Maximising Achievement.......Every day counts!

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

WELCOME BACK!
A warm welcome to new and continuing families as we commence the school year. Our fortnightly Newsletter provides you with important information about school and P&C events. Combined with our school website you have access to a wide variety of classroom, school and community information.

208 students began the school year at East Brisbane this week. A special welcome to our 36 prep students (pictured on the right) and 20 new students to East Brisbane State School.

I would like to welcome and introduce new staff member Sarah Proudman who is contracted to work with Mrs Kazonis in 3/4K. Miss Proudman has worked with staff during our Pupil Free Days and is already making a valuable contribution to our school.

A full staff list is on page 3 of this newsletter.

CLASSES FOR 2015 – Day 8
I am continuing to monitor student enrolments as we head towards day 8, 5th February. Please note that our class configurations may change after that date and I will keep you informed of any potential changes.

UPCOMING EVENT – Parent Information Evening
Our annual Parent Information Evening will take place on Tuesday, 17th February from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Please note this important date in your diaries. Further details about the structure of the evening will be placed in our next newsletter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
We dress from head to toe as East Brisbane State School students. Our P&C have developed a smart uniform that our students wear with pride. I appreciate your support in ensuring that your child joins us each day dressed with all the uniform pieces (including green or white hair ribbons/accessories, black, white or green socks and black or white shoes). It may seem small but is one more factor that contributes to that sense of belonging and settled learning culture. (An outline of our uniform pieces is included with this newsletter)

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES
School commences at 8:55am when the morning bell rings and all students should be in their classes at this time. School concludes at 3:00pm. Classroom teachers open the door to classrooms from 8:40am for our students to prepare for the school day. (Please note that Prep classroom doors open at 8:45am. This will allow adequate time for the set-up of outdoor equipment and teaching preparation.) Every day counts in building a strong academic foundation for your children with attendance being a priority for our school. Teaching begins at 9:00am with teacher aides beginning their valuable work with small groups or individual students at this time. Specialist lessons also begin at 9:00am. I thank you for your support in ensuring the students of East Brisbane State School are attending on time each day. Should you have circumstances that prohibit arrival by 9:00am please do not hesitate to contact me.
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS!
East Brisbane State School expects that every student will attend school every day of the school year unless prevented by reasonable circumstances from doing so and our attendance policy aims to maximise participation in learning programs by all students.
At East Brisbane State School we expect:

• that parents/guardians actively support the school in ensuring their child(ren) attend school every day of the year.
• that parents/guardians inform the school of all absences via note, email, phone call or in person as soon as possible (preferably on or before the day of the absence).
• that parents/guardians provide a note, email or phone the office if their child(ren) is late for school (a note is required after 9:15am).
• that parents/guardians provide notification prior to any planned early departure from school and remind their child(ren) that they still must report to the office where they will be signed out before their departure.
• that parents/guardians give forewarning of known future absences, in particular long term absences.

BEFORE SCHOOL PROCEDURES
Parents are advised that no formal supervision is provided before the start and at the end of the school day. Students arriving at school prior to 8:40am (when classroom doors open) are to sit in the covered area outside the office/tuckshop. At 8:40am students are released but are expected to stay around their classrooms, and occupy themselves quietly until school commences. Students are not permitted to play on the oval areas, on the adventure playgrounds or play ball games before or after school. Parents requiring before or after school care for their child/children should contact the Outside School Hours Care providers.

BEFORE SCHOOL PROCEDURES PREP G AND PREP/1R
Parents are advised that no formal supervision is provided in the prep playground area before or after school. To ensure the safety of your children (and siblings) I am informing you that the playground in the prep area is closed before and after school. A note outlining procedures for parents in the prep area is attached to this newsletter.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
Our first whole school assembly will take place next Monday at 2:30pm. Our Assemblies are wonderful opportunities to celebrate the successes of the past week and to promote upcoming events. It is also a time to remind students of expectations as well as rule reminders. All parents and family members are very welcome to our assemblies and I hope to see many of you there.

MOBILE PHONES and IPODS/MP3 PLAYERS
Students are encouraged NOT to bring mobile phones or IPODS to school due to the risk of loss and/or misuse of the equipment by self or others. Students are not to lend or share their phones and they will be held responsible for any inappropriate action where their phone is involved. As such students must hand in all electronic devises to the office prior to the start of school and collect at the end of the school day.

SWIMMING
All year 1 to 6 students are participating in our Learn to Swim Program. A note will be coming home with swimming lesson times for each Thursday. Please note that our additional swimming lessons (each Tuesday) will take place in term 4 only.

Warm Regards,
Joanne Nicholls
Principal

PE NEWS

A warm and wonderful welcome back to you all and also our new families who I look forward to meeting.

Swimming for students in Years 1 - 6 will commence again Thursday of week 2 for a 6 week block. Information concerning swimming and times will be sent home with students as a letter to the youngest in the family soon.

District Swimming Trials for 10-12 yr old students will be held with me on the 1st Friday afternoon. Times required for these trials are on the sporting board at administration.

After school Clinics available to students this term are:

Wednesdays starting wks 2 (Feb 4) - Wk 10 Wednesday’s After school clinics are held by Magic Futsal cost $45 for the term 3.10-4pm Venue - school oval. For any enquires ph: Felipe 0410301981

Thursdays starting wks 1-10
After school swimming lessons held by Hampton Swim School here at the school pool- Learn to Swim, Stroke Improvement and Squad Swimming-ph: Julia if interested on 3399 2004 - spaces are limited

Games Monitors Year 6 students interested in being Games Monitors at First Break for our younger students this term, please complete and return your forms to me as soon as possible. This is a wonderful opportunity for our older students to lead by example and share their skills and assist our younger students by playing games at lunch time with them.
All District Events Any students wishing to trial for any District Events please check the sporting board at admin for scheduled dates for the entire year. Information is sent to me, normally a week prior to trials, the Sports Board will also have trial dates up for Terms 1-4 so you can know well in advance important dates. I will remind students of up and coming events as the term goes on.

Please remember attendance at any of these trials is not just to have a go. Playing for a club forms the basis for most trials or certain times and distances do make up more requirements, if you are interested in trialling for any of these events for term 1 please see me.

Term 1 Trial dates for 10-12 year children:
February 13  District Swimming
February 24  District Netball
February 25  District AFL
March 3   Met East Swimming
March 5   Met East Baseball
March 16  District Girls Touch Football
March 17  District Boys Touch Football
March 18  District Rugby League
March 18  District Boys Basketball
March 19  District Girls Basketball
March 23-25 State Swimming
March 26  Met East AFL
March 30  District Softball Boys
March 31  Met East Basketball
March 31  District Soccer
April 1   Met East Tennis
April 2   Met East Netball
April 30  District Girls Hockey

Thoughts until next time: "Apart from education, you need good health, and for that, you need to play sport" or "Sport teaches you there is always a second innings in life. If you fail today, there's a second innings maybe two days later. Maybe there's another opportunity coming up three or six months later. If you look at the mistake as learning and commit never to make the same mistake again, then you actually get better with every mistake that you make."

Yours in Sport
Karen Florager

**AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS**

**UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS AND EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**
If you have recently changed your Home/email address or phone number please let the school know.

If you would like the school newsletter emailed to you, please fill in your details below and hand it in at the office.

Student’s name:______________Class: ______

Parent/Carer’s name:__________________________

Email address:_______________________________

Please label or write your child’s name on everything that comes to school.
This includes:
- School hat
- Uniform items
- Swimwear and swimming items (cap, goggles etc)
- Lunchboxes and drink bottles
- Books and stationery items
- All bags (school, library and swimming)

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