Dear Parents and Community,

This time of the year gives us an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the many achievements of our students and school. This week I was extremely pleased to see so many parents and community members attend the Sports Presentation afternoon. The afternoon has been planned separately from Presentation Day to value the sporting efforts and excellence shown by our students throughout the year. Well done to all the Gala Teams, school, zone, regional and state representatives who represented our school so well throughout the year.

**BRPS Parent Choir**

Last week we welcomed our 2014 Kindergarten students and parents to our school at the last Kindergarten Orientation session. We were treated to an amazing performance by our dedicated parent choir who were assisted by Jessica Jones. The parent choir showed inspirational courage and determination to sing in front of the new parents and made me feel incredibly proud of the skills of our parents and school community. I would like to say a special thank you to all of the talented ladies that performed on the day. Great job!

**CARPARK CONCERNS**

Parking permit holders are reminded that permission to park in the school is at the discretion of the school. Parents who have been provided with parking permits are being instructed to **NOT DOUBLE PARK** at any time in the carpark. This is dangerous and is an inconvenience for teachers who may need to leave to attend meetings. If there is not a car space available you will need to park out in the street. Should permit holders be unable to follow these repeated instructions they will be instructed to stop using the carpark. **Please note that in 2014 all permit holders will be required to seek a permit renewal.**

**Gardening Squad**

This week a small but dedicated group of students started in assisting me to beautify the front of our school. To say it was a little messy would be an understatement. Well done to the Gardening Squad on a fantastic job! A special thank you must also be made to Mr Jones for helping create a wonderful new garden near our canteen.

**Thank You**

There are many parents at our school that help make it a fabulous place to be each day. On Thursday I walked out the side gate to see Mr Jamie Reid (dad to Jessie and Ryan) and Trevor Connolly cleaning the laneway behind the school. It was a kind and considerate gesture that has been greatly appreciated by students and staff. Thank you so very much!

**NSW Futsal Representative**

Well done to Brooke Pepper for being selected in the Under 12’s NSW Futsal Team. Brooke has worked hard and shown her skills and been rewarded with a place in the NSW team. Great achievement Brooke!

**Gifted and Talented Team**

Well done to the Stage 3 students who represented our school at the Airds High School Gifted and Talented Challenge Day. I was pleased to hear about the strong academic challenge presented by our students and I was also thrilled to hear about the outstanding behaviour shown by the students that attended. Well done!

Yours in partnership,

Tammy Anderson

Principal

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What is happening in the next 2 weeks:

**November**

**WEEK 8:**
- Monday 25th: Whole school photo (rescheduled due to rain)
- Monday: Stage 1 Pet Incursion
- Thursday 28th: 2.15pm Primary assembly (6P)
- Friday 29th: 1.00pm Infants assembly (2H)

**December**

**WEEK 9:**
- Tuesday 3rd: Parent helper morning tea 11.15am
- Wednesday 4th: Year 6 Orientation Day (all students attend their nominated high school for 2014)
- Thursday 5th: 2.15pm Primary assembly (1/6W)
  
  Last day of scripture
- Friday 6th: 1.00pm Briar’s Got Talent Finals assembly

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**Library News**

*Library is now closed for 2013.*

Please make sure all library books are returned to the library. If you have lost any books, please come and see me on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday morning.

Mrs Cross

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**Kindergarten: An Amazing Excursion**

The Kindergarten excursion on Monday to the Wollongong Science Centre was a huge success! Despite the dismal weather the bus journey to Wollongong was filled with excitement and singing. After a quick snack we watched the Planetarium show 'Cardboard Rocket' that explained lots of facts about the solar system and space. Then we played with the amazing hands on science exhibits and activities. Everyone was ready for a break so we had lunch in the cafeteria before concluding our excursion with the incredible 'Bubbles and Balloons Show'. The students marvelled at the awesome creations and discovered some new facts about the way bubbles and balloons are made and how they can be used to have lots of fun. It was a quieter bus ride on the way home with many students having a quick nap to recharge their batteries.

The behaviour of our students was excellent and we were very proud of how Kindergarten and K/3 K conducted themselves on their first excursion.

Mrs Mair
Miss Griffiths
Miss Kontopolous
Stage 3 News

Year 6 Farewell Reminder

The Year 6 farewell is being held at Campbeltown RSL Club on Tuesday the 17th of December. All notes and payments need to be made to the front office by Friday 29th November.

School leaders for 2014

In week 9 Year 5 students will be invited to run for the position of school captain, vice-captain or prefect. Students will be required to prepare a short speech outlining why they think they would make a good leader for Briar Road Public School in 2014. A note has been sent home outlining the role of a student leader which has a nomination form attached.

Any questions, please see Mrs Hodges.

Office Reminders

- All visitors to the school must sign in at the office between 9.10 and 2.50
- Please make sure you inform the front office of any changes to phone numbers so we can contact you in an emergency.
- Change of Date: whole school photo date is now Monday 25th November.

Final Award’s Assembly / Books In Homes Assembly

WHEN: Wednesday 11th December 10am (note change to date and time)

Please make sure all merit awards, ribbons and banners are handed in to Mrs Hughes by Thursday 5th December.

Diary Dates:

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Preschool Open Days

The first Preschool Open day will be on:

**Tuesday 26th November at 9:30am** in the preschool.

The second Preschool Open day will be on:

**Wednesday 27th at 9:30am** in the preschool.

The final day will be on:

**Thursday 28th at 9:30am** for *Parents Only*.

Many families will have received a letter inviting them to the open days.

Please see Mrs D’Arcy in the school’s main office if you have not yet filled in a ‘Waiting List’ form and she will answer any queries you may have.

Thank you,

Preschool Staff

**BYOD**

Reminder: Don’t forget to return your BYOD surveys which were handed to students in Years 3-6 last week. The first class to return the most amount of surveys will win a movie afternoon in the hall!!

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Briar’s Got Talent 2013

WHEN: Thursday 12th December 2.00pm

*Congratulations to the following students*

GRAND FINALISTS:  1. Elyzena, Danielle, Elenora, Pandora, Rebecca (dance); 2. Casey, Jeannie, Joel, Craige, Taliegha (singing); 3. Kate-lyn (dance); 4. Sesafina (singing); 5. Sophie (singing).

If you have any queries, please come and see Mrs Hughes.