COVID-19

A media release yesterday, is included below.

MEDIA RELEASE

Sunday, 15 March 2020

SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT DISTANCING MEASURES

The NSW Department of Education is introducing proactive measures to limit the impact of COVID-19 in our schools.

Mark Scott, Secretary of the Department of Education today announced that schools would adopt social distancing measures requiring them to cancel assemblies, excursions, travel, some events and conferences.

Mr Scott said these measures are precautionary and designed to reduce exposure via non-essential gatherings.

“Schools have been a focus of the community and the government as the impacts of coronavirus have developed globally.” Mr Scott said.

“From Monday onwards, I expect school assemblies and substantial gatherings to be cancelled, along with all excursions.

“The community expects schools to be as safe as possible. We are implementing these measures to provide peace of mind for students, parents and staff.”

“These cancellations also extend to inter-school arts, sports, initiative activities and events.

All major Arts, Sports and Initiative activities and events will temporarily be ceased until further notice. This includes whole school sporting events and inter-school events involving three or more schools.

“Local inter-school sport and other activities, can proceed but we ask organisers to ensure that as far as possible, reasonable precautions are taken.” Mr Scott said.

“I trust our principals and staff to show leadership during this time.”

Schools will be provided with more detailed advice and suggestions on how they can adjust their day to day activities with minimal disruption.

The Department is continuing to prepare for further closures if necessary with scaling up of technology, additional training of staff and preparation of offsite lessons.


As stated by the NSW Health Chief Medical Officer Dr Kerry Chant PSM yesterday, “At this stage, the spread of COVID-19 in the community is at quite low levels.” Daily advice will be given in relation to schools and activities run by schools.

Murat Dizdar Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance stated “A decision about when and if to close schools is a decision that will be made based on the best health advice.”

Please encourage your children to:-

- Wash their hands regularly and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds.
- Sneeze into their elbow or a tissue covering nose and mouth, disposing of tissues straight away and then washing their hands.
- Stay home if they are unwell. Students who are unwell during the day will be sent home.

Please remain calm. The Department of Education is working closely with NSW Health to ensure they have the latest advice on how to keep the staff, students and community safe.

Please send your child with hand sanitiser, if you have some, at present we are trying to get more.

Restrictions that have been implemented immediately are:-

- School assemblies cancelled
- School day excursions cancelled
- All overnight excursions cancelled
- School carnivals cancelled
- Interschool sport cancelled
- Interschool events, eg debating, of more than two schools cancelled

As a result of the directives and until otherwise advised, Stage One- Taronga Zoo, Stage Two- Bouddi National Park, Year 5- Great Aussie Bush Camp and Year 6- Canberra excursions have been cancelled.

The K-2 Easter Hat Parade, Harmony Day assembly, Disco and Assembly of Excellence are cancelled.

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2021
Enrolments are now being taken for all students enrolling for Kindergarten 2021. We particularly need siblings who may be out of zone, due to change of address to be enrolled as soon as possible. Last year, changes were made to the Enrolment procedures in NSW, at present we are able to take non local siblings, but this could change at anytime.

SHAW ST
When visiting the office, dropping off or picking up your child/children, please be considerate of our neighbours in Shaw St. Please do not park or queue across driveways, watch for residents reversing from or driving into their driveways and monitor your child/children if walking to or from cars. Thanks in advance for your consideration of Shaw St neighbours.

BBQ AT THE PIRATE PARK
Thank you to the students and parents who attended and Ms Simpson, Mr Ingram, Mrs Vanderstichel and Mrs Carey who hosted the BBQ last Wednesday evening. What a lovely setting and opportunity to yarn.

ZONE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP
Congratulations to the team on their behaviour and sportsmanship, last Tuesday. Well done to Tyson and Will who made it to the Sydney North team and Tyson on being named Overall Boy Champion. Thanks to Mr McKeown, Miss Babbage and Mrs Self for attending and Mrs Self for organising the team.

NAPLAN ONLINE PRACTICE
Years 3 and 5 will be practising for NAPLAN in MAY via Online practice sessions in Weeks 9 and 10- 23 March to 3 April.

HARMONY DAY
Wear orange on FRIDAY 20 MARCH. Students will be involved in activities celebrating our country’s cultural diversity.
SPRING FAIR GOING AHEAD AT THIS POINT OF TIME!
SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER is our biannual Spring Fair. Lindsay Ivins has starting her organisation. She has already procured three platinum sponsors which is terrific! If you would like to coordinate a stall or assist, please contact Lindsay.

EASTER RAFFLE AND DONATIONS
Thank you in advance for donations towards our Easter raffle- Easter eggs, baskets, Easter craft etc and for supporting the raffle. Raffle books were sent home last week. If you require extra raffle books, return the first book to the office and to get another one. Tickets are 1 for $2, 3 for $5 and 7 for $10. Please ensure the correct money is returned with the sold book. The raffle will now be drawn on WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL, to allow a day for all baskets to be collected prior to the Easter holidays.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (SDD) CASH IN
On Wednesdays 18 and 25 March, the teachers are cashing in their 18 December SDD to attend two afternoon sessions (3:15-6pm) on programming with the new PD/H/PE syllabus and embedding Aboriginal Education across Key Learning Areas.

MOZZIES
The mozzies are particularly bad at present, even though we sprayed prior to the term beginning, this the worst the mozzies have been for years. Please spray your child prior to coming to school each day.

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
Please call security if you see or hear anyone on the premises out of school hours- phone 1300 880 021.
No one should be on the premises out of hours without permission from the school principal.

Have an interesting, safe, healthy week.
Annette Parrey

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**PRINCIPAL’S GOLD BOOK**

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**TERM 1 - 2020 DATES**

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## 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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*Note: TBA stands for To Be Announced.*
The SCCPSSA Zone Swimming Championships took place last Tuesday at the Peninsula Pool. Our team of 31 students all swam brilliantly, with a few gaining places in their heats. Will made the 8yr old boys 50m Freestyle final and came 2nd, which means he made the Sydney North team. Tyson had a sensational day, gaining positions in the 50m and 100m Freestyle, Breaststroke and the Individual Medley. He also made the Sydney North team to compete in all these events. Tyson also gained “12 yr Old Boys Champion” and overall “2020 Boys Champion”. Congratulations Tyson!

Thank you to the parents and carers that attended the day and supported our students. Well done to all our team for their positive sporting spirit and super swimming.

Mrs Self
COVID-19
As a P&C we want to thank the school and leadership for its response to the corona virus outbreak. We know that it’s a developing situation and it’s hard to make decisions with limited knowledge, but it’s great to know that our children’s health is being considered.

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, 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 check Flexischools when making a lunch order – some parents have been missing siblings when ordering. Always read the receipt email to double check the order went through correctly.

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.

EASTER RAFFLE
Please keep getting your Easter raffle tickets and money into the office – remember to hand in the stubs (the stapled part). If you need more, these are available at the office.

VOLLY OF THE WEEK
The volly of the week is Emma! Emma is a regular helper in our school canteen and I grabbed her for a few questions last week while she was sorting out lunch orders:

What year is your child in? Year 4
What’s your favourite Sara/Davo spot? The waterfront near the pirate park. We love jumping off the jetty near there!
What was your best day volunteering at Brisbania? I love coming into the canteen and having a cuppa/catch up with Paula. She makes the job more fun.

Thanks for all your hard work Emma (and Paula)!
Hope you all have a great week and stay healthy.

Paula (left) and Emma (right) enjoy a cuppa

Dan Godden
P&C President
We will be holding the ‘Easter Chocolate Basket Raffle’ again this year to support our ongoing fundraising for new technology for our school.

Tickets will be sent home to the youngest child, 1 (one) raffle ticket booklet of 10 tickets for your family to sell. If you would like more tickets, please return the completed book with money to the office and we will provide you with another booklet to sell.

There will be a prize of an Easter egg basket to the person that sells the most tickets. Please note that all tickets and money, sold or unsold, are required back to the school office by 6 April to enable all tickets to go into the draw.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on 8 April

It would be greatly appreciated if every family is able to donate chocolate eggs and Easter craft activities for the baskets.

If you are able to donate items, please send them to the school office as soon as possible. If you have any baskets that you can donate for the raffle, we would love to have these too.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Brisbania P&C Team
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Do you want to receive prime advertising for your business on the lead up to the Spring Fair?

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Spring Fair Sponsorship

**PLATINUM SPONSOR**

$1000.00 includes
- Business Logo on Banners on display at the corner of Avoca Drive and Central Coast Highway for 2 weeks on the lead up to the Spring Fair
- Business logo on Spring Fair posters and our social media advertising
- Free advertising for 4 weeks in the School Newsletter - please forward a copy of your advert
- 2 Unlimited Ride Wristbands for the Spring Fair

**GOLD SPONSOR**

$700.00 includes
- Business Logo on Banners on display at the corner of Avoca Drive and Central Coast Highway for 2 weeks on the lead up to the Spring Fair
- Business logo on Spring Fair Posters and our social media advertising
- Free advertising for 4 weeks in the School Newsletter - please forward a copy of your advert
- 1 Unlimited Ride Wristband for the Spring Fair

**SILVER SPONSOR**

$500.00 includes
- Business Logo on Banners on display at the corner of Avoca Drive and Central Coast Highway for 2 weeks on the lead up to the Spring Fair
- Business logo on Spring Fair posters and our social media advertising
- Free advertising for 4 weeks in the School Newsletter - please forward a copy of your advert

If you can help in any other way we would appreciate your support.

For further information please contact:
Lindsay Ivins, Spring Fair Coordinator
Email: lindsayivins77@gmail.com
Mobile: 0415 210 028

PRESIDENT: Daniel Godden
VICE PRESIDENTS: Kristie Hughes & Lindsay Ivins
TREASURER: Nathan Vant
SECRETARY: Belinda Murray
Dear Parent/Guardian

This year we are holding our **Spring Fair on Saturday 19 September**. Without the fantastic support of our school community, we would be unable to make it a success.

We are looking for one stall coordinator from each class to help plan, organise and manage the stall with the support of your class teacher and a band of helpers from the other class parents.

**As the lead coordinator for one of our stalls, your role would be to:**

- Liaise with the class teacher on all aspects of the stall.
- Organize volunteers to run the stall on the day. A roster of approximately five people during the course of the day is a good idea and means everyone gets to enjoy the fair.
- Work out what equipment and resources your stall will need.
- Find businesses that will donate what you need.

Stall set up and clear down (first to arrive, last to leave)

My name is Lindsay Ivins and I’m the Spring Fair coordinator on behalf of the Brisbania P&C.
My mobile phone number is **0451 210 028** and my email is **lindsayivins77@gmail.com**, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Please complete the slip below and return to your fabulous class teacher as soon as possible, so that I can contact you as necessary. Please note that most contact is via email.

Suggestions for stalls are: **crazy socks, slime and sand art, rock painting, krispy kreme donuts, chocolate wheel, face painting, lolly/chip and popcorn, fairy floss, snow cones, drinks, books, lucky dip, fresh fruit, feathers in hair, cake stall, carnival games, BBQ and a plant stall.**

If you would be interested in organising one of these stalls or any other fun ideas, please fill out the form below. Thank you so much for all your help to make this a great day.

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UNIFORM POLICY
Our school uniform identifies our students as belonging to Brisbania Public School. All students are expected to wear the full school uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when engaged in school activities out of school hours. The wearing of school uniforms by students assists in:

- defining an identity for the school within the community
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors
- making school clothing more affordable for families

Students at Brisbania Public School are expected to be in full school uniform every day. The school hat is also an integral part of the school’s Sun Safety program and all students should wear their school hat every day. We do not encourage the wearing of jewellery. Studs or sleepers may be worn if your child has pierced ears. To reduce the risk of injury, all jewellery is to be removed prior to competition sport.

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BRISBANIA SCHOOL HAT The school hat, wide brim style is to be worn at all times when outside. Year 5 & Year 6 may wear the school cap. If a student does not have a school hat or cap, they are to play in the shade.

SPORTS UNIFORMS
The sports uniform consists of the black basketball shorts or black skorts with the Brisbania unisex polo shirt & white socks & joggers. The school hat must be worn for outdoor sports, black long pants may be worn in cold weather.

SPECIAL SPORT DAYS  Eg Swimming & Athletics Carnivals, Cross Country.
A plain T-shirt in house colours should be worn as follows:
Kangaroo – Green
Wombat – Blue
Platypus – Red
Kaala – Yellow

Every student is known, valued and cared for in our school.
Has been postponed until further notice

Sorry for any inconvenience

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