PARENT/ TEACHER/ STUDENT MEETINGS
This year, we are encouraging all parents, with their child to meet with their child’s teacher on Tuesday 3 March from 3:15pm
A preferred time sheet has been sent home please return ASAP as times will be allocated on a first returned basis.
Meetings will be a maximum of 10 minutes.

Following the meetings, P&C is on at 7pm in the staffroom, preceded by a spring fair meeting at 6pm.

NEW HOME READERS
New home readers have been levelled according to the publisher’s recommended levels. Please be aware that the staff at Brisbania PS feel that the levels may not match your child’s reading level. Enjoy the new books by reading with your child as text format, size, repetition and titles are varied from fiction to nonfiction and cross a range of interest areas. ENJOY!

SCHOOL WORKS UPDATE
The lift shaft will have scaffolds erected and masonary work will start this week. The expected lift completion date is the end of Term Two.

The ramp from the basketball court to the canteen will be made less slippery on 5 to 6 March, unfortunately that means no access to the ramp while work is being done. Brisbania Close will be available for ramp access.

The walkway extension has begun, the walkway will join the walkway at the back of the library to the new disabled spot in the teachers’ car park at the top of the school.

The security fence has a number of defects to fix. The handrails at the top of the High St steps will be cut back in the near future to avoid being used as a means of climbing the fence.

SECURITY FENCE/ GATES
PLEASE BE CAREFUL in the wet when accessing the Shaw St pedestrian gate.
Entry to High St will be open from 8am to 9:15am, then from 2:30pm to the conclusion of bus duty- approximately 3:05pm depending on the buses.
Entry to Brisbania Close will be opened for Before and After School Care only from 6:30am and will be closed from 9:15am. Access in the afternoon will be from 2:45pm to 6:30pm. Entry and exit is only via pedestrian access gate.
Entry to Shaw St will be via monitored security access, via the pedestrian gate only once the gate is locked at 9:15am. The gate will be open from 8am to 9:15am and 2:45 to 3:10pm.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all students attending the carnival on Friday your sportsmanship and behaviour was commendable.

PAYMENTS
A reminder that World of Maths will be here as an incursion this week on 26 and 27 February. The cost is $8 per student.

Year 6 Canberra excursion payment plan has been sent home to assist the Year 6 parents.

Voluntary contributions are set at the same amount as the past few years. One child $40, two children $60 and three children or more $70.

Learning Pack is $45 per student.

Wellbeing sessions- students enjoyed a free session last week and today. A payment of $10.50 is required for the following sessions for the remainder of the term.

If you need assistance with payments, please contact the office.
EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES
The music bus has started weekly lessons. Please complete an EOI, available from the office, if you are interested in your child attending on Tuesday afternoons.

The Coast Academy of Music offers guitar on Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the AV room. Please contact them for more information on fees and availability.

Motiv8 has begun on Tuesdays at 3pm.

Just a reminder that before 8:20am and after 2:50pm, it is the parent/s/ carer’s responsibility to supervise your child, as teachers have a morning meetings and a professional learning meeting each Tuesday afternoon.

BUSH FIRE SEASON and BRISBANIA PS
The bushfire season runs from 1 October to 31 March each year. As such, it is timely to remind the community that Brisbania PS is in a bush fire prone area and is placed on the Bush Fire Register of the Department of Education (DoE).

Should a catastrophic fire danger rating be issued, it is a DoE directive that the school be closed until the rating is lifted. Please be aware that the school will advise of closure via social media and the radio after 4:30pm the previous day. Staff would be required to report to the closest open school, while students are under parental supervision at home.

SECURITY
We have had intruders on the premises again over the past few weekends. Please call security if you see or hear anyone on the premises out of school hours- phone- 1300 880 021. A reminder that no one should be on the premises out of hours without permission from the school principal.

Have a good week.
Annette Parrey

PRINCIPAL’S GOLD BOOK
Bailey
Leo
Estelle
Lauren

SARATOGA MEDICAL CENTRE INVITE YOU
FREE DIABETES INFO SESSION
Would you like to know more about diabetes management? Please join us for an information session on diabetes with Doctors and health experts.
10 AM - 2 PM | MONDAY MARCH 30
DAVISTOWN RSL (LUNCH PROVIDED)
RSVP: SARATOGA MEDICAL CENTRE 4383 1066
The school swimming carnival took place last Friday and was a great success. It was so great to see so many students competing to earn points for their sports houses and cheering positively from the stands. Congratulations to the students who gained a place in their heat. Those students that were fast enough to gain a place in our 2020 Zone Swimming Team will be announced this week. Our swimming carnival ribbons will be given out as soon as possible. Notification of our ribbon assembly will be made on the school’s social media.

A big thank you to the parents who helped with the time keeping and to all the staff and students for making it such an enjoyable day of swimming.

Mitzi Self

On Wednesday 19 February, 8 students from Brisbania travelled to Avoca Beach Public School to participate in a debating workshop with students from schools all over the Central Coast. Sophie R, Makaila R, Tom G, Jackson D, Sahara I, Evie S, Isabelle S and Reese H all took part in the day. The aim of the workshop was to build students’ knowledge and skills in the area of debating. At the end of the workshop, students had to then write their own arguments and take part in a mini debate. I congratulate all the students on their behaviour, focus and effort on the day. A huge thank you to the parents who helped transport the students to and from Avoca.

Lisa Babbage
Anticipated Costs for 2020

In addition to voluntary school fees of $40 for 1 child, $60 for 2 children and $70 for 3 or more children, the following are anticipated costs for each stage. Please be aware that additional activities may be added throughout the year including school discos, mufti days and fundraisers.

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P&C MEETING
Our next P&C meeting will be next Tuesday 3 March at 7pm in the staff room. We’ll be looking at our calendar for the year and how we can go about raising money towards our $92k goal for Smartboards and school laptops. If you can make it we’d love to have you join us to bring your ideas!

CANTEEN – Volunteers needed!
As you know, our canteen is dependent on volunteers each day. There are lots of different ways you can help out – from coming in for thirty minutes before school to help out, through to being around for the Recess and lunch rush. Even just once a month, the time you give helps our canteen stay awesome and stay open. If you are interested or would just like more information about what volunteering in the canteen could look like, send me an email dangodden84@gmail.com or call the school and ask to speak to Rose or Paula.

Also, please remember to update your child’s class on the “Flexischools – Our Place” app now that the new classes are set for the year. Some parents may have forgotten after classes were announced.

UNIFORM SHOP
Uniform shop is open Fridays from 8:30-9:30am. To make it easy for yourself and the uniform shop team, please use the “Flexischools – Our Place” app to order (flexischools.com.au) and then just come to the shop for pickup during opening hours.

SPRING FAIR 2020
It is exciting that we are in our Spring Fair year, a great day for us to look forward to. To make the Spring Fair a great and successful day we need your help! If you are keen to hear more about the Spring Fair, how you can help, if you can help with sponsorship, have stall ideas, have access to prizes or would love to be a class co-ordinator or helper, we would love it if you can come along to our first meeting. It would be brilliant to meet you and hear your ideas.

Spring Fair Information meeting is on Tuesday 3 March 6pm-7pm in the staff room. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you are unable to make it to the meeting, Lindsay would still love to hear from you. Her contact details are:

Lindsay Ivins
Spring Fair Coordinator
0415 210 028
lindsayivins77@gmail.com

Hope you all have a great week and hopefully we’ll catch you next Tuesday night – or wave sometime in the Shaw St ‘kiss and drop’ car line!

Dan Godden
P&C President

Term One Music Bus Enrolments Open

The Music Bus are taking new student enrolments for Term One. The program is open now and we are ready to enrol your child. Running weekdays at School. The Music Bus have limited availability in Singing, Keyboard, Guitar, Drum and Ukulele and so it is advised to enrol ASAP.

The Music Bus is a wonderful music program that many of our students will be enjoying – a brilliant and cost-effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school. Cost of lessons is only $20 per week (Drums $22).

If you’re interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus, check out their website at http://www.themusicbus.com.au or call 1300 168 742
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High quality learning, academic achievement, sporting success, creative and performing arts, design projects, technological innovation and future focused teaching, learning and leading.

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The Music Bus visits over 300 schools a week, bringing music into the lives of over 5,000 students across Australia.

The Music Bus is the classroom (the bus!), teacher, instruments and curriculum all in one complete package - and it's at your school.

Made up of weekly half hour lessons, The Music Bus is fun, engaging and will inspire your child each and every week.

our programs
The Music Bus offers modern and rock-style courses, using well-known songs to engage students at all ability levels. High quality instruments are provided and our experienced teachers use extensive backing tracks, developing confidence, rhythm and teamwork.

Cost: $20 per weekly 30 min lesson (Drums $22)
*Lessons paid by the term on commencement

Did you know...?
You can apply to receive $100 towards your child’s fees

Simply use your Creative Kids voucher for lessons at The Music Bus

1. Apply for your Creative Kids Voucher: Visit Service NSW at www.service.nsw.gov.au
   This benefit is available to all families with school aged children in NSW.

2. Redeem your Voucher at The Music Bus: Once you have received your voucher contact The Music Bus on 1300 168 742 or email creativekids@themusicbus.com.au

Book Now - Phone 1300 168 742 or Visit www.themusicbus.com.au

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**Why we’re different**

1. **We come to your school**: We offer all students, regardless of background or prior experience, specialist instrument lessons right on school grounds. That means less travel time for busy families.

2. **We’re affordable**: Our lessons are around half the price of private tuition. We also supply all the instruments during class, taking the burden off having to buy one right away.

3. **Learning is fun**: The customised curriculum is set in a fun environment, focusing on music reading, playing, arranging and performing to help build skills and self-esteem - with lots of fun competitions and awards throughout the term.

4. **Glowing reviews**: The award winning Music Bus program has received positive feedback from the Dept of Ed and NSW Creative Arts Department - not to mention from countless parents and Principals in your community.

**Benefits of Music Education**

Numerous studies have suggested that studying music stimulates parts of the brain that are linked to maths and cognitive abilities, which may give your child an advantage in the classroom.

Learning an instrument can be a great way of enhancing kids’ social skills. Learning in a group can help encourage youngsters to interact with their peers by working towards common goals and listening to each other!

Research has shown that listening to and playing music can stimulate brain development and improve memory which will increase their learning abilities.

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If you like what you hear and would like to book lessons for your child contact us today.

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Not at your school yet? No problem - get in touch regardless and we can help you get started!

Note: Music Bus lessons are also available at Vacation Care, OOSH and Home School.
Brisbania Public School
Wellbeing Policy, 2020

Brisbania Public School prides itself on nurturing students to become successful, confident, creative, lifelong, resilient, contemporary learners who reach their full potential as they strive to Believe, Persevere and Succeed. In achieving our goal, we acknowledge that all stakeholders, students, staff and families (including carers), have a crucial role to play in the development of healthy, happy, successful and productive individuals. Through our Wellbeing Policy we aim to:

- Promote a school tone and culture which is happy, safe and in which all stakeholders feel valued.
- Encourage and support respectful, responsible and resilient relationships. Respect relates not only to people, but to practices and processes employed in our school.
- Provide equity of access to support, providing for individuals and groups with sensitivity to their needs.
- Maintain high expectations for behaviour and learning. These expectations will be communicated explicitly and with clarity.
- Create a sense of identity within the school which inspires stakeholders and encourages them to aspire to greater goals.
- Ensure consistency in our expectations and in the way we respond to a broad range of situations.
- Make decisions which are strongly based on shared values.
- Address bullying in a clear and explicit fashion.

VALUES
Values guide student wellbeing and discipline, how the school communicates with parents and the opportunities for staff, students and parents to participate in decision-making. They also guide the learning experiences that are provided for students and how they are provided. Values contribute to all individual and group decision-making in the school community.

The core values of the public schools in New South Wales are:

INTEGRITY - Being consistently honest and trustworthy.
EXCELLENCE - Striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning.
RESPECT - Having regard for yourself and others, lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society and accepting the right of others to hold different or opposing views.
RESPONSIBILITY - Being accountable for your individual and community's actions towards yourself, others and the environment.
COOPERATION - Working together to achieve common goals, providing support to others and engaging in peaceful resolution of conflict.
PARTICIPATION - Being a proactive and productive individual and group member, having pride in and contributing to the social and economic wealth of the community and the nation.
CARE - Concern for the wellbeing of yourself and others, demonstrating empathy and acting with compassion.
FAIRNESS - Being committed to the principles of social justice and opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.
DEMOCRACY - Accepting and promoting the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen.
SCHOOL RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

Rules and expectations are consistent throughout our school environment. This supports students, staff and community in knowing what is expected of them at all times.

Falling under the umbrella of "The Core Rules for All NSW Government Schools", our school rules and subsequently our classroom expectations are refined to suit the specific environments in which they are applied.

All students in NSW government schools are expected to:
- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.

SCHOOL RULES and YCDI!

- BE SAFE - Keep hands and feet to ourselves, stay in safe areas, get help when needed
- BE RESPECTFUL - Give everyone a fair go, be kind, friendly and pleasant, respect yourself and others
- BE READY TO LEARN - Listen and be on task, be on time, have all your materials and be organised
- BE PROUD - Do the best you can, wear full uniform, look after our environment

Rules and expectations are stated positively, taught explicitly and reiterated regularly.

Posters and visual cues are displayed throughout the school, reinforcing positive behaviour.

Every student is known, valued and cared for in our school.

SCHOOL DISCO

The staff of Brisbania Public School are happy to support the P&C school discos by providing supervision during these events. Your co-operation would greatly assist us with providing a safe and enjoyable disco for your child.

- The discos are for current BPS students only. Students are to arrive no more than 10 minutes prior to their disco session and are to be collected promptly at the finish of their disco session.
- No child will be permitted to play in the COLA or playground at any time during the disco evening.
- No parents are allowed into the hall until the disco finishes.
- If parents wish to remain on school grounds during their child’s disco session they are to stay at the back of the COLA near the silver tables.
- If a child is not able to separate from their parents and happily attend the disco under teacher supervision then they should not attend until they can.
- Children must wear suitable dancing shoes at all times and are not to bring balloons, toys or lollies.
- At the conclusion of the disco, parents will be permitted into hall to collect their child. If another person other than their parent is collecting a child, then a note written by the child’s parent authorising this arrangement, must be given to a supervising teacher.