 - 3:45pm

DENTAL VAN IS COMING TO BRIGHTON on Friday 20th March. We need your Permission forms returned ASAP.



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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS – from Meredith Kelly

Thanks to all those parents who help organize their child on a Tuesday morning so band rehearsal can start on time and proceed smoothly. **Now** all I'd like to work on is that when the children do turn up on time with their instruments that they have their music! Almost half the children at this weeks' rehearsal had left their music at home, and I am not always able to hand out extra copies to people to look on for the day.



On Saturday 4th April the senior choir have been invited to perform at the **Sandgate Village Fair**. This will be a great family day with lots of prizes food and games. I handed out notes to the choir this week asking for a reply ASAP so I know the numbers I can expect on the day. I hope to see all children there on the day so we can dazzle them in our lovely music shirts!

Just a reminder to **all** instrumental students that you must take all instruments home with you at the end of Tuesday. It is not safe to leave those valuable instruments lying around and even worse, it tells me that there is no practise going on at home if the instrument stays at school!!



P&C FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS

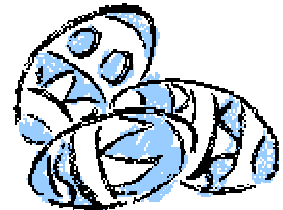
Easter Raffle – The P & C are holding an Easter Raffle, tickets are \$1 each. A book of 5 tickets will be sent home with each child with today's newsletter. Money and any unsold tickets are to be returned to the office Black Box by Monday 30th March. The raffle will be drawn at school parade on Monday 6th April.

PRIZES

1st Prize – 2 x Jetstar Flights valued \$1000 with egg

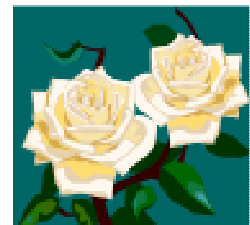
2nd Prize – Easter Egg Hamper /\$40 Beauty Voucher

3rd Prize – Easter Egg Hamper



MOTHERS DAY STALL IS COMING!

The P & C will be holding a Mothers Day stall in May. But we need your help. We are kindly seeking donations for this occasion so that each child can purchase a gift for their mother. Please place all donations in the box in the office foyer by 17th April. Thank You.



New Newsletters are coming – sorry if you have been receiving the blank copies.....stay tuned!



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Collect4schools

If you're planning holidays this year, or you have family and friends that are, make sure you keep your boarding passes.

Jetstar is running a promotion to benefit schools where every 25 boarding passes collected can be submitted for one return domestic flight and 50 boarding passes for two return domestic flights.

Schools receiving Jetstar flight vouchers might choose to raffle them off for a fundraiser, donate tickets to a family in need, or provide the flights to students competing at interstate school events.

All boarding passes must show travel taken between 19 February, 2009 and 19 May, 2009. The promotion runs until 19 May, 2009 or until the total pool of \$100,000 runs out, whichever is earlier. If you want to find out more, visit jetstar.com/collect4schools.

Please put all Jetstar boarding passes to the BLACK P&C BOX in the BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL office foyer.



BOOKCLUB

Closing date - Monday the 16th March 2009.

Lost – gold signet ring – lost on the back of the top oval near soccer goals. Yummy reward from tuckshop if found – please return it to the office or contact Ashlee in 6/7H.



JUSTYNE'S FRIDAY SPECIAL

Pasta Carbonara - \$5 - YUMMY!

We would love your help in the tuckshop
– please return your helper form handed out in last week's newsletter or pop in and see Justyne.

TUCKSHOP DAYS - MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Community News

Health & Fitness – WAKE UP & SHAPE UP! - Make sure you eat enough! A common mistake among dieters is taking in too few calories. This adversely affects the metabolism. In essence, by following an overly restrictive diet, you lower your body's ability to burn even the reduced amount of calories you are taking in. When you deprive yourself of calories, your body thinks it's in starvation mode and your metabolism will slow to conserve the calories you do have. Would like to know more? Call Peter on 0448695585.

Kazza's Nails & Luxury Pedi Spa - Would you like the whole pampered experience? Come on down and Bling up those nails. Have a Manicure, Pedicure, even a Massage. All with a cuppa and a chat - 8 Queens Parade, Brighton. All Welcome.