Dear Parents and Community,

Welcome to Week 6! What a brilliant few weeks we have had at school. We have been pleased that there have been a large number of enrolments in our school over the last few weeks. We believe this is a testament to the school of excellence we are working towards each and every day.

**Infants Improvements**

We are currently in the process of seeking tenders for a new improved Infants playground. The playground will be a natural play environment that engages and supports imaginative play. We are hoping to have these works completed by the end of the Term 1 holidays.

**Primary Elective Program**

To support student engagement we are implementing an elective-style program for students in Years 3-6. The program will involve students selecting an interest area they would like to study and each week they will be involved in the subject area for an hour long session. Subjects include:

- Horticulture
- Sport and Recreation
- Visual Arts
- Food Technology
- Dane and Performance
- Carpentry
- Music Appreciation

We are excited to be offering this interest stream and look forward to seeing the great things that students achieve.

**Parent Helpers!**

As you may be aware we have been undertaking a large amount of improvements in and around our school. If you are interested in helping with gardening at any time please let us know. There is plenty of work to be done and our students enjoy seeing family and community members working in and around the school.

**Dental Van**

There was an overwhelming response to the Dental Van program that was conducted at our school site over the last week. We were impressed by the number of students who returned their notes and bravely attended the dental van. It was a great initiative and we have been seeing some wonderful healthy smiles ever since!

This week I leave you with one of my favourite quotes from Dr. Suess “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose”.

Regards,

Ms T. Anderson

Principal
**Parent Dinner**

Parents are invited to attend the first parent dinner of the year!

**WHEN:** Monday 9th March (week 7)

WHERE: Briar Road Public School library

TIME: 5:30pm

RSVP: Please call the school on 4625 5957 by no later than Thursday Week 6 (5th March) for catering purposes. (Parents only)

Dinner will be provided free of charge.

**Community workshop**

Thank you to the team of gardeners that went ahead with the gardening workshop in very wet conditions!

The garden around the Smith Family Office looks amazing!

**Process Communication Model (PCM)**

**Community Awareness Meeting @ Airds HS**

Please join us on Monday 2nd March 2015 for a sausage sizzle BBQ at 5:30pm followed by the PCM presentation at 6pm – 7pm in the Airds High School Hall

PCM provides a way for teachers and others to communicate with and motivate people based on their personality type. We believe PCM will make a difference in the lives of our students and with the dedication and commitment of our staff and the involvement of our community we will be well on our way to achieve our core value of student engagement.

**Clean up Australia Day**

Tuesday 3rd March
10am - 2pm at AB Central

**Free BBQ Lunch**

Please RSVP to 46293245 so can be catered at the BBQ

Please wear enclosed shoes and a hat.

**Swimming Carnival**

**WHEN:** Friday 6th March

Who: Years 2-6

Please return notes by Wednesday this week.

This is a day where all students participate, regardless of their swimming ability!

It is well-run and fun school day.

Mr Garcia and Mr Murphy
Preschool Enrolments 2015

Do you have a child that will start Kindergarten at Briar Road Public School 2016?

If so, Briar Road Public School Preschool has a few vacancies left for children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2016.

There are many benefits to attending the preschool at Briar Road PS:

- Outstanding individual educational learning programs
- School readiness and transition programs
- Your child making friends with other children who will attend BRPS
- Your child will be familiar with our school and staff from BRPS
- Inclusion in school assembly’s, performances, library and PE
- Participate in sporting carnivals

Hours: 9.00am - 3.00pm School terms

For more information contact the school office on 46255957

Scripture

When: every Thursday Primary (odd weeks), Infants (even weeks)

If student has a religion on their enrolment card they will be attending scripture unless a parent/caregiver notifies the school that they do not want their child to attend.

Any child that does not have a religion noted on their card and the parent/caregiver wishes for them to attend needs to notify the school.

Religious groups are Anglican, Catholic and possibly Muslim. Primary attend scripture on Odd weeks and Infants on Even weeks.

Please see Mrs Keierleber if you need to discuss anything in regards to scripture.

Home reading Helpers

Are you available to help change home readers in classrooms on a Wednesday and a Friday?

Please see Jess Jones or Samantha Rangaiya if you can help.

We would love to have your help!
Briar Road PS Awards

The school has whole school assemblies twice a term to celebrate as a school our students' achievements.

Students receive class merit awards as the Infants/Primary assemblies based on being safe, respectful and learners.

Please keep these merit awards in a safe location at home as when students have 3 merit awards / Principal awards, they are eligible for a ribbon.

Term 1 Diary Dates:

March
Thursday 5th:  2.10pm Primary assembly 3/4P
Friday 6th:  1.00pm Infants assembly (K&1 only) 1C
Friday 6th:  Swimming Carnival Years 2-6
Monday 9th:  5.30pm Parent Feedback dinner
Wednesday 11th:  10am Books In Homes assembly
Friday 13th:  School photos
Friday 20th:  Gala Day Years 3-6
Thursday 26th:  Whole school assembly 2pm

April
Thursday 2nd:  Last day Term 1