From the Principal’s desk… Ms Tammy Anderson

Education Week

Last week I was able to spend time in classrooms talking with the parents and community that visited the school during Education Week. This special week showcases the achievements of our inspirational teachers, staff, students and community members. This year the theme was ‘Celebrating our stories’ and it provided students and staff with an opportunity to document and share their proudest moments. Thank you to all the parents, community, staff and students for their efforts during this very important week.

Wakakirri – The big day is almost here!

The students and staff have spent an enormous amount of time during and after school preparing for this enormous event. Staff have displayed an outstanding commitment and effort in ensuring that the performance is of the highest quality. We had a small peek at the Briar Road Brilliance shown by the Wakakirri Team and look forward to seeing it in full effect at WIN stadium on Thursday night. Well done and a BIG thank you to all those students, staff and parents that have been involved. We are very proud of you all!

Family Portraits

On Saturday Mrs Jessica Jones organised a family portraits day for students and families of Briar Road Public School. It was a great day and it was wonderful to see many parents use the opportunity to get lasting memories of their young children. Special thanks to Mrs Jones for her organisation.

Parent Teacher Meetings – Thank You

Thank you to all those parents who made an effort to attend the parent teacher interviews. These interviews are set up to allow you to talk with your child’s teacher and to discuss your child’s progress at school. Well done to KM who had 100% parent attendance. What a fabulous start to school!

Briar Road Public School Ambassador

Caitlyn Vidovic-McCarthy has represented our school as Ambassador throughout 2014. She has been an outstanding role model who has made the staff and students of our school immensely proud of her efforts. Well done Caitlyn!

2014 Enrolments

Briar Road Public School prides itself in delivering quality programs to students in a warm, caring learning environment. Our teachers are professional, caring and committed to teaching students a dynamic and engaging curriculum across the key learning areas (KLAs). We pride ourselves on catering for the individual learning needs of all children. If your child is turning 5 before 31 July 2014 they can enrol at Briar Road Public School for 2014. Please collect an enrolment form from the office and return it as soon as possible. If you know of children turning 5, who are interested in attending Briar Road Public School, please contact the front office.

Important Information for Parents – CARPARK CHANGES

Student safety is paramount when attending school each year. Over a number of years parent traffic in the carpark has steadily increased. The increased traffic is generally happening before and after school. This is a SERIOUS safety issue. The school carpark is for staff and visiting departmental personnel. The only parents permitted to park in the carpark are those issued with a Principal pass. Should you feel you qualify for a pass please speak to the friendly office staff.

As of Monday 12th August we will have be engaging a carpark monitor for the main carpark gate. Gates will be closed from 8.30am and only staff and parents issued with a Principal permit will be able to access the carpark.

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### Congratulations to the following Merit Award Winners

| KG  | Taliegha W  | Cheymia G |
| KM  | Zachery H  | Jack F |
|     | Bryce D    | Megan R |
| K/1V| Tony L     | Taleah C |
|     | Jaxyn R-W  | Josiah T |
| K/3K| Dilienjah W | JK |
| 1R  | Kaleopa F  | Amelia F |
|     | Racquel B  | Tara L  |
| 2H  | Lincoln C  | Allegra L |
|     | Lachlan C  | Lincoln C |
| 3M  | Tairo F    | Jesse M |
|     | Alister V  | Tayisha S |
| 3A  | Molly M    | Joshua H |
|     | Jake C·S   | Hayley C |
| 4C  | Samantha G | JF       |
|     | Benji V    | Shakayla F |
| 3/6W| Taneesha P | Pe'A T   |
| 2/6M| Brayden R·S | Hohaia W |
|     | Manuel D   | Hannah W |
| 5H  | Kurtis M   | Lulu M  |
|     | Jarae D    | Bohdan Z |
| 5/6G| Courtney D | Heath D  |
|     | Craige' N  |         |
| 6P  | Caitlyn V·Mc| Maeli T |
|     | LK         | Pandora T |
| PRESCHOOL | Bailey H | Taleisha N |
|           | Stephanie H | Corey E |
|           |            | Mitchell B·Mc |
|           |            | Makayla C·C |
|           |            | Tyron C |
In and Around Bri-

Well done to the students who have received Principal Awards.
WEEK 2 & 3 TERM3

KM
J A
Jack F
Brighly H
Tau H
Johnathon K
Taylah B
Bryce D
Mare-Tika F
Zayden L
Isabella Mc
Megan R

KG
Dakota C-P
Rachael E
Cheymia G
Jye M
Zechariah P
Jaecob S
Henry V
Najah R
Rebecca S
Taliegha W

K/3K
JK

1R
Cheree F
Joel Mc
Kenny L

K/1V
Cameron B
Felicity C
Taleah C
Mytchel D
Ayah E
Tony L
Daniel P
Cyndi P
Jaxyn R-W
Josiah T
Tarlina B
Kyomi D

2H
Lachlan C
Lincoln C
Joshua D
Justine M
Jeremiah T
Charlotte S
Jade H
Adam B
Jayden E
Brett L
Italia M

1/6W
Richard R

3A
Molly Mc

3M
Lamara G
Victoria H
Nicholas D-S
Jawden S
Liam S-S
Alister V
Ryan C
Jesse M

5H
Karissa C
Bronwyn O
Katelyn P
Rebecca T
Grace T
Dylan L
Kurtis M
Ajmal S

6P
LK
Brooke P
Pandora T
Sophie W
Lachlan H
Maeli T
Meet the teacher........

NAME: Miss Higgins.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD? Tortellini Boscioala.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TV SHOW? Gossip girl.
DO YOU HAVE A HOBBY AND WHAT IS IT? Singing.
WHERE ARE YOU FROM? Scotland
WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT BRIAR ROAD SCHOOL? The lovely boys and girls who keep smiling.

NAME: Mrs Hodges
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD? Pizza
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TV SHOW? Bondi Vet.
DO YOU HAVE A HOBBY AND WHAT IS IT? Volunteer at the local dog club and spending time at the beach.
WHERE ARE YOU FROM? Spain
WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT BRIAR ROAD SCHOOL? I like getting to know the students and their parents and I love working at Briar because it’s the best school around!!

Compiled by BRPS reporters Sophie Walsh, LK and Courtnie Hardy.

Parent Excursion
There will be a parent excursion to Madam Tussauds Wax Museum in Darling Harbour on Wednesday 28th August. Cost $20.00. (red note went home on Monday 5/8/13)
Please put your name down in the office if you would like to come along. The first 20 parents/carers to pay will go.

Parent Choir
Thank you to all the parents that have joined the parent choir, we are having a great time singing together on Wednesday afternoons and are looking forward to our first performance.
If you would like to join this fantastic group of parents, please meet at 2pm every Wednesday in the Community Room.