



## STAGE 1 PARENT INFORMATION 2017

Teachers for 2017		
1C Mrs Kath Collins	1P Miss Stephanie Pagan	1B Mr Brett McKeown
2NF Mrs Wendy Norris Mrs Margaret Farncomb	2T Miss Lynda Tilley	2/3J Miss Janelle Chapman Assistant Principal – Stage 1

### Support Staff for Stage 1:

Mr Paul Lemmon – Library  
 Mrs Deborah Strickland – RFF  
 Mrs Natalie Cummings - RFF  
 Mrs Vicki Vanderstitchel – Learning and Support Teacher



### Appointments:

We welcome parents to discuss any issues or concerns with the class teacher. Changes at home (even minor ones) can cause reactions at school. We appreciate an open line of communication to help us cater for your child's needs at school. Please write a short note requesting a meeting and a suitable time that you are available. The class teacher or office will contact you to confirm a time. We seek your assistance in this area as teachers are very busy with lesson preparation and scheduled meetings in the mornings and afternoon. The class teacher will work with you to resolve any issues in a timely manner.

### Punctuality:

Your child needs to be on time for school each day. As soon as your child enters the room they receive important information about classroom learning for the day. Missing information due to lateness can negatively impact learning. Sleeping in and bad traffic are not considered reasonable reasons for being late to school and are recorded as unexplained absences.

All late arrivals must be signed in at the office. Early departures must also be signed out at the office before the child is allowed to be collected from the classroom.

### School Rules:

All K-6 students are involved in lessons that explicitly teach the skills required to demonstrate each school rule. Our school rules are:

BE READY TO LEARN	BE SAFE	BE RESPECTFUL	BE PROUD
Listen	Stay in safe areas	Be kind, pleasant and friendly.	Look after your environment
Be on time for school	Keep your hands and feet to yourself	Respect yourself	Do your best

## School Values:

Respect	Participation	Integrity
Responsibility	Excellence	Co-operation
Fairness	Care	

### You Can Do It! (YCDI!)

This program covers the 5 keys to success of Getting Along, Organisation, Persistence, Confidence and Resilience.

**Banking** – Tuesday

**Fitness** – Monday and Thursday

**Scripture/Ethics** – Wednesday (starts Week 6)

**Sport** – Class sport (Fundamental Movement Skills T1)

### Bump it Up – Best Practice

Brisbania Public School is a Bump it Up School. This means we have a focus on improving NAPLAN results in Reading and Numeracy. We have implemented new programs to help strengthen our results.

Focus on Reading (FoR) teaches the students Super Six Comprehensive Strategies to help with Reading Strategies and interaction with text. Working on Writing (WoW) is our writing program with involves explicit teaching of Grammar, Vocabulary and Punctuation. 8 Ways of Aboriginal Pedagogy – teaching all students different learning strategies which compliment Quality Teaching.

### Mathematics:

A new mathematics program has been implemented across the school and is strengthening our students' mathematical skills. It covers all the syllabus strands of mathematics – number, patterns and algebra, space and geometry and measurement, with a big emphasis on working mathematically. Working mathematically involves questioning, applying strategies, communicating, reasoning and reflecting. These skills are embedded across each strand of mathematics. The textbook that you have purchased supports our program. Students will also be using a Learning Log to write what they have learnt and what they find difficult, this is to help them self reflect on their learning and also give the teacher and understanding on each students individual needs.

### Guided Reading:

The students are leveled by the class teacher at appropriate intervals. If you are concerned with your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. Students are not moved to more difficult reading levels until their comprehension on their current level is sound.

### The Yarning Circle (Show and Share)

Please encourage your child to participate in Show and Share on their given. In Stage 1, the focus is on speaking skills (eye contact, sitting still, interest level and voice audibility). Students are also learning to respond to questions appropriately.

Please speak with your child's teacher if your child requires support or encouragement to participate in The Yarning Circle

### Themes:

Term 1 Geography – People and Places / ANZAC Day

Term 2 Science – Watch it Grow

Future themes will be advised.



# Communication is the Key!!!!

**Discipline:**

Stage 1 teachers use a range of strategies to maintain a warm, safe and stimulating environment. Stickers, stamp books, Class Dojo and rewards are used daily. Fortnightly merit awards are given out at the K-2 Assembly. Incident reports or 'green slips' are used across the school to monitor student behaviour, keep track of incidents and record consequences given.

**Absences:**

Please send a note to the class teacher the day your child returns to school following an absence. If you know your child is going to be away, please let your child's teacher know. Any planned extended periods of leave, e.g. family holidays, need to be communicated to the school office in advance.

**Education Packs:**

\$45 available payment due Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

**Stage 1 Excursion:**

The Stage 1 excursion is currently being organized. Please note that our finance software in the school will require strict adherence to payment due dates. Please ensure your payment is on time to ensure your child does not miss out. Should you require assistance in the form of a payment plan, please speak to the office. Permission notes must be signed by a parent/carer and all sections must be filled out correctly. For example – do not. Incomplete notes or notes filled out incorrectly will be sent home for correction.

**Food:**

Happy tummies: Please send along lunches your child likes and check in with your child regularly about what they like for lunch. We sometimes have children tell us "I don't like that" or "I use to like this but I don't like it anymore." Students have 10 minutes eating time at lunch before play. Any food left uneaten is encouraged to be taken home so parents are aware of what children are eating.

We encourage a piece of fresh fruit or a serving of fresh vegetables for fruit break, 2 small snacks for recess, a sandwich for lunch and a bottle of water each school day. Water bottles (water only) are permitted on desks during hot weather. Please note that fruit in jelly, fruit sticks and other processed fruit snacks are recess food not fruit break.

Nutritious food at school supports concentration and learning. Sugary treats, e.g. lollies, make it hard for students to be settled and stay focused for extended periods due to 'sugar highs and lows.' For this reason, we ask parents not to send sugary treats and fizzy drink to school.

Allergies: We encourage parents not to send along nut or egg products as these products can cause anaphylactic reactions in some of our students. Not sending these products along not only protects our anaphylactic students but it also protects your child from the trauma of seeing an anaphylactic reaction.

**Uniform:**

School uniform including correct hat (and jumpers/jacket in winter) are expected to be worn every day. Girl's hair ribbons, headbands etc are to be worn in school colours. Please make sure your child has sturdy black school shoes. Canvas shoes and ballet flats are not safe footwear for school. Green hats are to be worn in the playground at all times. If your child forgets their hat, they will play in the undercover COLA area. PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Jewellery – Sleepers or stud earrings only. Necklaces and bracelets are not to be worn or brought to school. A watch may be worn.

**Lunch Orders:**

Please have completed orders ready for your child to hand into the canteen before the morning bell. A friendly reminder at drop off may help in making sure your child does not forget to put it in. Our school encourages every child to purchase an environmentally friendly lunch wallet to reduce waste. They are available from the school canteen for \$8.

**Toys from Home:**

Please do not send in any expensive items or electrical toys for The Yarning Circle or the playground. We encourage balls, skipping ropes, matchbox cars for play.  
PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

**Homework:**

Homework is sent home Monday or Friday and is to be returned on Friday for most class or the following Monday. We understand that it is not always possible to bring homework in on set days but it is still valued. Reading each night and homework should take no longer than 15-20 minutes. Please make sure your child completes their homework neatly in lead pencil.

Other hands-on practical activities such as sight word games, cooking, monitoring growth (height and weight), writing shopping lists and discussing the surrounding environment (shapes, patterns, numbers, words) are wonderful learning opportunities.

**Home Reading:**

The students have enthusiastically commenced Home Reading. Please encourage and promote reading in your home and in the broader community. Reading signs, packaging, instructions are all opportunities to expand literacy skills. Remember that children who see adults reading want to be just like them! Home Readers are sent home one level below their instructional level as they are meant to be easy. Please speak to your child's teacher if your child is experiencing difficulties reading their Home Reader.

**Parent Helpers:**

Parents are welcome to assist with work. First time helpers are always welcome. It is never too late to start! The children love having you involved in their learning and teachers appreciate it enormously. You must sign in and out at the office each day you assist and you will need to wear the visitor sticker provided to show that you are a helper in the school. This is a safety precaution in case of an emergency. A government form needs to be completed at the office prior to your first visit.

**Head Lice:**

Please check your child's head regularly for Head Lice. If your child is scratching their head, this should ring alarm bells. Many parents find it useful to condition their child's hair and run the nit comb through weekly as a habit. We encourage this!

**Last reminders:**

- Contact your child's teacher first if you have any concerns. We are here to help!
- Please send in school supplies if you haven't already – a box of tissues, 2 Bostik glue stick and a roll of paper towel.
- We encourage children to be independent at school – carrying, packing and unpacking their own bags, finding their own belongings in lost property etc.
- Birthdays can be celebrated with cupcakes or individual serve treats (no whole cakes please). See your child's teacher for class numbers.
- Pencil cases are not needed as pencils are provided. They may be used for special activities from time to time.

We look forward to an exciting 2017!

The Stage 1 Team