



BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

From the Principal Patrick McAuliffe

Hello Everyone

The Bayside Star is running a paid advertisement called "Meet the Principal". I have not participated in this because I would rather spend the couple hundred dollars on the school, sports equipment, classroom or activities for the kids. I believe that the best PR is that done by satisfied parents, so if we can keep our funds focused on the kids and their classrooms, I hope that you'll be happy to tell everyone about it! However if you like PR statements, here's one a PR student put together for me last year:

Patrick McAuliffe, or Pat as he is better known, has been the principal of Brighton State School since 1995. During his time at the school Pat has built on its good name. Pat is well respected by staff and parents for his hands-on approach to primary education and amicable manner.

As principal, Pat is the facilitator for the staff and mentor for the students. "My position involves supporting teachers in their daily work, actioning Education Queensland's policy, balancing budgets, consulting with parents, and helping kids do their best," Mr McAuliffe says. Pat believes the best thing about Brighton State School is the team work. "The best part about working at Brighton is the cooperation and 'have a go attitude'. Kids and teachers are prepared to give anything a try and are willing to go the extra mile to make things work," he exclaims.

Pat's passion for education extends beyond the school grounds. When asked what his hobbies are Pat responds, "I rock climb, canoe, body surf, jog, ride a unicycle, brew beer, read lots, surf the web for interesting things, Google Earth places I've been, and spend lots of time with my wife and kids."

Blue Whale Competition - Many thanks to the Virtue family who brought this competition to our attention. At stake are prizes up to \$10 000, even if we are not among the winners, we will have had a great time! After much procrastination we decided to "bite off more than we chew and chew like crazy!" We thought that we could build a life sized Blue Whale and we are about 80% there. The photos will be on the web site next week and if all goes well, we'll have it ready for Monday's parade (maybe, perhaps!).

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEX LANGLEY who has been selected in the Bramble Bay District AFL team for 2009. Alex will be competing in the Met North Championships on Wed 22 and Thurs 23 April. Well done Alex.

ICAS Competitions - 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**.

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



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JUSTYNE'S FRIDAY SPECIAL

Italian Meatballs - \$5 - YUMMY!

We would love your help in the tuckshop - helpers still needed!

TUCKSHOP DAYS - MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

PREP to YEAR 3 SPECIAL CLOWN DAY – Wednesday 8th April 2009 – letters were sent home last week – please return the permission form and send along \$3 per child to the RED BOX at the Office. Families are welcome to bring younger brothers and sisters; all we ask is a silver coin donation on the day.

NEW NEWSLETTERS HAVE ARRIVED! Thank you to all the new companies who have advertised this year. Families please turn over the newsletter and have a look! We have quite a few new companies so please show them your support. Don't forget to tell them where you're from! Special thank you to past parent Bob Nilsson and Rulerprint for coordinating and printing them for us.

P&C FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS & REMINDERS

MONSTOR TRUCKS ARE COMING TO BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL – MONDAY 6TH APRIL

all children will get to see a HUGE MONSTER TRUCK demonstration. From 12noon on Monday 6th April on the Oval – come along to hear about and see the Monster Trucks. There will be two sessions of approximately 45 minute sessions. – more information about this soon.

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. More information about this next week.

Easter Raffle - 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.



MOTHERS DAY STALL IS COMING!

If you would like to help by donating something special please put your donations into the beautiful box in the office foyer. Thanks to the families who have already donated – you're very kind.



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ARE YOU TRAVELLING JETSTAR????

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.

All boarding passes must show travel taken between 19 February, 2009 and 19 May, 2009.

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

Community News

For Sale - Older style upright freezer \$50, 5 drawer Works well, great spare for the garage - Ph 3869 0695

Brighton Soccer Club. It seems there are still vacancies for boys and girls that turn 5 by the end of March this year and for boys and girls turning 6 this year. They can call me on 0438 375 735. It would be great if you could help out.

shake & stir theatre co's after school drama classes!

Classes are now open to Prep - grade 3 every MONDAY afternoon at Brighton State School Hall. A few spaces are still available for grades 4 - 7. Get active, get confident, get into shake & stir's drama classes!

Call 3358 6025 or jump onto www.shakeandstir.com.au for more info or to enroll your child today!

SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL - Do you have a student commencing Year 8 in 2010?

OPEN NIGHT 2009 Tues 12 May - Performance Hall Braun St Deagon - Visit our school, speak to teachers, experience faculty displays, see our facilities, interact with students and meet our principal.

Wake Up & Shape Up - Eat smaller meals more frequently. You raise your metabolic rate every time you eat, so eating more frequently gives you a metabolic boost more often. Sometimes it's not what you eat but how you eat it that affects your weight. In the case of metabolism management, it's wise to have more tiny meals scattered throughout the day, since eating one huge meal will slow your system. Would like to know more? Call Peter on 0448695585.