Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now over half way through the term and have made some wonderful achievements across our school.

Thank you to the parents and community who came along to the parent meeting last week and offered words of support for the programs and processes the school has undertaken. It is always nice to hear words of encouragement. I'd also like to thank the parents and community who have made kind donations in response to our Backyard Bash. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness for the bash!

NAPLAN

This week parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will receive NAPLAN reports. Should you wish to discuss these reports with teachers please make a time with the classroom teacher or Supervisor.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school’s assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

2016 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 2016 they can enrol at Briar Road Public School for 2016. 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.
Student Teachers

Due to our school being such a dynamic and amazing place to work we have a number of student teachers who are learning the craft of teaching here at our fabulous school. You may hear of your children talking about new teachers who are visiting their classroom and watching all the fabulous learning that takes place every day.

Wishing you all a productive week 6 and 7!

Yours in Partnership,
Ms Tammy Anderson

Parent Feedback Dinner

DATE: Monday 24th August
Time: 5.30pm

Our parent feedback dinner is next Monday and your personal invitations should arrive in the mail this week.
Please come along to chat about our school and have some fun!
Any questions, please see Miss Moselen, Miss Anderson or Mrs Hughes

Winter Gala Day 3

Congratulations to the students who went to the Gala Day on Friday 7th August.

The following students displayed outstanding sportsmanship:

Soccer:

Netball: Caitlin, Isabel, Destiny, Sam G

Rugby: Barry, Semu

Infants Athletics Carnival

Date: Friday 21st August
Time: From 11.50pm

Parents and community are invited to come and support infants children participating in Briar Road's infants athletics day. Stay behind after the games and enjoy recess with your children.
Infants assembly: the time will change to 2.10pm for this Friday.

Miss Quetcher

Kinder, K/4K and 3/6C excursion

The students that attended the excursion to the Wildlife World on Tuesday 11th August had an amazing experience.

Book Week Musical “Shine a light!”

What: This musical performance brings to life the books that students have been studying during library lessons.

When: Wednesday 19th August

Time: 1.50pm

Where: BRPS Hall

Who: all students Preschool – Year 6

COST: $6

All notes and money are due tomorrow.

Book Week Parade

When: Friday 28th August

Where: hall

Time: 2pm

Children are to come dressed to school as their favourite book (or movie) character, with prizes awarded for the best dressed. We encourage you to come along and enjoy the parade.

Year 1 & Year 2 upcoming excursion

When: Thursday 27th August

Time: 8.30 – 3.00

Where: Wollongong Science Centre

Who: 1C, 1T, 2K and 2M students
All notes and money are due in by Thursday 20th August.

**Multicultural Day**

When: Monday 31st August

Each class is studying a country and will be sharing what they have learnt with a buddy class.

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**Backyard Bash**

When: Friday 11th September

*Pre-paid Ride Wrist Bands:*

Pre-order ride wrist bands for $25 each (last day to order is 4th September).

On the day, single ride tokens are available for $5 each.

The order form is in the office.

*Sponsorship request:*

We are looking for sponsorship of prizes for the raffle and chocolate wheel. Any support will be acknowledged in the newsletter, Facebook page and on the day. Please contact the school if you can support in any way.

Congratulations to K/4K and 3/6C who are the winners of the pizza party for bringing in the most donations.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our raffles!

Mrs Rangaiya

**Attendance Update**
Congratulations to the following classes for outstanding attendance:

Week 3: 1C and 3B

Week 4: 5/6S and

Just a reminder that attendance at school is compulsory unless there is a justifiable reason such as being too unwell to attend. A note needs to be provided within 7 days to explain the absence. This can also be done by phoning the office or using the SkoolBag App.

_Mrs Hodges_

**Tell Them From Me survey**

This term our school is taking part in the _Tell Them From Me_ student survey. Students in Years 4-6 only participate. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the _Tell Them From Me_ survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, _The Learning Bar_, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next question. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you **do not want your child in Years 4-6 to take part** in the survey, please return the form that was sent home today with the newsletter and return it to Mrs Hughes by Friday 21st August.

**Office News**

The Winter uniform special is still on. 1 jacket and 1 cap for $20. Get in quick whilst stock is available!

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