19/3/2013

Please do not bring bikes or scooters into the front foyer.

DATES

GALA DAY FRI 22/3
Books in Home Assembly WED 27/3
Wooglemi Transition THU 28/3
EASTER HAT PARADE THU 28/3
GOOD FRIDAY FRI 29/3
EASTER MONDAY MON 1/4
SCHOOL PHOTOS WED 3/4
GALA DAY FRI 5/4
LAST DAY FRI 12/4

From the Principal’s desk Mrs Miezio

Baby News
Congratulations to Mrs Green and her family on the safe arrival of a baby girl last week. Mrs Green had her baby on her first day of leave—a bit of a ‘close call’! Mum and baby are doing well.

Assessment Planning Days
This week teachers will be working in stage teams to undertake training and development in the area of student assessment. Relief teachers have been employed to cover classes on the following days:
Monday - Stage 3 and Support Classes
Tuesday - Kindergarten
Wednesday - Stage 2
Thursday - Years 1 & 2
These days provide opportunities for teachers to learn new strategies and plan assessment tasks.

Cross Country Carnival
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along to our carnival on Friday to support our runners. It was great to see so many children trying their best and encouraging each other. I would also like to thanks Mr Thompson and Miss Davies for their organisation of the day, which ran very smoothly despite the warm weather.

Schoolkids Bonus
The first instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus has already been paid to help lighten the load of back-to-school costs. Most eligible families would have received the payment automatically in January; however some needed to update their child’s education details to ensure they received the correct payment, eg. families with children starting primary school for the first time in 2013, and children moving from primary to secondary school in 2013.
If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.
If you, or someone you know, did not receive the correct payment, you need to contact Centrelink or visit your Centrelink-Medicare office. Further information, in the form of posters and brochures, can also be found in the Community Room and our front office, or you can check your eligibility by visiting: australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

Staff Car Park
Just another reminder that the staff car park is for staff parking only. We have had some congestion in the car park of late due to parents using it in the afternoon and holding up the bus provided for students with special needs. As you can understand, this bus is on a tight schedule in order to collect and drop off students, some who live quite a distance from Briar Road. For this reason it must have priority access in the morning and afternoon. Special consideration for a car park pass can be given in special circumstances. Please come and talk to me if you feel you fit this category.

Gala Day
I would like to wish all of our Gala Day Teams the best of luck for this Friday. I know that you will represent our school with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. Please remember that parents are very welcome to attend Gala Day to support students, and staff look forward to seeing you there to cheer us on.

Community of Schools Aboriginal Parent Excursion
Just a reminder that this event, organised by Miss Anderson and Mr Sampson will be held on Friday. As places are limited you need to return notes ASAP. I hope everyone has a wonderful day, and thank Miss Anderson and Mr Sampson for their organisation of this event.

Mrs Miezio
Congratulations to the following Merit Award Winners

| KG  | Jennifer Fuaeiki       | Braidon Kelly             |
|     | Luke Langton           | Najah Refai              |
| KM  | Brighly Hayter         | Jonathon Klohs           |
| K/1V| Felicity Cameron       | Mytchel Davis            |
|     | Jaxyn Reece-Waller     | Jesse Albert Anderson    |
| K/3K| Addison McCarthy       | Ryan Carr                |
| 1R  | Cheree Fuiono          | Cheree Fuiono            |
|     | Destiny Carr           | Joshua Samaaugha         |
| 2H  | Joshua Dufour          | David Matagia            |
|     | Makaila Gyorosi        | Jesse                    |
| 3M  | Alister Voorwinden     | Tyson                    |
|     | Laysharna Tusiupu      | Lamara Gillett           |
| 3A  | Jordan Moloney         | Travis Lawrence          |
|     |                         | Izaak Kroph              |
| 4C  | Sarah Hardy            | Shawna McIntyre           |
|     | Kyiesha Sanchez Sayers | Shakayla French          |
| 3/6W| Shaun Carr             | Alapati Iosua            |
| 2/6M| Bonnie Hoile           | Sam Al Hildy             |
|     | Jacob                  |                         |
| 5H  | Rebecca Taala          | Rhylee Connolly          |
|     | Sarah Pickford         | Ajmal Samuels            |
| 5/6G| Craigie Nelson         | Taylah Hansen            |
|     | Brayton Jones          | Seanelle Everinham       |
| 6P  | Lachlan Harrison       | Latisha King             |
|     | Caitlyn Vidovic-McCarthy |                      |
| RFF | Rebecca Taala          | Bradley Lewis Waller     |
|     | Danielle Mataipule     |                         |
Thank you to the following families for kindly paying their school contributions

- Taliegha Willis KG
- Braidon Kelly KG
- Kenny Lane 1R
- * Rebecca Stevenson KG
Newsletter Title

WEEK 7 TERM 1

Casey Tidmarsh
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Aaron
Justin
Dean Brown
Jesse Mundine
Laysharna Tusiupu
Liam Solberg
Joshua Samauga
Tyson Reid
Christina
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Christian Fuimaono
Rhylee Connolly
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Nayte Daye Waller
Shakayla French
Bradley Lewis Waller
Karissa Carr
Kulijah
Ayah Elomari
Tyson Reid
Brighly Hayter
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Lachlan Guthrie
Hayden Robinson
Barry Carr
Bradley Tidmarsh
Damien Davis
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Nathan Collins
Megan Reeve
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Paulo Voorwinden
Jayden Gimblett
Megan Robinson
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Tristan Musgrave
Jake Cooke Sherman
Mare-Tika French
Taylah Bugatto
Victoria Hendry
Rebecca Taala
Cairlyn Vidovic McCarthy
Grace Talaoaloa
Zayden Lette

Kaleopa Fetui
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Marshall Budge
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Kurtis Minton
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Addison McCarthy
Pandora Taala
Joshua S
Bryce Dufour
Rachael Ellis
Seli Kamuta
Joshua Samauga
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*Well done & keep reading*
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I’m very excited to have taken over as Librarian this year and look forward to seeing all students each week for their library lesson.

A few reminders…..

- Many students still have outstanding loans from previous years—please do a ‘book hunt’ at home to search for lost books. Students with outstanding loans will NOT be allowed to continue to borrow.

- Starting from Week 4 students will NOT be allowed to borrow without a library bag (last year’s Books in Homes bags would be great!) . Plastic bags will not be accepted after Week 3.

- Library will be open 1st half of lunch on Wednesdays for borrowing and quiet reading.

Library Days for each class are as following this term:

Monday–4C, 5H, K-3K (with Mr Thompson)
Wednesday–6P, 5/6G, 2/6M, 3/6W
Thursday– 3/4A, 2H, 3M
Friday– K/1V, 1R, KR, KM

Happy Reading!
RIBBONS, BANNERS, MEDALLIONS

The next assembly to hand out ribbons, banners and medallions will be in week 10: Thursday 4th April. Please make sure all merit awards, ribbons and banners are handed in to Mrs Hughes by Thursday 28th March (the week before).

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Did you know that if your child misses as few as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole school year of education.

By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child is away, please send in a signed note explaining the absence within the next 7 school days.

The focus in attendance this year is for absences to be justified! Justified reasons can include sickness, attending a funeral, participation in special events not related to the school or domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member. The Principal is the authority in the school to accept the explanation provided by the parents for the absence. Principals may request a medical certificate in addition to explanations if the explanation is doubted or the duration of the absence is more than four days.

Having the day off for your birthday is not a reason that the Department of Education believes is justified.

If you are having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please speak to your child’s teacher, Mrs Hughes or Mrs Miezio.

Attendance reward day

To celebrate excellent attendance during Term 1, Mrs Hughes has organised a special sumo wrestling experience for all students with 95% + attendance on Wednesday 10th April. Something to look forward to! For a student to be eligible to attend, they must have had 2 days or less absent this term. More information will come closer to the day.
Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who made it through to the Zone Swimming Event.

Casey Tidmarsh, Logan Hoskins, Jake Ling, Taylah Hansen,
Craig Nelson & Jye Robinson

Gala Day Coaches

Cricket—Mr Murphy
Tee Ball—Ms Moslen
Mr Garcia
Softball—Mr Chomicz
Mrs McElhatton
Touch—Ms Davies
Mr Thompson

Reminder that payments for gala day need to go to the Gala coaches

Gala Day Venues This FRIDAY

Cricket—Eschol Park
Tee Ball—Clarke Reserve
Softball—Ambarvale Playing Fields
Touch—Rosemeadow Playing Fields

Reminder

Not all venues have a canteen. Please make sure your child has a sandwich, plenty of water and a hat for Gala days.
EMERGENCY CARDS……………………EMERGENCY CARDS………

Please if you haven't already, bring back your new cards.

It is imperative that the school has your updated numbers and emergency contacts. If you have misplaced your card please see office staff for a new one.

Thank you for your cooperation.

BRIAR'S NEW PHONE OPTIONS....

If your child is absent from school you can now leave a message on our answering machine by pressing option 6. This so far has been very successful.

We now have a “school news” option which allows you to listen to what's happening at Briar. To hear the latest news press option 8.

Our after hour messages will be listened to first thing in the morning, so you can leave a message during the night and we will retrieve it and pass it on to the relevant staff member. Thank you.
Our weekly school assembly has been permanently moved to Thursday afternoon at 2:15. With the exception of Thursday 21/2, there will not be an assembly due to our swimming carnival being on the same day.

### ASSEMBLY ITEMS 2013

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Playgroup—Wheely Good Fun

Come and join us in the Community Room every Monday for our Playgroup.

Playgroup starts at 9am and finishes at 11am.

Children 0-5 years of age are invited to come along.

A healthy morning tea is provided for the children. Playgroup is a fantastic way for children to interact with other children. Parents can meet other parents and interact with their child in a school setting.

You do not have to have to have a child attending Briar Road Public School to attend our playgroup.

Playgroup is FREE!

Did you know that... We are on Facebook!!

Just search for the Briar Road Public School (Community) page and click ‘like’

Easter Raffle

DONATIONS—We are already receiving donations for our Easter Raffle, please keep them coming in.

Raffle tickets are only $1.00 each and need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 20th March and will be drawn during the Easter Hat Parade Thursday 21st March.

REaDING GAMES

Parent Workshop

Wednesday 10th April

Morning Tea Included!
Briar Road Public School works tirelessly to provide all students with the highest standard of education. It is our aim to allow all students to reach their full potential. We want all students to feel safe at school and valued as citizens. If you have any issues regarding your child’s education please do not hesitate to come and see us.

We would like to thank McDonalds for their generous donation of 500 McDonald’s Awards—this sponsorship is to the value of $3000.

www.briarrd-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Thank you to Sizzler restaurant—Campbelltown

Campbelltown RSL Club

For their kind donations towards our chocolate wheel for Briars Backyard Bash!

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CANTEEN SELLS STATIONARY ITEMS.

Glue Sticks $1
Pens .50c
Sharpeners .50c
Lead Pencils .50c
Eraser .50c