





BRISBANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL


NEWSLETTER


Term 1 Week 2

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 Brisbania Public School

MISS PARREY'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our new families.

The staff is looking forward to another exciting year at Brisbania Public School. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a term filled with learning, creativity and growth. The newsletter will be published fortnightly on Tuesdays in even weeks, weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.

Please ensure you have Dojo and Compass access for school communication.

Classes 2025

Much time and thought, as well as consideration of student preferences, is spent by teachers in forming classes. We have 14 classes, 2 per grade.

Assistant Principals-

Kindergarten and Years 1-2- Mrs Allyson Carey (M-TH) and Mr Tom Stott - Relieving (F)
Years 3-4 - Mrs Leanne Lukins
Years 5-6 - Mrs Karen Duruz

BELIEVE, PERSEVERE, SUCCEED



LEAVE ONLY

FOOTPRINTS - OUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE

2025 STAFFING

Class	Teacher
K Coral	Miss Kia Christoffersen
K Turquoise	Mr Tom Stott (M, T, W, F) Mrs Sharon Howe (TH)
1 Aqua	Mrs Allyson Carey (M, T, TH) Mrs Sharon Howe (W, F)
1 Purple	Mrs Stephanie Spring
2 Navy	Mrs Wendy Norris
2 Violet	Mrs Vanessa O'Hara
3 Gold	Miss Dayle Gamble (M -TH) Mrs Michelle Masters (F)
3 Teal	Miss Lynda Tilley
4 Jade	Ms Deanne Simpson (M) Mrs Jo-anna Dawson (T- F)
4 Lilac	Mrs Leanne Lukins (M, T, W, F) Ms Deanne Simpson (TH)
5 Magenta	Mrs Mitzi Self
5 Sapphire	Mrs Angie Simon (M -TH) Miss Ella Wolfe (F)
6 Khaki	Mrs Karen Duruz (M, T, W, F) Miss Ella Wolfe (TH)
6 Maroon	Mr Michael Ingram

Support Staff

EAL/D/ Literacy/ Numeracy Support/ RFF	Mr Brett Mc Keown (M-TH)
Learning and Support Teacher K-2	Mrs Vicki Vanderstichel (M-TH)
Learning and Support Teacher 3-6	Mrs Michelle Masters (M-TH)
RFF/ Cultural groups	Ms Deanne Simpson (T, W, F)
Teacher/ Librarian	Mrs Natalie Cummings (T-F)
School Learning Support Officers	Mrs Ann Wright Mrs Michelle Hudson Mrs Michelle Livingstone (M, W, TH, F) Miss Molly Bird Mr Chris Murray

Administration Staff

School Administrative Manager	Ms Karen Baxter
School Administrative Officer	Ms Loida Anorga
School Administrative Officer	Mrs Donna Ryan
General Assistant	Mr Adrian Conijn

Mrs Wilding, Mrs Farncomb, Mr Lemmon, Mrs Bacigalupo and Mrs McCarthy are all on leave.

Communication protocol

Please communicate first with your child's class teacher.

If you need to talk to the Assistant Principal for the stage please send an email or call the office.

Teachers and Assistant Principals will be in touch as soon as possible.

Payments via Compass

Your prompt payment is appreciated for learning packs once you receive the invoice for payment. Please refer to the Anticipated Costs sheets for upcoming costs to assist your budgeting.

Wellbeing sessions for K- 4 begin this week.

Absences

It is essential that all partial and whole day absences are explained. Please send in a note, call the office or respond to the Compass mobile prompt to explain absences. One of our goals is to reduce unexplained absences in 2025. Thank you in advance for your quick response to explaining absences.

Parent info sessions

Sessions will be held on 12 and 13 February to give an overview of the year for each stage.

Location of sessions will be:-

12 February - 4:45pm - Kindergarten - K Turquoise and K Coral rooms

12 February - 5:30pm - Stage One - 1 Aqua and 1 Purple rooms

13 February - 4:45pm - Stage Two - 4 Lilac room

13 February - 5:30pm - Stage Three - 5 Magenta and 5 Sapphire rooms

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival will be held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Friday 21 February for all Years 3 to 6 students and Year 2 students who are turning 8 this year and can swim 50 metres, within set time frames. All students are expected to attend and travel to and from the pool by bus.

Uniform Shop

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who opened the Uniform Shop on 31 January and will open weekly on Fridays from 8:30 to 9:30am. Remember to preorder via Flexischools.

Canteen

We look forward to welcoming Paula and Rose back to the canteen from Wednesday 12 February. The canteen will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please order via Flexischools.

Shaw St meet and greet

Each morning from 8:30am, staff are at Shaw St to welcome students to school, especially those who may be a little anxious about returning to school. Please come as close to the 8:50am bell as possible to assist with the transition time.

Behaviour code for students

At Brisbania PS, we care deeply for all our students and support them through a variety of strategies to follow the NSW Department of Education's Behaviour code for students. This code is displayed in all classrooms.

In NSW public schools students are expected, to the best of their ability, to:

- show respect to other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- strive for the highest standards in learning
- act in a courteous and respectful way that makes all members of the school community feel valued, included and supported
- resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- meet the school's agreed uniform policy or dress code
- attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- respect all property
- be safe and not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, vapes, e-cigarettes or tobacco into our schools
- not bully, harass, intimidate, or discriminate against anyone in our schools.

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All students have a right to:

- safety at school
- access and fully participate in their learning
- be treated with respect by other students, teachers and school staff
- express their views, set goals and self-advocate.

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Respect

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- Value the interests, ability and culture of others.
- Respect the learning needs of other students.
- Dress appropriately by wearing the agreed school uniform or dress code.
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Safety

- Model and follow school and class rules and expectations around behaviour and conduct.
- Negotiate and resolve conflict.
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- Care for self and others.
- Be safe and help others to make safe choices that do not hurt themselves or others.

Engagement

- Arrive at school and class on time.
- Be prepared for every lesson.
- Actively participate in learning.
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning.

A copy is included for you to display/reinforce at home.

Our emergency management arrangements for the bushfire danger period.

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

This means our school will be non-operational when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares catastrophic fire danger ratings for or as directed by the NSW Department of Education in consultation with emergency services due to local bushfire activity or in higher risk conditions.

Fire danger ratings do not mean there will be a bushfire, but rather the weather conditions pose a high risk if a fire were to start in the area. The measure is proactive to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

We will inform the school community after 4 pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day. To assist us contacting all families in an emergency, please ensure you have updated your contact details with the school.

We recommend you download the [NSW Education Parent App](#) and select to monitor advice from our school which send you notifications if the school is non-operational. Up-to-date information is also available on our school website or [School operational status](#).

We also recommend you stay up to date with bushfire and grassfire activity by using the [Hazards Near Me app](#) (set a watch zone for your school area) and by monitoring local media.

To continue to support student learning on these days, our school will provide information for learning from home.

We recommend all our families follow the NSW Rural Fire Service advice and ensure your family knows what to do if there is a fire. Develop a fire plan and discuss it with your family using [MyFirePlan](#).



CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Brisbania Public School is held on Tuesdays from 12:30pm to 1:20pm, starting on 11 February 2025.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 7/2/25 to 4/4/25	Wellbeing K-4
Wednesday 12/2/25	Parent Info sessions K - 2
Thursday 13/2/25	Parent Info sessions 3 - 6

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO
BRISBANIA'S P&C!**

THE P&C PAID TO HAVE THE SCHOOL SPRAYED TO HELP TO REDUCE THE
MOSQUITOES.

WE COULDN'T SPRAY BEFORE WET WEATHER. LUCKILY, WE HAD A FEW SUNNY DAYS
OVER THE PAST WEEK TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

(PLEASE CONTINUE TO APPLY INSECT REPELLENT
TO YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE SCHOOL.)

THE P&C HAVE ALSO RAISED THE FUNDS FOR A "CREATIVE PLAY" AREA WITH TOYS.
THIS WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE PLAYGROUND BY ADRIAN, OUR SCHOOL GA. AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR STUDENTS TO ENJOY.

THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE P&C
FOR YOUR HARD WORK TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS AND TO HELP OUR SCHOOL, IN
SO MANY WAYS.



Selective High School and Opportunity Class Applications

Applications are now open for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2026. If your child is in Year 4 or Year 6 apply today. Applications close 21 February 2025.

Applications are the responsibility of parents and can be completed online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools>.

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27 January Holidays	28 January Holidays	29 January	30 January	31 January SDD Teacher directed
2	3 February SDD School directed CPR/ Anaphylaxis Training 12:50 to 1:50pm 2 to 3pm	4 February SDD School directed Small steps: Anxiety PL 12:50 to 2:50pm	5 February SDD Teacher directed	6 February K-6 Students First Day	7 February Wellbeing K-4
3	10 February	11 February Apology to Stolen Generation anniversary Annette- WHS EMP training	12 February Parent Info sessions EHS to attend	13 February Parent Info sessions EHS to attend National Apology Day	14 February Wellbeing K-4 ELC meeting and S3 APs
4	17 February	18 February	19 February	20 February P&C	21 February Swimming Carnival PLC-Woy Woy No Wellbeing sessions
5	24 February	25 February	26 February	27 February	28 February Clean up Australia Day (2 March) Wellbeing K-4
6	3 March	4 March Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings	5 March Parent/Teacher/Student Meet- ings	6 March Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings	7 March International Women's day (8 March) Wellbeing K-4
7	10 March	11 March Zone Swimming	12 March NAPLAN	13 March NAPLAN	14 March NAPLAN International day of Maths Wellbeing K-4 ELC meeting
8	17 March NAPLAN	18 March NAPLAN Elevate testing	19 March NAPLAN	20 March NAPLAN P&C PPA meeting- Annette	21 March NAPLAN Harmony Day Wellbeing K-4
9	24 March NAPLAN PHOTOS	25 March	26 March ELC and Rumbalara HPGE/ART Stage 3	27 March Expression of interest forms for YR 7 due X Country	28 March Wellbeing K-4
10	31 March	1 April Sydney North Swimming	2 April	3 April Assembly of Excellence X Country back up	4 April Wellbeing K-4
11	7 April	8 April CC Principals meeting	9 April Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp	10 April Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp	11 April Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp K-2 Easter Hat Parade 11:30am Last day of Term 1

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Information for students and parents or carers

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BE BUS AWARE

Wait until the bus has gone
then use a safe place to cross



BeBusAware.com.au

Bus Safety Week 17 - 23 Feb

Bus Safety Week raises awareness for students and all road users on how to stay safe on and around buses, helping to reduce injuries and fatalities.



INFORMATION LINKS FOR SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

1. Timetable information - busways.com.au or transportnsw.info
2. Opal card applications - [School Student Travel Scheme](#)
3. Student transport resources [for teachers](#)