

THE LATEST NEWS FROM

# BRISBANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## 28 NOVEMBER

6 to 7 Orientation Day

## 29 NOVEMBER

## 30 NOVEMBER

## 1 DECEMBER

Red and Yellow Day, Beach Safety Day

Year 6 Mini fete



### MISS PARREY'S MESSAGE



#### Orientation Day for Year 6

Tomorrow, our Year 6 get a taste of high school. Erina HS's transition days provide Year 4, 5 and 6 with a variety of activities and opportunities to prepare them for Year 7.

#### Student Leadership Team 2024

Congratulations to the students who presented their speeches to Years 2 to 5 and staff last Thursday. You should all be very proud of yourselves. The top 6 students will be named as the Student Leadership Team 2024 at Presentation Day next week.

#### Presentation Day

Class teachers have or will soon be sending an invitation to attend Presentation Day via Dojo for parents of students receiving class and special awards next Thursday 7 December.

#### Reverse Santa and You Did It BBQ – 8 December

Thank you to parent volunteers who have contacted the school to assist with the BBQ from 11:30am until 1pm.

Reverse Santa gifts - if you are able to send in a gift this year, please send it unwrapped on Fri 8 Dec for Santa to accept and donate to children less fortunate on the Central Coast.

#### Mini Fete and Beach Safety Day

This Friday, 1 December, students are asked to wear Red and Yellow mufti or their Nippers' rashie as prior to the Mini Fete, students will be learning the importance of how to be safe at the beach.

#### Semester Two reports

Reports will be sent home on Thursday 7 December, following Presentation Day.

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### Do you know that....?

Each year the school budget provided by the Department of Education has to cover the paper and cardboard for photocopying, laminating pouches, toilet paper, soap, sport equipment, all Key Learning Areas- English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Human Society and Its Environment, Creative Arts and Personal Development Health and Physical Education- resources, Aboriginal Education resources and special days, including Cultural Groups, stationary, staffing costs - teachers, School Learning and Support Officers, General Assistants and School Administrative staff, emergency repairs, Work Health and Safety repairs, library books, teacher and student subscriptions to assist in communication, lessons or with assessment, sand for the sand pit and long jump pit, garbage, furniture, waste collection costs, PSSA sporting team fees, electricity costs, water rates, council rates, professional learning fees and casual costs, Curriculum Reform RFF days for Assistant Principals and teachers, casuals to cover staff leave and additional programs provided for students, technology and STEM resources.

Decreasing numbers mean less in the budget to provide for your children. We are grateful to the P&C for assisting with donations when requested to allow resources to be purchased with extra funds.

On average, every 5 weeks for each stage, the new English Units of work's resources cost between \$600 and \$1000 to ensure our students have the resources needed. We have recently upgraded Maths resources with a \$10 000 order to ensure Stages 2 and 3 have Maths resources needed for the new units of work.

In 2024, voluntary school fees remain the same as in 2023 and learning pack costs have been reduced by half to assist with the cost of living. With the cost of learning packs reduced, this again gives less money to the budget to provide necessary resources.

Please do not pay anticipated costs for 2024, until notes are sent home but please budget for costs in the new school year.

### LIBRARY STOCKTAKE

The end of year is quickly approaching and our library stocktake will be starting soon. You can greatly assist the library staff by having a stocktake of your books at home. So often our school library books get mixed up with personal ones. Also, get your children to check in cupboards and under the bed. With the annual stocktake taking place, there will be no borrowing for the next 3 weeks. Please return borrowed books back to the school library as soon as possible.

### EMERGENCY PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE BUSHFIRE SEASON

Brisbania Public School is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

**During the school term, when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for the Central Coast, the NSW Department of Education's policy requires the school to temporarily cease operations for the following day. This means the school will be non-operational on these days. The school will inform the school community after 4 pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day.**

In addition, schools may be made non-operational due to changing higher risk conditions and advice from Emergency Services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.



Brisbania Public School would like to thank all our wonderful parents and volunteers that have given up their time to support our students, staff and school in 2023. We would like to invite you to a special morning tea on:

**Wednesday 6 December @ 11am in our school library**

We hope you can join us.



## Friday 8 December 2023

### REVERSE SANTA 2023

As is tradition at Brisbania PS, we will be holding our Reverse Santa on 8 December. For those new to the school, students bring in a new unwrapped item to donate to Santa. Santa will be at school from 9am to 10:45am. Thank you in advance for your support of less fortunate children on the Central Coast.



### YOU DID IT BBQ 2023

Our annual YOU DID IT BBQ (paid for by the school) for students to say a big thank you for the year by Miss Parrey will be held at lunch time.

Students will receive a sausage sandwich and an ice block at lunch time.

**If you can spare some time to help with setting up, cooking and/or serving the lunch, please contact the office ASAP.**





Congratulations to Windsor and Tilly  
who auditioned for the musical  
Treasure Island.

They are now part of the of the  
Treasure Island cast!  
We are proud of you.







# P&C NEWS

## Term 4 Week 8

### GENERAL NEWS

As 2023 comes to a close let's reflect on the fundraisers the P&C have held: Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls, Raffles, Discos, BBQs, School Fun Run, Cake Stalls and many more!!

Through these fundraisers we have been able to put back into our amazing school by purchasing PLENTY of decodables, STEM resources, technology, sporting equipment, as well as hire buses, put on a morning tea for our 2024 Kinder families and purchase all the fantastic prizes for the School Fun Run. We still have many more ideas to come!

### WHAT'S NEW?

Week 7 was our AGM. At this meeting we thanked our existing executive team consisting of Shane, Nathan, Erin, Simon and Kelly for all their hard work.

The new Executive Team was voted in for 2024, consisting of:

**President - Kelly Bissett**

**Vice President - Kristy Hyland**

**Vice President - Erin Maxwell**

**Secretary - Simon Maxwell**

**Treasurer - Emily Nelson**

During this meeting we had a fantastic turn out of new and existing P&C members. All parents/carers and community members are always welcome at our meetings, it is a great way to get involved in your child's education.



**P&C Helpers**



**Events**

### COMING UP

- Christmas Raffle - December 8th (keep a look out for information about purchasing online tickets soon.)
- TIW4 - February 22nd, 2024  
P&C Meeting
- TIW8 - March 21st, 2024  
P&C Meeting



# Little Leaders

## Summer Camps Kincumber High School

22nd December - Xmas Day of Fun  
8th & 9th of January  
11th & 12th January

Encouraging the development of your child's self-esteem, independence, confidence, responsibility, and respect for others.

### Camp Details:

- 8:30am - 3:30pm
- Creative & Active Kids Vouchers welcomed for discounted tickets
- Teamwork, gratitude, mindfulness and resilience activities
- Colour run
- Lunch provided

We can't wait to see your Little Leaders there!

Visit our website for more information

[www.littleleadersaustralia.com](http://www.littleleadersaustralia.com)



BUY TICKETS

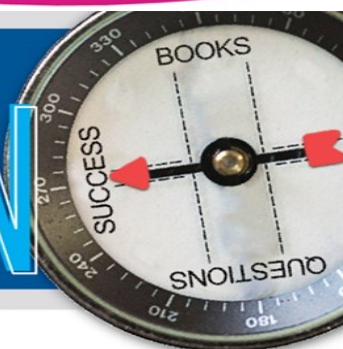


### Activity Highlights:

Bubble soccer, water adventures, team-building challenges, drumming sessions, mindful moments, dance-offs, parkour, Christmas crafts, culinary adventures & so much more!



# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



## **EHS and the Erina Learning Community welcomes you.**

Starting high school is a significant milestone for all children and their families, where the transition between learning environments can be both challenging and exciting. EHS provides a supportive transition program for all students. Children who have a positive start to school are likely to engage and experience ongoing academic and social success. We would like to invite our new students to our Orientation Day and our families to our EHS Positive Transition Information Evening.



### **EHS Orientation Day**

**When: Tuesday 28th November 2023**

**Time: 9am – 2.30pm**

**Meeting: EHS Bus Cola**

Our orientation day is a real high school experience where students will participate in a series of engaging and exciting timetabled lessons preparing them for what life at EHS is like. Your Primary School (ELC) will organise transport options, permission notes and information material and program outline. If you are not in the Erina Learning Community partnership of public schools, please contact the school directly (02) 43 67 7353 for more information. Students must wear their full school uniform.



### **EHS Families**

#### **Positive Transition Information Evening**

**When: Tuesday 28th November 2023**

**Time: 6pm**

**Meeting: EHS MPC**

We look forward to meeting you.

Paul Broadbent, Principal.



# ev summerfest KiDS

MON 8  
TO FRI 12

JAN  
2024

9-11:30AM

**\$7** COST PER CHILD PER DAY

\$13 PER FAMILY PER DAY



**SUMMER HOLIDAY**

**FUN**

An epic, super fun, holiday program for kids ages preschool to year 6. Come and enjoy awesome games, challenges, Bible talks, friendship and fun!



- + Summerfest is run by EV Church
- + 331 Terrigal Drive, Erina

MORE INFO & BOOK ONLINE  
[EVCHURCH.INFO/SUMMERFEST](http://EVCHURCH.INFO/SUMMERFEST)





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# Cafe

9-11:30AM

MON 8 TO FRI 12 JAN.

Each morning during  
Summerfest Kids!  
GREAT COFFEE, TASTY  
TREATS, POP-UP TALKS, AND  
SPACE TO SIT AND CHAT.



MORE CAFE  
INFO HERE



7-9:30AM

MON 8 TO FRI 12 JAN.



EVYOUTH.COM/SUMMERFEST-NIGHTS

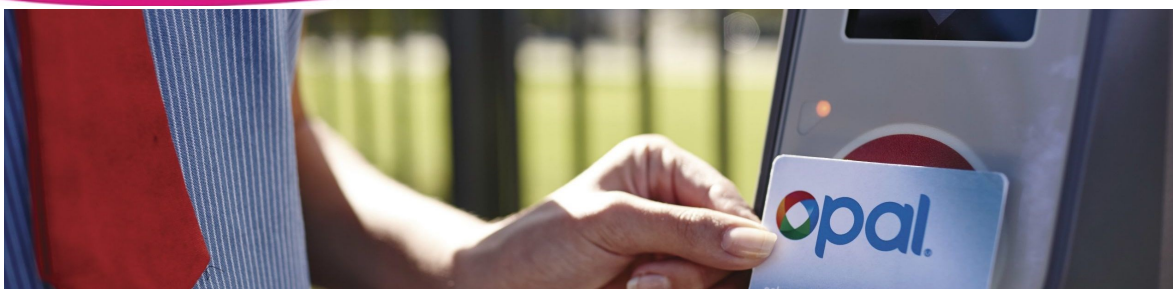


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# Nights

EPIC GAMES  
COMMUNITY  
WATER NIGHT  
BIBLE TALKS & MORE!

\$2 ENTRY. TEENS YEARS 7-12



## Reminder to parents and carers:

# Apply now for 2024 School Opal cards

Dear admins and teachers,

Applications are now open for 2024 Student Opal cards on Transport for NSW website. We encourage parents and carers to apply now to make sure their children receive their School Opal card before the start of the 2024 new school year.

Could you please share the information below before the end of Term 4 to help your parents and carers prepare their children early for their bus journey to school next year.

Please share on your school channels – email, text, social media or website!

Sincerely

Busways Customer Service team

### Getting to school by bus in 2024

Will your child be catching the bus to school next year? Applications are now open for a 2024 School Opal cards. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of this year. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible. Here is how it works:

### School Opal cards

- All students catching the bus in 2024 will need a School Opal card.
- Under the [School Student Transport Scheme \(SSTS\)](#), eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.
- For more information about the SSTS and how to apply for a School Opal Card, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer, and click 'apply for a school travel pass'.

### Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

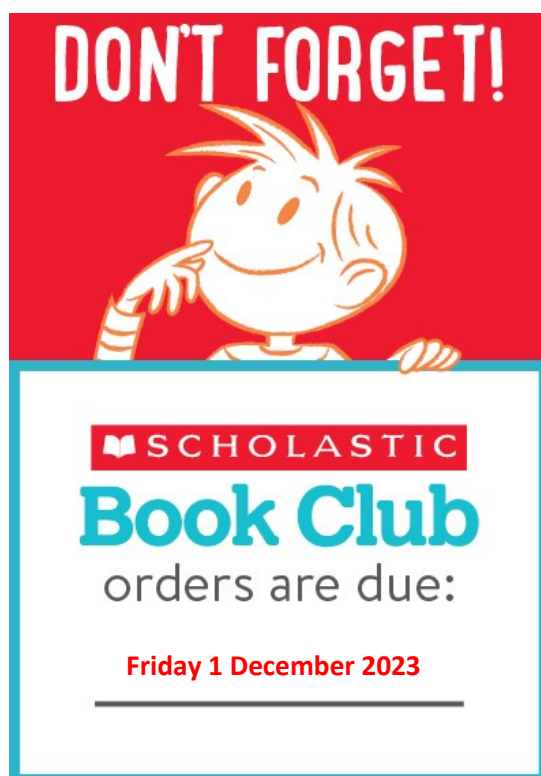
1. Go to [busways.com.au/nsw](https://busways.com.au/nsw)
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to '[school timetables](#)'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device.
5. If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.
6. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 8		Week 9	
Thursday:	Help Needed	Thursday:	Help Needed
Friday:	Help Needed	Friday:	Help Needed

**CANTEEN REMINDER: The canteen will be closed on  
Friday 8/12/23 and Friday 15/12/23**



## Anticipated Costs for Term 4 2023

In addition to voluntary school fees of \$50 for 1 child, \$70 for 2 children and \$80 for 3 or more children, the following are anticipated costs for each stage that need to be paid for each child. Please be aware that additional activities may be added throughout the year including mufti days and fundraisers. Learning Packs \$100.

KINDERGARTEN	YEARS 1 and 2	YEARS 3 and 4	YEARS 5 and 6
Term Four	Term Four	Term Four	Term Four
Christmas Luncheon \$10	End of Year celebration \$20	End of Year celebration \$20	End of Year celebration \$35
Year 6 Mini Fete \$7.50	Year 6 Mini Fete \$7.50	Year 6 Mini Fete \$7.50	<b>Year 5-</b> Year 6 Mini Fete \$7.50
Gymnastics \$17.50	Gymnastics \$17.50	Gymnastics \$17.50	Gymnastics \$17.50
			<b>Year 6</b> Farewell \$50
			<b>Year 6</b> Trivia night \$10



# Coast Shelter Christmas Appeal 2023



**Thank you so much for your interest in supporting  
Coast Shelter's Christmas Appeal for 2023!**

## Food Hampers

**We are kindly asking for whole food hampers to be provided to us if possible. However, we understand that with the rising cost of living that may not be feasible so we also warmly welcome individual items that we can use to put together a hamper.**

Our clients have come up with the following list of things that they think would be nice to have on Christmas Day. We ask that these non-perishable items be placed in a sturdy grocery bag so that it is easy for our clients to carry, and delivered to Coast Shelter (346 Mann St, North Gosford) by Thursday 14th December. If you have a large amount of hampers we are happy to come pick them up.

- Tinned leg ham
- Juice, soft drink or sugar free drink
- Chips, pretzels, or popcorn
- Shortbread
- Savoury crackers
- Christmas pudding
- Long-life milk
- Long-life custard
- Christmas serviettes
- Christmas lollies and chocolates
- Tinned fruit – ring pull
- Christmas Bon Bons/Crackers
- Christmas paper plates
- Spread – peanut butter, jam, or Nutella
- Zooper Doopers or freezable ice blocks
- Jelly mix

If there is a specific item missing from your food hamper, please let a Coast Shelter staff member know when you drop it off, however we ask that there be one of each item in every food hamper so that no one misses out.

**Thank you for getting involved with our 2023 Christmas Appeal. We couldn't do what we do without the help of our community. Your support will be enormously appreciated – because it really does give hope where it's needed most.**

**Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season,  
from everyone at Coast Shelter.**







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**PLEASE DO NOT PAY UNTIL NOTES ARE SENT HOME TO CONFIRM COSTS**

Early Stage One	Stage One	Stage Two	Stage Three
Term One	Term One	Term One	Term One
Learning Packs \$50	Learning Packs \$50	Learning Packs \$50	Learning Packs \$50
Wellbeing sessions \$40	Wellbeing sessions \$40	Wellbeing sessions \$35	Wellbeing sessions \$35
	<b>Year 2</b> Swimming Carnival \$10	Swimming Carnival \$10	Swimming Carnival \$10
			Year 6 shirts per shirt \$50
			<b>Year 5-</b> Great Aussie Bush Camp \$400 TBC
Term Two	Term Two	Term Two	Term Two
Life Education \$12	Life Education \$12	Life Education \$12	Life Education \$12
Possible Kindergarten excursion \$40	Stage One excursion \$40	Stage Two excursion \$45	<b>Year 6-</b> Canberra \$400 TBC
		University of NSW Competitions TBA	University of NSW Competitions TBA
			Star struck TBA
Photos TBA	Photos TBA	Photos TBA	Photos TBA
Term Three	Term Three	Term Three	Term Three
Sport in Schools \$40 TBC	Sport in Schools \$40 TBC		
K-2 Athletics Carnival \$5	K-2 Athletics Carnival \$5	8-12 year olds Athletics Carnival \$10	8-12 year olds Athletics Carnival \$10
	<b>Year 2 only</b> 8-12 year olds Athletics Carnival \$10		
Musical TBA	Musical TBA	Musical TBA	Musical TBA
Term Four	Term Four	Term Four	Term Four
Christmas Luncheon \$10	End of Year celebration \$20	End of Year celebration \$20	End of Year celebration \$35
	<b>Year 2 only</b> Swim Scheme		
Year 6 Mini Fete \$7.50	Year 6 Mini Fete \$7.50	Year 6 Mini Fete \$7.50	<b>Year 5-</b> Year 6 Mini Fete \$7.50
		Gymnastics \$40 TBC	Gymnastics \$40 TBC
		Zone Ball Games \$5	Zone Ball Games \$5
			<b>Year 6</b> Trivia night \$10
			<b>Year 6</b> Farewell \$50

# Brisbania PS - Term 4 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	4 December	5 December	6 December	7 December Presentation Day Years 1-6 9:15am Reports Home	8 December Reverse Santa You Did It Lunch and Fun Day <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>
10	11 December Year 6 Farewell and Graduation @ Davistown RSL	12 December	13 December	14 December Graduation- Kindergarten 9:30am	15 December End of year Stage activities Yr 6 walkout 2:30pm <b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b> Yr 6 walkout <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>

