Welcome to the end of Term One!

**New Principal**
First some good news about our principal position. It was announced today that our new principal will be Ms Tammy Anderson who most of you will know in her role of Deputy Principal—Aboriginal Education. Ms Anderson will begin her new role at the start of Term 2. I wish her all the best and am sure that she will lead our school to bigger and better things!

It’s been a very enjoyable term for me in the care-taker role and I thank everyone for their support.

**Mrs Kucera**
On a sad note I was notified last week, that Mrs Hazel Kucera, who has been on leave this year, has now retired and will not be returning to Briar Road PS. Mrs Kuchera has been a long serving school learning support officer at our school, working tirelessly in our support classes to support both students and teachers. We miss her already and would like to thank her for many years of hard work and friendship.

**School Improvement**
During the holidays the school will be visited by a number of trades-people. The biggest job will be the installation of a concrete path leading from the side gate into the school. We are also hoping to have our wi-fi hubs installed so that we will finally be able to access our new wi-fi in all classrooms. Some of our larger old trees will be removed for safety reasons, and you will notice some changes to our preschool fence. We are making the preschool playground larger so that we can install an improved garden and play area.

**Expression of Interest for School Learning Support Officer Position—Preschool**
From next term Mrs Meek will be doing some work at another school on a part time basis, so we are currently running an Expression of Interest to fill this temporary position at our school. If you are interested in applying for this position please see our office staff for an Expression of Interest Package. The application process will involve a 2 page Expression of Interest to outline the applicant’s skills and qualifications, followed by a short interview.

**Mrs Hodgson**
As mentioned in our Week 9 Newsletter, this week will be the last at Briar Road for Mrs Hodgson. We wish her all the best for her appointment at her new school!

Reminder: *The first two days of Term 2 will be pupil free days*, with students returning to school on: **Wednesday 1st May.**

Have a happy and safe school holidays!

Mrs Miezio
Congratulations to the following Merit Award Winners

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| **KG** | NO MERITS | Taliegha Willis  
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| **KM** |          | Montana Connolly  
|        |          | JA  
| **K/1V** |          | Daniel Pepper  
|        |          | Jessica Ferraro Meadows  
| **K/3K** |          | Addison McCarthy  
| **1R** |          | Amelia Ford  
|        |          | Demesi Navosa  
| **2H** |          | Adam Bell  
|        |          | Brett Langton  
| **3M** |          | Jawdan Samuels  
|        |          | Tevita Peter  
| **3A** |          | Samantha Jenkins  
|        |          | Hayley Connolly  
| **4C** |          | Kyle Bugatto  
|        |          | Kasey Reid  
| **3/6W** |          | AWAY  
| **2/6M** |          | Kayde Karaitiana  
|        |          | Jeramya Tusiupu  
| **5H** |          | Grace Cherry  
|        |          | Sarah Pickford  
| **5/6G** |          | Sean Cruz  
|        |          | Zachariah Potts  
| **6P** |          | Ali Mansour  
|        |          | NE  
| **RFF** |          |  

*WEEK 9*  
*WEEK 10*
RIBBONS

Reuben Lilomaiava
David Matagia
Hanna Hendry
Jade Hughes
Bradley Minton
Brittany Connolly
Jayden Gimblett
Sarah Everett

Jazymn Dobson
PK
Travis Jenkins
AP
Courtney Dufour
Jeannie Voorwinden
Hanna Hendry
Shakayla French

Banners

Shyla Moloney  Jade Hughes  Jordan Moloney
Jayden Gimblett  Sarah Everett  Jazymn Dobson
Jeannie Voorwinden  PK

Medallions

Jeannie Voorwinden
PBL WK 10 Focus BE RESPECTFUL

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**OFFICE PAYMENTS**

As of Term 2 there will be no change available from the front office. **Please come with correct change for any payments you have to make.** Due to OH&S issues the school will not be holding large amounts of cash on the premises. We appreciate your support with these new changes.
A BIG THANK YOU FOR OUR KINDY PARENTS

Thank you to our parents/carers for their support in our home reading program. This reading program is a big success this year because of your support in getting your child to read at home.

Getting kids to read at home is a lifelong valuable skill.

Thank you again for your support.
RIBBONS, BANNERS, MEDALLIONS

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Did you know that if you 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 10\textsuperscript{th} 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.
EASTER HAT PARADE
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

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....
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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Tafe 'Introduction to Computers’ Course

We had a fantastic response to this course and thank you to the parents who attended.

The course does run for 5 weeks and is in important to attend all classes, however if you missed the 1st class please make sure you attend the last 4.

The dates are:

- Wednesday 3rd April
- Wednesday 1st May
- Wednesday 8th May
- Wednesday 15th May

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

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

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all the families who donated to our EasterRaffle.

We have 10 prizes!

Easter Hat/Crazy Hair Parade

Thursday 21st March.

READING GAMES

Topic: 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.

We are on the Web!
www.briarrd.p.school.nsw.edu.au

**NEWSLETTER**

Would you like your newsletter emailed to you?

Please give email address details to front office and we should be up and running for Term 2.

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**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CANTEEN SELLS STATIONARY ITEMS.**

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Thank you to Sizzler restaurant—Campbelltown

**Sizzler**

Campbelltown RSL Club

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