This Term, we have initiated a consultation process for becoming an Independent Public School. This is the last opportunity to apply to become an Independent Public School, as the quota of 250 schools is expected to have been met in this round.

Independent Public Schools are essentially high potential schools afforded some flexibility to test new ways of working through:

- managing their planning and review processes
- determining staffing options
- being accountable to their local community and the broader state school system through arrangements that value community participation.

All Independent Public Schools remain part of the State System. They have a responsibility to work within the system to support growth and share learnings and practices to build collective capacity.

Consultation for becoming an Independent Public School must occur at the following levels:

- Regional – Regional Director/ Assistant Regional Director;
- Queensland Teachers’ Union members;
- Local Consultative Committee (Union representatives from OTU, Together Union and United Voice Unions);
- P&C Association.

Further consultation with parents will occur through:

- Newsletter
- P&C Meetings
- Facebook updates
- Parent Information Forums.

If you are seeking further information about becoming an Independent Public School, you can access the Prospectus and Framework from http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/independent-public-schools/index.html.

Mr Ben Laws and I will hosting a number of parent forums to explain and answer questions about:

- What an IPS school is, and
- What it means for Bracken Ridge State School.

Our two parent forums will be held in the library on the following dates:

- Wednesday 26 October, 2016 at 9.00 am
- Friday 4 November, 2016 at 10.00 am (after Assembly)
At the meeting (or before) I wholeheartedly invite any questions you may have about Bracken Ridge State School becoming an Independent Public School.

Prep Interviews:
We are in the process of completing our Prep Interviews for 2017. These Prep Interviews have a crucial role in ensuring that families have the opportunity to share valuable information about their child that will help us to ensure a smooth transition to school. Mrs Carol Fisher and Mrs. Angela Ramage have been very busy scheduling these interviews, and has attempted to make contact with every family for which we currently possess an enrolment form. If for some reason, a Prep Interview has not been scheduled, please contact Mrs Fisher on 3869 7888. If you have a child who is turning 5 by June 30, 2017 and have not yet submitted your child’s enrolment form, I urge you to do so as soon as possible, so we can ensure your child is placed in a class for 2017.

We have 5 more Prep Open Mornings remaining: Friday 21 October, 28 October, 4 November, 11 November, and 18 November.

Our Meet the Teacher morning is on Saturday 26 November, 2016 from 9:00 - 11:00 am.

Enrolments for 2017:
We are currently finalising our classes for 2017. We understand that many of our families have moved or might be moving over the holiday period and thus changing schools for 2017. We ask that you fill out the form recently provided to you and return to the office as soon as possible, so we can accurately form classes and finalise our staffing for 2017. Alternatively, please inform either Mrs Carol Fisher or Mrs Angela Ramage through the office either in person, on the phone or via email.

Congratulations to the Junior C Netball Team who won the 2016 Bramble Bay District Primary School Netball Competition. Well Done to these students.

Congratulations also to Caitlin McKenna who represented Met North at the State Athletics Championships yesterday and competed in the Shot Put Competition. Caitlin came 23rd in her Age Division. This is an outstanding achievement for Caitlin. Well Done.
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN
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Fathering Project Update
Fishing Night
Bracken Ridge State School 'Fathers' Fishing Night Event' provides Bracken Ridge State School Fathers and Caregivers the opportunity to enjoy some fishing and fun with their kids.

This event is designed for first time anglers and experienced fishermen alike to come down and get the local tips from local fishing guru Mark Templeton.

This event is suitable to bring your boys and girls along to enjoy fishing at the Sandgate Foreshore.

Prior to the evening, Mark and his team invite you to visit the shop at TackleLand Sandgate to get some free tips on knot tying and to discuss any other fishing questions you might have.

There are still spots left for this event so please register using the following link.

http://eventbrite-brss-fishing-night.eventbrite.com.au

Growth Mindset
Mindset explains:

- Why brains and talent don’t bring success
- How they can stand in the way of it
- Why praising brains and talent doesn’t foster self-esteem and accomplishment, but jeopardizes them
- How teaching a simple idea about the brain raises grades and productivity
- What all great CEOs, parents, teachers, athletes know

Mindset is a simple idea discovered by world-renowned Stanford University psychologist Carol Dweck in decades of research on achievement and success—a simple idea that makes all the difference.

In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success—without effort. They’re wrong.

In a Growth Mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of
learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities.

Teaching a Growth Mindset creates motivation and productivity in the worlds of business, education and sports. It enhances relationships.

As a school this is something that we are excited to be working towards, teaching our students the benefits of having a Growth Mindset. At a recent staff professional development event, our staff viewed this particular attribute as one very important quality of what we would like our Bracken Ridge students to possess. Our teachers are also beginning to think about how they can begin developing their own Growth Mindset and the impact this will have on their teaching.

**Reviewing our School's Responsible Behaviour Plan**

As part of the professional learning focus during the Pupil Free Day on Monday, all staff were engaged in a session looking at reviewing the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan (RBP).

It is important that this occurs as it is a requirement of State Schools every three years. At Bracken Ridge State School, we think that this is especially important given the focus on the Neuroscience of the Brain and Mindfulness and whether the current RBP still captures the essence of how we teach behaviour and respond to supporting students with their behavior.

With this in mind, we deemed it important to start at a foundational level of the qualities we deem as important for BRSS students to have.

Staff were asked to think about and then come up with qualities that they thought fit with developing Strong, Brave and Courageous students.

These are the six qualities that the staff deemed as critical in developing Strong, Brave and Courageous students:

- Having a Growth Mindset
- Respectful
- Happy
- Empathetic
- Responsible and
- Collaborative.

As a staff we are very excited to have been able to collaboratively come up with a group of qualities that we deem as important in our students' development. Having this foundation will allow us to further refine the rest of our RBP, as well as work on the teaching episodes that need to occur to support the development of these qualities in our students.

This work will continue through until the end of the year and into the beginning of next. Part of the review process will also involve engaging with our school community. We look forward to engaging with our community as we get further into the process.

Thank you and I look forward to catching-up in the next issue of the newsletter.

Ben Laws
Deputy Principal
Old checked dresses have also been reduced to clear in Sizes 4, 6, 10, 12, and 14. These are $25.00 each.

All sale items are while stocks last.

There will be a price increase on most items in the uniform shop from the 1st January, 2017.

Order forms are available online, at the Uniform Shop and school office. You can also email me for a copy of this as below.

**Tuckshop News**

Volunteers are needed if anyone is interested. Please ask Libby about it at the Tuckshop. Thank you.

We have a Billy G's Cookie Dough and Homestyle Pies & Slices Fundraiser happening at the moment. This is an opportunity to stock up on some items for over the Christmas period and to help with the operations of the Tuckshop. Thank you in advance for your support. All orders need to be returned with money by Friday 28 October. If you haven't received a form as yet, please ask at the School Office or the Tuckshop.

**P&C News**

Next P&C meeting will be held on the 9 November at 7.00 pm in the staff room.

Thanking you in advance for all the support with fundraising this year. It will be going towards installing shades over all of the playgrounds.

If you have any questions or comments on any P&C information please feel free to contact Bronwyn at brrsfundraiser@optusnet.com.au or 0402 459 164.

Volunteers are needed if anyone is interested. Please ask Libby about it at the Tuckshop. Thank you.

CLASSROOM CORNER - PREP 1

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Prep 1 is exploring a different book each week and last week our book focus was ‘Tom Tom’ which is about the life of a young Indigenous boy. In order to connect with the book, we made damper just like Tom Tom and we camped out in a pretend cubby house like Tom Tom did at his Preschool.
WILL-I-BEE 20.10.16
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WILL I BEE FOCUS TERM 4: FOLLOWING OUR SCHOOL RULES.
This week I just want to remind everyone again about following our School Rules. It's really simple. Be Safe, Respect Others and the School, Strive to Learn and Solve Problems the High 5 Way. Just try your hardest to follow the School Rules and bee “Strong, Brave and Courageous”.

Will.I.Bee  Will.I.Beed@gmail.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 20.10.16
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“It has been said that to teach is to touch a life forever.”

OFFICE TALK 20.10.16
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END OF YEAR FINANCE
As the year is quickly coming to an end, now be finalised. There is a process for School Finance that needs to be undertaken before the end of the school year.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2017
We are currently taking enrolments for PREP in 2017. If your child is born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012, they are eligible for PREP next year. Please call into the school office for an Enrolment Pack or alternatively, contact Carol Fisher on 3869 7888 or email cfish63@eq.edu.au to organise for this to be sent to you.

SCHOOL TOURS

School Tours are available on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. or at a suitable time if this is not suitable. Please contact Carol Fisher on 3869 7888 or email cfish63@eq.edu.au to organise this.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

Thank you to all parents who contributed to the Voluntary Contribution Scheme in Term 1. Your financial contribution helps the School enormously. The Voluntary Contribution Scheme is not a school fee but a voluntary financial contribution to the School. This is used for many consumable items that students use “behind the scenes” throughout the school year which is not a part of their class Book List. These include photocopying costs, white paper, coloured paper, cardboard, art and craft supplies, etc. The costs for this is $40.00 per student per year or $10.00 per Term. Your financial assistance is greatly appreciated and will be put to very good use.

STUDENT ABSENCES

It would be greatly appreciated if parents could please phone the School Office on 3869 7888 or email cfish63@eq.edu.au for any student absences. If we have not heard from you regarding your child’s absence, we are now sending SMS Texts to all unexplained absences. Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.

SCHOOL DENTAL VISITS

Parents please note that it is now a requirement that there be attendance by Parents/Carers at all dental appointments for children and adolescents aged 14 years or under at Metro North Oral Health Services facilities in the future. Children will no longer be called over from class for dental treatment without an adult present.

If you have any queries regarding this service, or would like to discuss this, please telephone oral health services (ph: 3646 7838) or email MNOHS_Directorate@health.qld.gov.au

NO PARKING

Parents please be aware that there is no parking in the school grounds at any time as this endangers the safety of our students. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter. Please note that there is a TWO MINUTE DROP OFF ZONE at the front of the Year 1 Playground in Binburra Street. This is for drop off and pick up only.

FACEBOOK PAGE

BRACKEN RIDGE STATE SCHOOL Facebook Page is an excellent site to visit for our School. Please ‘like’ our page and share with other parents at our school. We will endeavour to use this page to keep you informed with upcoming school events as they happen.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

If you would like the school newsletter emailed directly to you, please email Carol Fisher on cfish63@eq.edu.au or phone the school office on 3869 7888. Our newsletter is also available via our School Website - https://bracridgss.eq.edu.au. If you are unable to access the internet, a paper copy can be collected from the office on request.
Futsal
5-A-SIDE INDOOR SOCCER

COMPETITION AND PROGRAMS
FOR BOYS & GIRLS, AGES 3 YEARS & UP & SOCIAL MENS & MIXED
FRIDAY NIGHTS Starting
8th of October – (Bracken Ridge)
Other Venue’s - West End – (Monday to Sunday)
Marsden – (Monday Night)

NOMINATE NOW
Teams and individuals of all skill levels welcome competitions starting soon.

To Sign on or for more information,
Contact Maria on 0417 755 917
Visit –
www.brisbanecentralftsa.com

Bracken Ridge Swimming Club 2017 Sign On
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SWIM SCHOOL
AND CLUB

SIGN ON NOW
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‘the Pool at the School’
112 Denham St Bracken Ridge

• Learn to Swim
• Swimming Training & Squads
• Recreation Fitness
• Swimming Club & Competition

Join up now or come and try!
** Season Launch **
Saturday 8 October 3:30pm (for 4pm start)
First club night (includes LTS races)

Talk to the admin staff in the canteen or
email - admin@brswim.org.au

Always Supporting Bracken Ridge State School

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