

## Stage 2 Information Term 3 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We cannot believe it is Semester Two already! The year is certainly flying by. Term 3 is shaping up to be a very busy term. Please make sure you have downloaded the Brisbania App or like our Facebook page for the most up to date details. The weekly newsletter is added to both and also the Brisbania webpage <http://www.brisbania-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

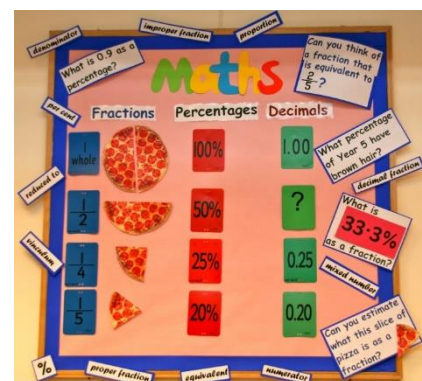


### Literacy

Small reading groups will again be utilised by each Stage 2 classroom. This allows for differentiated learning tailored towards individual children. The students will be learning to write explanations and procedures this term (to align with our Science unit). Handwriting and developing cursive writing skills will continue to be a focus. Handwriting is intrinsically linked to other important skills such as reading. Many studies have shown that interestingly, the ability to reproduce the memorised shape was predictive of scores in reading tests. So this suggests, that there is a link between writing and reading. Literacy is also heavily embedded across all Key Learning Areas. Stage 2 will continue to be supported by Mr Lemmon (Teacher Librarian) who is working on developing comprehension skills with small groups of selected students.

### Maths

Classes will again follow the Stage 2 scope and sequence to make sure all content of the Mathematics Syllabus is covered. Times tables are extremely important and underpin a lot of the content and span across many of the units. If you can work with your child to master rapid recall of times tables, it will benefit them greatly. Maths is also about finding different ways to solve problems and applying knowledge to new situations. Think about how much you use maths each day?



### Science

We are extremely fortunate to be working in collaboration with Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre, Erina Learning Community and Taronga Zoo this term. Our topic is **Biodiversity** and will require students to look at their local environment and design a way to improve a local habitat. We will give more information as the term progresses (There will be a small fee approximately \$4.50 to cover the cost of Taronga Zoomobile services).

### Physical Education/Personal Development and Health

With the Athletics Carnival approaching, we will continue to develop students' athletics skills. Our focus will be high jump, discus, sprints and shot put. High jump eliminations will be conducted at school this year. This will hopefully allow more time at the Athletics Carnival to complete relays.

During Weeks 4-6, Country Rugby League will be conducting Backyard League sessions developing fundamental movement skills- throwing and catching. Each student will receive a Steeden football. If the backfield is being renovated during this time, the students will walk to Davistown Oval for the sessions. (More info to follow)

Our Personal Development unit for this term is Mandatory Child Protection.

All students will be participating in Mandatory Child Protection lessons taught by their classroom teacher. This program has been implemented across our school and all NSW Public Schools for many years. It is designed to keep our children safe. This unit will address three themes:

1. Recognising Abuse - students will learn the names of the private body parts, recognise feelings and warning signals and safe and unsafe situations
2. Power in Relationships - students will learn about different kinds of relationships; bullying; rights and responsibilities;
3. Protective Strategies - students will learn to develop support networks and apply protective strategies to keep themselves safe, such as No, Go, Tell.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

### Creative Arts

This term we will be implementing a drama unit learning about movement, facial expressions, voice and learning scripts to perform to a small audience. We will also be using clay to create sculptures using animals as a guide.

### Homework

We have had positive feedback from students and parents about the format of the homework. So, this term we have continued with the accumulative research project with a presentation at the end of term. We also have reading, spelling and maths. We understand that your lives are extremely busy, so please do what you can. Reading is the most important! The homework sheet has been uploaded to the website and will be added to Google classroom. (for students who use this)

### Correspondence

If you wish to contact your classroom teacher, please make an appointment. We are always happy to discuss issues/concerns/successes with you, however we also have lots of before and after school meetings and duties. You can book an appointment by writing a note, phoning the school and leaving a message or send an email that will be forwarded on to your child's teacher.

### FETE 22 September

The P and C have been busily working to organise this year's Fete. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to be class coordinators. If you can offer any support, the P and C would certainly appreciate it. More information will be handed out as the term progresses.

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Thank you and we look forward to your continued support.

Stage 2 teachers

