

## **NEWSLETTER NO.3 –11th February 2015**

1/2S Parent Meet & Greet 3:10-3:40pm	12/02/15
2K & 2BG Parent Morning 8am	12/02/15
Grip Leadership – Year 6 Leaders	17/02/15
Safety Circus – Year 3 Only	24/02/15

### **School wide Positive Behaviour Support**

At Bucasia State School, staff and children are held to a high standard of behaviour. To assist students to achieve the beautiful behaviour they do have at this school teachers actively teach the behaviours that should occur for a safe and enjoyable environment. Our school wide positive behaviour is based on STAR – safety, teamwork, attitude and respect. Each week the focus lesson/behaviour for the week will be published in the newsletter and introduced on parade. Teachers will then work with children on this concept. The focus for this week Teamwork – Taking turns. In every group activity, be it in small groups and even in the whole class it is extremely important in our society that everyone has a turn. In small groups, children concentrate on ensuring that everyone contributes and in the class, the teacher ensures all children have a voice. This is an extremely important aspect of teamwork that leads to successful teams.

In any community or group we hear gossip about other people. These pieces of gossip are often based on very little fact and grow to be more and more 'interesting' as they are passed from one person to the next. Here is a story that I hope you find thought provoking. One day the great Philosopher came upon an acquaintance, who said excitedly, " Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before telling me anything I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test." "Triple filter?" questioned the young man. That's right," Socrates continued, "Before you talk to me about my student, it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say." The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said, "actually I just heard about it and ..."

"Ah right," said Socrates "So you don't really know if it's true or not - Now let's try the second filter, the 2nd filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, but you're not certain it's true. You may still pass the test though, because there's one filter left: the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

## From the Principal cont.../

"No, not really."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "If what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?" We should apply the Triple Filter test to anything we have heard about a fellow human being and are considering repeating. Gossip can be a cruel, humiliating and thoughtless punishment and is a severe forum of bullying and exclusion. Think it over before you repeat anything about anyone and consider the impact that being gossiped about can have or is having on your life. Gossip is the act of a bully. Small minds talk about people, mediocre minds talk about things and great minds talk about ideas. Try and be a great mind in everything you do."

Please consider that the most effective way of problem solving and having your and your child's needs met is to speak with the person involved rather than discussing among the community (this includes online) and risk having reputations and feelings damaged.

### Vocabulary

One of the major predictors of success (adult employment and relationships) is the amount of words/vocabulary children and adults have to express themselves. A good vocabulary will enable children to have their needs met by expressing themselves better and more explicitly. Teachers at Bucasia actively teach vocabulary and encourage children to attempt to say and spell great words. One great site for learning new words is: <http://www.wordthink.com/> My word of the week is:

### **Ruminate**

Ruminate v. Think deeply about something. "We sat ruminating on the nature of existence."

I personally love it when children ruminate on the meaning of our STAR rules!

### QSchools app

Congratulations to those who have added the school app to their phone – it makes communication so much easier. I have added below our current users; and encourage anyone who has not yet downloaded the app to do so. The QSchools app provides an easy way to access vital school information, including latest news, events and newsletters.

In addition, the QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device, including emergency alerts and important updates. Find out more on the DETE website, or download the app for your device:

- iPhone/iPad
- Android
- Windows phone
- Windows PC

*Have a great Week*

*Belinda Eckford*

## Tuckshop News

### Tuckshop Volunteers

Do you have three hours to spare – whether once a week, once a month or once a term, we want to hear from you! Our Tuckshop is now calling for volunteers to help out, so if you are available please see Marika in the tuckshop. And yes the tuckshop is air-conditioned for your comfort ☺.

## P&C Notices

### AGM and general meeting

**Our first meeting and AGM will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm in school library.**

General meeting will follow at 7pm. All parents, carers and teachers are invited to attend. If you have a special interest in our school and would like to be part of our committee, whether in a formal capacity as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or as a committee member, please come along.

All positions will be vacant at the meeting and we are always looking for new members.

### Meet and Greet

A meet and greet will be held at school for all parents and carers, new and returning, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 9am, in the undercover area. Please bring a plate of food to share. This is a great place to meet other parents of the school and learn more of the roles of the P & C. Small children also welcome with accompanying parents.

### Library volunteers

If you have a few hours a week or term available to help out in the library, please let Sue Drew our librarian know. Sue is always happy to have volunteers for covering books and putting books back on shelves.

### School Uniforms Needed

Our stocks of second hand uniforms are just about depleted, if you have any that you wish to donate could you please send them to the tuckshop.

### School Banking Coordinator

We are looking for someone to help out with our school banking. Hands on training will be provided. You only have to be able to count and give up half an hour a week.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me or any P & C member with any enquiries or concerns you may have. Have a great week. 2014 P & C President Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249.

## From the Office

Can all Book club orders and money please be handed in to the office by this Friday 13/02/15.

## Plastic bottle caps needed!

Year 4 desperately need plastic bottle caps for their recyclable art project. Please collect all of your plastic bottle caps and send them to school with your child. The class with the most plastic bottle caps will win a prize! We are looking to collect 24000 bottle caps so please tell your family and friends to save their caps! We can't wait to show you what we create this year!

Plastic bottle caps include: drink bottles, laundry detergent bottles, glue stick lids, spray paint lids; as long as it's plastic, we will happily take it off your hands!

Please see Miss Armstrong or Mr Brandon for more information.

## Students of the Week

Prep B Mrs Becker	For your great enthusiasm to the start of your first school year.	Mackenzie
----------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------

Prep C Mrs Clarke	Being a Prep C superstar! You have had an amazing start to prep.  For having a SUPER start to prep. We are very proud of you.	Evie  Harper
Prep M Mrs McAuley	For a fantastic start to prep, always trying your best and using your 5L's	Harper
1Z Miss Zaghereos	For always participating in class and having a good attitude!	Memphis
1W Mrs Wilson	For showing commendable consistency in all her work – a great start to year 1.	Lainey
1/2S Miss Swettenham	For always being organised to learn and using beautiful manners.	Monique
2BG Mrs Berts & Ms Goodes	For settling in to her new school with ease!	Jaydah-Lee
2K Ms Kirkpatrick	For a fabulous start to the year – welcome to Bucasia.	Daniel
3AM Mrs Aldridge & Ms McLean	Staying cool when under pressure.	Robert
3P Mrs Peltonen	Away	
4A Miss Armstrong	For being a considerate and helpful class member	Madison
4B Mr Brandon	For excellent classroom work	Jade
5S Mrs Stoneys	For always being a good class member.	Anna
5O Mr O'Hara	For a wonderful start to the year. Well done!	Owen
6M Mrs Miller	Being a fabulous new student – Welcome to Bucasia!	Kyle & Cameron
6S Mr Stafford	For always being ready to work.	Josh
PE MR Hamilton-Smith	Being a great class at P.E	1Z
Music Ms Elliot	For excellent singing and listening by a class full of star students.	1Z

We currently have vacancies for Before & After School Care and Vacation Care. For more information, enrolments and bookings contact Amy on 0427 007 113.

Existing and New enrolments are welcome. To attend the Helping Hands Vacation Care program your child must be enrolled (free).

For all bookings, enrolments & enquiries phone Amy Heath on 0427 007 113

## Community

### Northern Beaches Community Network

Northern Beaches Community Network meets bi-monthly to discuss all aspects of your Northern Beaches community  
Next meeting scheduled for the 1st April 6-7:30pm  
If you are community minded and interested in being part of this community focused group please feel free to contact Cara Gjuzi for further details on 4961 9655

### Tennis Lessons at your school

Mr Harris will be conducting tennis lessons starting the third and sixth of February. Tennis money is to be handed to Mr Harris at the start of the first tennis lesson. Prep, 1 & 2: Tuesday Morning 7.45am – 8:45am  
3, 4, 5 & 6: Friday Morning 7:45am – 8:45am  
Contact Alan Harris on 04 0329 0444

### Northern Suburbs Junior Rugby League Club SIGN ON

There will be representatives at the Mackay Regional Sports Expo Sign On day at the MECC on **8/2/15** (9am-1pm) as well as a 'Come and Try Day' on the field at Mackay Norths Leagues Club on **28/2/14** (10am-2pm). Trish Tait.

### Oztag

Oztag is happening again this year.

**When:** Our season starts Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of Feb. We will play 10 rounds over 10 weeks on Wednesdays.

**Time:** Games will be played from 4pm – 6pm. They are 30 min games. We play the younger kids first and the older kids later

**Who:** Girls & boys aged 5 – 15. We generally separate the teams into girls and boys, however some teams do nominate as a mixed team.

**Cost:** \$85 registration, \$25 oztag shorts. No game fees

**Where:** Quarry Hill

## Helping Hands Before and After School Care



### Helping Hands Bucasia Outside School Hours Care – Your child's "home away from home"

Helping Hands Bucasia provides quality childcare for school aged children. Located on school site guarantees safety and convenience for children and their families. We offer a pick-up and delivery service to Prep and Year One classrooms so you have peace of mind that your little ones are safe at all times. Our qualified staff ensure your children are fully supervised at all times.

Service opening hours: Before School: 6:30am – 8:50am, After School: 3:00pm – 6:00pm, Vacation Care 6:30am – 6:00pm