



THE OCCASIONAL
Term 1 -Week 1 2007

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

DATE	EVENT	COST/TIME
Monday 29 th January	Welcome Back!	
Thursday 1 st February	Tuckshop/Cooking classes	\$2 per serving - see below -
Wednesday 7 th February	Sailing resumes @ Chambers Island	10.45am \$12/student + \$1 for bus
	PCYC activities	10.00am \$4/student + \$1 for bus
Thursday 8 th February	Recycle Centre Nambour	National bus to collect students FREE of charge
Mon 12 th – Thurs 15 th February	Camp @ Sunday Creek	www.sundaycreec.eq.edu.au
Mon 12 th afternoon to Thurs 15 th morning	NO BUS RUN DUE TO CAMP!!!!	Contact Paula or Russell if you have a problem getting your child/children to & from school.
PARENT MEETINGS AND FORUMS	Dates to be set	

**PLEASE USE THE SCHOOL WEB SITE TO SAVE PAPER
AND KEEP UP TO DATE**

WELCOME!!! To Term 1, 2007!! Hope you all had a lovely break and are ready to face a new school year. The timetable is full of many new projects and this year is set to be a very rewarding one.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP – We have booked the Sunday Creek camp for 12th to 15th February. This is for the middle upper primary classrooms and Highschoolers. Costs will be kept as low as possible. Have a look at the web site www.sundaycreec.eq.edu.au to get an idea. We are limited to certain numbers so that is why it is not whole school and hopefully some adults from the community can join us. The school went there for Whole school camps 2 years running about 7 years back and it's been booked out every time we've tried to get in since...MORE DETAILS COMING SOON....

RUSSELL'S BLURB – Thank you everyone for the patience you have displayed regarding money matters. Last year was a bit disheveled as far as office staff goes; hence accounts were not kept up-to-date. We are aware of everyone needing to know where they stand with finances and together with the executive, I'm endeavouring to sort out all accounts ASAP.

NEEDED..! Parents of Rainbow Room children –

- It would be really appreciated if you could find the time to re-sew the cushion covers back on the couch for your children.
- Please provide for your child an oversized shirt for a painting smock.
- Also we need small jars to use in the room. If you have any coffee or vegemite jars please pass them onto Rosemary.

Russell needs large Pillows for his room...old lounge chair seats ideal.

POTTERY – ASSISTANT REQUIRED – Kari will be holding pottery classes twice a week, on Tuesday 1:30 – 3:00pm, and on Friday 10:45 – 12:30, and is looking for a parent/guardian to assist with the classes. The job will include providing help with student's work, and also with the clean up of the pottery area. This job is able to be contradealed. If you would like to help out, please see either Kari or Russell. Thanks!

FENCE – WE NEED A WORKING BEE the eastern fence needs a pull down and replacement so the cows stop visiting Karen ASAP. Also we must fence the woodwork and Poultry Breeding Cage areas to get them in use...Maybe Bobcat Pete can get together with us one Sunday? Any volunteers?

LIST OF JOBS – organize your CONTRADEAL NOW- CLEANERS WANTED ring Russell...**STILL VACANCY IN OFFICE** call Dorinda, **Grounds and Landscaping TEAM** talk to Karen **Building and Maintenance** see Paul – ALL CONTRAS TO BE CONTRACTED

CONTRADEAL – Dorinda, Russell and Angela have been working hard developing a new Contradeal system for this year, including job descriptions,

correct hourly rates, and a better sign in sheet. Next time you are contradealing please ask to see the new system so that you can familiarize yourself with it!!

KIDS USING PHONE – Last year there was an increasing demand of the student's using the school's phone. We really need to start tightening the use of the phone, as not only is it costing the school money but it also interrupts classes and the person working in the office. We are aware that sometimes students do need to make phone calls, but we ask that you send some loose change to school with your child which can go towards the making of the calls. Thank you!

WED BRING TOGS! JOHN SAID – Wednesdays are our timetabled days for swimming at PCYC with Margo. John will be supervising the group, and has advised that all children bring their swimming gear each Wednesday, particularly in this hot weather, so if they feel like swimming they can. We don't want the students to decide at the last minute that they want to swim, and wear their underwear in the pool. This is to help teach the students to learn how to plan ahead.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Middle Primary – Louise - Jigsaw Maths books are required for the students to be able to start working. Please see Louise to determine the year level needed for your child.

Upper Primary – Russell - I'm thrilled to be back in the classroom and start the term with a theme based on SELF...asap I'll get a parent get together afternoon tea so give your child feedback to best day of the week...please use my email address russell@brischool.com.au for enquiries suggestions etc (*starting with previous question*) and hopefully once we have broadband connected at school we'll do a little web page. If you have something for the classroom to share email upper@brischool.com.au

Highschool News Happy New Year !!

Hope everyone had a great holiday and are looking forward to writing a 1000 word recount on Monday! (OK, I'm kidding..... *next* Monday ☺).

A big welcome to our new Year 8 students!

Look for some new faces in our friendly crowd and make them feel welcome as we are pleased to introduce Naimh, Luke and Mardie to our school. Also congratulate Tim, Gouranga, Alex, Darcie and Marijah for making the journey *all* the way over from Wendy's group to the high school group. Another new face you will see around the school is Marilyn, our new Maths and Science teacher, Marilyn and I have been planning hard and we are looking forward to the year that unfolds.

Watch out for.....an introductory and information letter for you and your child, detailing high school information..... AND.....Marilyn's self introduction in the next newsletter.

Marguerite

FROM JOHN - Just wanted to let you know that my band Ironstone is having a CD launch at the Upfront Club in Maleny next Friday night (2 feb) starting 7-7.30pm. The CD is Ironstone's first entitled "Industrial Strength" and includes a couple of covers some traditional tunes and a couple of originals.

At the Club next Friday we'll have our friends, drummer extraordinaire Laurie Telford, and bass player/ singer Ian Rix on stage with us. Entry is free, meals are available and the CD will be on sale for \$18.00.

If you wish you can also purchase the CD from Rosetta Books in Maleny, the Sunshine Castle at Bli Bli, Leading Edge music in Nambour and Mad Hatter's tea rooms at Landsborough.

TUCKSHOP/COOKING CLASSES – For children to benefit the most from their cooking class, only **one** item will be offered on the menu. The participating students will choose a theme & recipe to suit. Anyone who would like to have a serving of what is prepared is welcome for a small cost of \$2. This is not meant to be a full meal and may need to be supplemented with more food from home.

BY THE WAY – soon to come.....new bus timetable & phone tree. Also the mobile phone - 0407124986 (which Russell has used in the past) will be kept in the bus constantly!! So to contact Russell after hours will be via another number to be advised.

GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS

ARE YOU RAISING YOUR GRANDCHILDREN?

HAVE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN COME TO LIVE WITH YOU?

A FREE INFORMATION KIT is now available to grandparents who are parenting their grandchildren (aged 0-12 years).

The Kit provides:

- Information and advice
- Assistance to cope with new parenting challenges
- Links to other organisations for further help

To obtain a copy of the kit and for further information about social and recreational activities with other grandparent families,

please call Community Solutions Inc on

07 5477 5955.

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