12 February 2016

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**East Brisbane Way**

This week has been a very exciting week with the school community starting to engage in focusing on all students Being a Learner. Teaching staff have been working with the students to develop what we will call the "East Brisbane Way". "The East Brisbane Way" has been developed with our students to encourage them to take responsibility and to focus on their learning. Over the term we will be sharing and developing this further and I look forward to sharing more of our students work with you regarding this initiative.

**Senior Leaders**

It has been my pleasure this week to work with the staff and students to elect our new school leaders for 2016. The school has followed similar process of previous years by giving students the opportunity to nominate and then be short listed by school staff. The short listed students then did a fantastic job of preparing and delivering their own speeches to years 5 and 6 before they voted. Staff within the school also had the opportunity to vote. While the voting was very close I am proud to announce the following students in the leadership positions for 2016.

- **School Captain** – Finn Florager
- **School Captain** – Jack Enright
- **Vice School Captain** – Tom Clark
- **Vice School Captain** – Meisko Meroeh
- **Freeman Captains** – Elizabeth Smiley / Samson Blyth
- **Lewis Captains** – Anna Harding / James Francis
- **Perkins Captains** – Rame Ahamed / Cienna Talima

**Meet the teacher evening and the Curriculum**

At the beginning of every year many parents requested information about the curriculum their child will be engaging with during the year. This is fantastic as it demonstrates how actively engaged many of our parents are with their child’s learning. Your child’s teacher is the best person to contact about their units of work for this term. The Australian Curriculum also provides a resource for parents that I felt was worthwhile sharing with you.


In week one the school calendar unfortunately incorrectly indicated that we would be holding a meet the teacher evening on Tuesday 16 February. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 February 2016. The evening will start at 6pm with Pizza and drinks followed by an information session in the library/ individual class sessions as follows.

- **6:00pm-6:30pm Pizza and drinks School courtyard**
- **6:30-7:00pm School focus talk in the Library Prep-Year 3 Parents, classroom talks Year 4-6**
- **7:00-7:30pm School focus talk in the Library Year 4-6, classroom talks Prep-Year 3**

If you are unable to attend these meetings please let your child’s teacher know and an alternative time can be arranged to make sure that you have the information that you need.
Updating of your contact details
Many members of the school community have indicated that they would like to receive the newsletter via email. Could you please complete the updating of contact details form that is with this newsletter. This information is also vital should be need to contact you to provide information in the case of an emergency.

Classes for 2016
At present the information I have regarding our day 8 teacher allocation is still pending. If your child is required to move from their current class I will contact you. All students will be remaining with their class until further notice.

Voluntary Contributions
Thank you to our parents that have already made a payment to the Voluntary Contribution scheme. This payment is used to help support student outcomes within the school. Payments can be made at any time and will be receipted for you.

P & C

School uniforms
The uniform shop has experienced a recent rush on school uniforms. It is fabulous to see so many of our students looking great and wearing the uniform with pride. While there was a slight shortage of some sizes I am pleased to let you know that the uniform shop now has size 4 polo shirts back in stock. The uniform shop is open on Monday afternoons from 3:00-3:30pm and on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-9:00am.

Please note that there are no cash sales accepted.

If you are able to help support the P & C Uniform Shop by volunteering on either Monday afternoons or Wednesday mornings please contact the school on 3823 0444.

Next P & C meeting will be the Annual General Meeting commencing at 5:30pm in the Library on Thursday 11 March. You are all welcome to attend.

Kind regards
Sandy Hackshall
A/Principal

PE NEWS

Good Luck to Finn F, Gus F, Anna H and Jack E who this Friday represent our school at the Lytton District Swimming Trials at Moreton Bay College. It is a tough job qualifying for these trials, so a big pat on the back to you all - make us proud and do your best. Cienna T will also be representing our school at the District Netball Under 11 Trials, she is a long time participant in this sport so we wish her the best of luck. Looking forward to reporting our students progress next newsletter.

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Brisbane Football Stars start their after school clinics on our oval February 12-March 4th from 3.15-4.15pm for a cost of $58.

These clinics with Marco, Tim and Charlie are always highly contagious in fun and excitement, so please Prep-Year 6 you are welcome along.

Its not too late to join - forms available from office if you missed one.

February 26 Year 4/5M will be our first class to visit Marycrest, we begin with our fitness walk followed by some interaction and sharing with the residents. Notes for this event will go home soon, any parents interested in accompanying are more than welcome.

Year 3/4K will have their visit on March 4, followed by Year 5/6B on March 11.

Calling all Year 4-6 budding super stars as next term we will be partnering with Marycrest to put on a musical performance of *Oliver*. We are very fortunate Kylie March at Marycrest will be sending two retired drama teachers who are excited to work with our students and their choir to put on a performance. This event is planned for term 2 with a performance at night time so all can come and enjoy.

Please be aware students I will have an extra trial for you so please don't think you will miss out on being a representative for Budgie Cup. I look forward to discovering many of our students hidden talents.

If you have time hire out the movie or Youtube the story.

Students interested please let me know as I would like to gauge interested numbers.
School swimming started yesterday. We are very fortunate to have this facility and look forward to enjoying whilst learning this term in the pool. Afterschool swim lessons are available from Hampton Swim School on Thursday afternoons with Matt - if you are interested please phone 33992004. Brochures were handed out last week and some are still available in the office.

Thoughts till next time:

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary."
AND
"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."

AND ONE FOR OUR MUSIC STUDENTS
"Music is something which gives soul to the universe, it gives wings to your mind, it gives flight to our imaginations, a charm to sadness and life to everything." St Laurences College

Yours in Sport
Karen Florager

Dear Parents/Guardians,
My name is Sam Fynes-Clinton I am an and a PhD candidate at the University of Queensland. The Focus of my research is early childhood brain development and cognitive function. I am looking for volunteers to participate in a research project exploring memory in children aged 9-11yrs (inclusive). We are specifically looking for children with no history of brain injury or concussion and who have had no metal implants.

This research is part of a wider project which aims to improve the way we diagnose and treat brain injury and concussion in paediatric patients. In order to achieve this we need to fully characterise healthy brain development in children.

This project has two key phases: the first involves recording EEG activity of your child’s brain while they perform a memory task and the second involve a single MRI scan of your child's brain. Both of these procedures are non-invasive and we have a trained and experienced radiographer present for the MRI. Participants are provided a travel reimbursement of $10 for the EEG session and $30 for the subsequent fMRI session. If you and your child are interested in participating or you would like further information please contact me at:

samuel.fynesclinton@uqconnect.edu.au

Alternatively you can fill in an expression of interest form through my website:
https://sites.google.com/site/paediatricneurotrauma/participate

COMMUNITY NEWS
DUTTON PARK CATHOLIC PARISH

Dear Parent/Guardian,
If you wish your child (or children) to receive the Sacraments (Baptism, First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation), please contact the Parish Office or the Missionaries Sisters for information on 3252 4441.

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Administrator

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| UPDATING STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS |
| Student's Name: | Class: | Email: |
| Address: | Suburb: | |
| Postcode: | | |
| Mother's Name: | Home Phone: | |
| Father's Name: | Mobile Phone: | |
| Emergency Contacts: | Name | Relationship: | Phone No. |