From The Principal
Dear Parents and Community,

Our fantastic school has been as busy as ever over the last two weeks. We have welcomed a great number of family, community and visitors in our school and it is nice to hear them comment on the grounds and the manners of students at our school. Well done to all the students and staff for making our school a wonderful place to visit.

Thank You
Each year we commit to school fundraising due to the fact that there are a number of items within the school that are not funded through the annual school budget. In 2015 we identified that the Infant’s Playground was in much need of a transformation. The efforts of the parents who assisted on Friday at the BBQ and the Mother’s Day raffle assists us create a more welcoming school and environment. Thank you to Mrs Jones and her team of volunteers for all your help.

Harmony Park
Harmony Park has officially opened and over the last few weeks Mr Mat Jones, Mrs Hughes and her Horticulture class and committed parent helpers have been busy planting and maintaining the area. The park provides students with a calm and inviting environment at lunch times and when learning in the outdoor environment. We are proud of the space and the way in which students utilise it each day.

Student Representatives
Congratulations to Jazmyn D on her selection in the Campbelltown Zone Netball team and Justin D who has been selected to represent the Zone at Hockey. We know you are proud of the space and the way in which students utilise it each day.

Cross Country
Well done to all the students who participated in the Cross Country last Friday. It was a wonderful turn out of parents and community and, as with each year, the students certainly performed with enthusiasm. Well done to all the students that will be attending the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

Thank you

NAPLAN
This week students in Year 3 and 5 students undertake NAPLAN. One of the important points to remember is that there is nothing ‘tricky’ in NAPLAN. There are no hidden questions and no hidden content. All of the questions relate to learning that students have engaged in as part of their everyday literacy and numeracy learning. We know that our students will continue to make us proud as they undertake this important assessment period. Good luck to all!
A free breakfast (bacon and egg rolls) is available for all Year 3 & Year 5 students from 8.15am on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

“You cannot open a book without learning something.”
— Confucius

Yours in partnership,
Ms T. Anderson

Winter Gala Day
When: Friday 15th May
Who: students in Rugby/Soccer
Netball/Soccer
Please return permission notes and money to the office by Wednesday 13th May.

Soccer: Mr Thompson, Miss Blakey, Mrs Strirling (shin pads required)
Kooringa Reserve, Raby
Netball: Mrs Cross, Miss Hibbert, Mrs Rangaiya
Coronation Park, Minto
Rugby: Mr Pudyja and Mr Murphy (mouthguards required)
Waminda Oval Campbelltown

Don’t forget to wear a hat, bring lunch and recess and plenty of water!
Please see Mr Garcia or the coach for that team if you have any queries.

Pyjama Day

Thank you for all the support with the Pyjama Day. $170 was raised for the Asthma Foundation.

School Photos
When: Monday 19th May
Reminder: All students are to wear Summer uniform on the day for school photos.
Photo orders can be placed on the following website: www.advancedlife.com.au, our school code is DMHSZONE.
All photos must be ordered and paid for by Friday 15th May.

Child Protection
All classes will be participating in Child Protection lessons this term. It is mandatory for schools to teach this part of the syllabus. If you would like more information about what will be taught, please contact your child’s teacher and request more information.

Reconciliation Week
Reconciliation Week is coming up in Term 6, 25th-29th May. Many events will be running in and around the school for this celebration where all students will be involved. There will be a special assembly, art workshop, open classrooms and traditional games just to name a few activities on the agenda. Keep an eye out for the weekly overview that will be handed out in classes later this week. Looking forward to another fun filled Reconciliation Week!

Whole School assembly
When: Thursday 21st May
When: 2pm
Note: Parent meeting in the community room will be at 1.30pm before the whole school assembly

Communication between home and school
The school uses the App “Skoolbag” to make it easier to access the newsletter and other events at school.

How to Install Skoolbag on your smartphone:

Phases:
• Click the App store icon on your device
• Type Briar Road Public School (using suburb may help)
• If an iPhone, you will see the school appear, click ‘Free’ then ‘install’
• If an iPad, change the drop list to ‘phone Apps’, Briar Road Public School will then be visible, click ‘free’ then ‘install’
• When installed, click ‘open’
• Select ‘OK’ to receive push notifications when asked
• Click the ‘More’ button on the bottom right of the App then ‘setup’
• Toggle on the push categories that are applicable to you

Animal
• You must first have signed up with a Google account before installing the App
• Click the ‘Play Store’ button on your device
• Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Briar Road Public School
• Click the school name when it appears in the search bar
• Click the ‘install’ button
• Click ‘accept’ for various permissions
• Click ‘open’ when installed
• Click the ‘more’ button on the bottom right of the app, then ‘setup’

3/6S excursion
Last Wednesday 3-6S displayed excellent behaviour on their Life Skills Excursion. They practice transportation skills by catching a public bus to the ‘Campbelltown Pet and Aquarium Centre’ to buy pet fish for their classroom. Here students used their money skills when calculating the cost of the fish and ensuring to stay in budget. The shop attendant Bill gave 3-6S a tour of the shop and tested a sample of the water to check if it was safe for their fish. He was extremely generous by kindly donating equipment for their fish tank. Finally, they visited the ‘New Flower Drum Chinese Restaurant’ to practice restaurant etiquette and enjoy a delicious lunch. Thank you Bill from ‘Campbelltown Pet and Aquarium Centre’ for giving up your time and for your generosity, and ‘New Flower Drum Chinese Restaurant’ for kindly accommodating us.

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The newsletter is also put on to the school website, located at:
or find us on Facebook or Briar Road Public School (community).
The school also uses Twitter to share events that have occurred at Briar.
If you can think of any other ways that would improve communication between home and school, please come and see Mrs Else and Mrs Hughes.

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Term 2 Dates

**May**
- 12th – 14th: NAPLAN Years 3-5
- Thursday 14th: 2.10pm Primary Assembly 3/4P
- Friday 15: 1.00pm Infants assembly 2K
- Money due for school photos

**June**
- Monday 1st: Parent Feedback Dinner
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