



# BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

# 5th March 2009

To celebrate Valentine's Day, the Year 6's and 7's recently wrote poems about their favourite things. It's pretty obvious what Greg's passion is!!

### *How I Love Thee: My Laptop*

*By Greg Simpson*

*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways...*

*I love thee more than a free Broadband installation and more than a six-month CookieSafe Internet Security subscription.*

*I love thee when you bring up Microsoft Word without crashing and when you don't freeze and jam when I try to download an attachment.*

*I love thee when you don't wipe my CDs when I try to upload them using Windows Media Player and when you don't go and send all the documents I spent hours doing last night for homework to the Recycle Bin.*

*I love the way you don't crash when I try to install "Caesar 3: The Curse Awakens" and when you don't whir and your lights blink and you throw a 'hissy fit' of sorts when I try to upload a video to YouTube.*

*I hope I never open your lid and discover someone has put a magnet near your screen and all your memory has been wiped.*

*I love thee forever, my sometimes-not-so reliable laptop.*



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

Hello Everyone

Many thanks to all the wonderful people who have offered help to clean up the graffiti. We have painters here finishing one of the Prep buildings and Q Build has made an allowance for them to stay on and paint over the vandalism.

Cleaning up the better brick will be a little harder as we don't want to paint it. Once we start painting better we will have to repaint every 7 or so years, so we don't want to get into that cycle until we have to.

The police have photographed each block and have good information on which they can act.

On a brighter note, our Leadership Parade went well. The kids did a great job on the day and were an absolute credit to us. We had representatives from Wayne Swan's and Vicky Darling's offices and Victoria Newton made time to talk to the classes before her round of meetings. The band played well. It is particularly hard for the band to perform at this time of the year when they have lost the more experienced kids to high school.

### **Chaplain News from Rachel Bhatnagar – Brighton Tuesday and Friday**

#### ***What is a Chaplain?***

Working alongside other caring professionals, SU Qld Chaplains care for young people's spiritual and emotional needs through pastoral care, activity programs, community outreach and adventure-based learning.

Most importantly, SU Qld Chaplains provide a personal point of contact, care and support for students, teachers and their families within their schools.

#### ***Who is SU Qld?***

As the premier Chaplaincy employing authority working in Queensland schools, SU Qld (Scripture Union Qld) is the first choice for communities wishing to place Chaplains in their local schools. SU Qld provides employment, training and support for all Chaplains.

#### ***Chaplaincy Funding...***

At the moment the Chaplain in this school is funded by the Federal Government. However, this funding does not include finances for resources, programs, camp subsidies and other Chaplaincy requirements. For this, the Chaplaincy service relies on support and donations from local businesses, churches and individuals.

Some of the above information is from [www.suqld.org.au](http://www.suqld.org.au)

**NEW DISCO DATE** –tomorrow night Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009 COME FOR DINNER – hamburgers and sausage sizzle for sale, drinks, chips etc too! It will be fun!

**CHESS CLUB HAS STARTED** -Mondays from 3 - 3:45pm.

**DENTAL VAN IS COMING TO BRIGHTON soon! - We need your Permission forms returned ASAP.**

**We need your help again...  
JETSTAR BOARDING PASSES – PLEASE SEND THEM TO  
THE OFFICE**



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### **Physical Education News from Gail Singleton**

The years 4-7 are currently participating in a unit of Net/Court Games, whilst the Prep - Year 3 are working on developing Motor Skills.

In the last few weeks of this term the Year 7 students will be investigating the use of the new fitness machines that we gained at the end of last year.

### **Fitness News from Gail Singleton**

At the end of last year, our school was granted money through a Gaming Grant. We were allocated a number of fantastic gym machines. We have treadmills, stepping machines, exercise bikes and rowing machines.

When the weather cools down or we are allocated some funding to cool the shed down we will be able to use these machines. Time will be allocated before or after school for parents to come in and use these fitness machines.

A survey form will appear in a future newsletter to determine how many parents may be interested in using our gym equipment and what times or days suit them. So keep a morning or afternoon free to come up and use over new gym equipment when the weather cools down.

### **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

In order to conform to Queensland Health guidelines and State legislation the following procedures have been adopted by our school, when administering medication to students.



**ALL medication that is to be dispensed at school must be in a container that has a pharmacist's label on it. The label must have the child's name, the name and dosage of the medication and a recent date. While we prefer the original packaging, you can ask the pharmacist to place a duplicate label on your own small container. Altered labels are not acceptable. School staff members are unable to dispense medication that is not suitably labelled. The child's parent/guardian is required to complete and sign a form, 'Medication during School Hours', requesting that we administer the medicine. This is available from the Library or on the website**

**<http://www.brightonss.eq.edu.au/pdf/Forms/MedicationForm.pdf>**

Under legislation we are not allowed to dispense non-prescription medicine such as Panadol/paracetamol medication or cough medicines, etc. unless these are prescribed by your doctor and have a pharmacy label on them in your child's name.

We are only allowed to administer medication prescribed by a doctor for your child.



### **BOOKCLUB**



Hi, the second issue of Bookclub will be handed out today with the Newsletters.

The items in this issue cover a wide range of reading levels and interests. If you would like to place an order, please return the completed order form and money, in a sealed envelope, to the Library by the - Closing **date-Monday the**

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2009**. You may pay by cash, cheque (made out to Brighton State School) or credit card. If you are paying by cheque or credit card please combine your orders and make one payment for the total amount. After closing date we will collate the orders and forward them to Scholastic. Orders are returned to the school approximately 1 week after the closing date and then distributed to the students.



**LAST BOOKCLUB DELIVERY HAS BEEN DELAYED - COMING SOON!**



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### **JUSTYNE'S FRIDAY SPECIAL**

**Spaghetti Bolognaisse \$5 - YUMMY!**

We would love your help in the tuckshop - pop in and see Justyne.

### **TUCKSHOP DAYS - MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

**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 next week's newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> March. Money and any unsold tickets are to be returned to the office Black Box by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. The raffle will be drawn at school parade on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Prizes will be on display at the Disco on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, tickets can also be purchased at the disco.

#### **PRIZES**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize – 2 x Jetstar Flights valued \$1000 with egg      2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Easter Egg Hamper      3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Easter Egg Hamper**

#### **Health & Fitness – WAKE UP & SHAPE UP!**

**Exercise and increase muscle mass.** Muscle tissue is more metabolically active than fat tissue. As we age, the amount of fat increases and muscle mass decreases. This can lead to weight gain even if your diet remains unchanged. The most effective way to boost your metabolism is through exercise. When you work out, you build muscle, which takes more calories to maintain than fat and boosts your Basal Metabolic Rate. Would like to know more? Call Peter on 0448695585.

#### **Community News**

**Kazza's Nails & Luxury Pedi Spa** - 8 Queens Parade, Brighton - Grand Opening Sausage Sizzle this Saturday 7th March. Please pop down and grab a bite and your free gift voucher for a '1/2 price 1st time service' and meet Karen & Anita *SEE YOU THERE!!!*

**Sandgate PCYC Saints Soccer Club** are seeking new-to-soccer boy and girl players especially for their U10, U11, and U12 lower grade Junior teams. Ring John Hanley - (0458) 973-818

**MISSING DOG** – BIG REWARD – Brutus is a little long legged, tanned Chihuahua lost on Saturday near Sandgate pool. Much

**Brighton Roosters Footy Club** – looking for under 11 boys interested in joining. Phone the club on 3269 1234.