2013 Dates

November 4th  Monday  SPSSA Swim Carnival
November 8th  Friday  First Aid Course for Preps / Grade 6
November 26th Tuesday  Advent Pageant 11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
November 28th Thursday  Theatre in the Park Grades 1/2, 2/3, 4/5, 5/6
December 3rd Tuesday  Kinder and Prep Pantomime Excursion
December 12th Thursday  ABC Giving Tree to Visit 10.45 a.m.
December 17th Tuesday  School Presentation Assembly
December 19th Thursday  School Picnic
Dec 19th  Thursday  Students Last Day for 2013
Dec 20th  Friday  Staff Last day for 2013

2014 Dates

Jan 29th  Wednesday  Levy Payment and Uniform Collection Day
Feb 5th  Wednesday  First Day back for Students
Feb 26th  Wednesday  School Photos

Just the Beginning!
Message from the Principal - Collette Harrold

On Friday last week the teaching staff and I spent time visiting the school's student data, exploring elements of the Geography curriculum and component two of KidsMatter with Helen Barrett. In the latter we looked at what other schools from around Australia had been doing and the positive impact their work had made to the student wellbeing. The day was highly productive and provided us with greater clarity and focus for the remainder of this term and into next year. I would also like to thank Christine for her contribution to the KidsMatter component.

The next thing I would like to bring up is the upcoming Div F swimming carnival (Monday 4th Nov). You should have received a letter letting you know if your child has been selected to participate. We also sent home a program of events however as has been pointed out there were some inconsistencies and errors in this. Whilst I have now spoken to the children and some parents about this, I would just like to say that I have sought to clarify certain aspects and will endeavour to make any necessary changes shortly. Your patience will be appreciated.

Child Health and Parenting Service
This year is the last year Child Health and Parenting Service (CHaPS) will offer Prep checks at schools. If your child is aged (3½ - 5 years) and has not had a Healthy Kids Check (including vision and hearing assessment) an appointment for this check is recommended, either with your local Child and Family Health Nurse or GP.

Kindergarten - 2014
Any parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2014 should contact the school office. Children being enrolled should be four years old by January 1st, 2014.

Children who are enrolling for Kindergarten in 2014 are most welcome to join the Ready Learners group. This is held every Thursday afternoon between 1.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. In the Kindergarten.

Jump Rope for Heart
Thank you to the students who raised money for this worthy cause. You raised a total of $540.00

ABC Giving Tree
Once again this year we will be assisting ABC Radio to collect presents for children who are less fortunate than ourselves. The Giving Tree Walkers will be visiting the school on Thursday, December 12th. We ask that families donate an unwrapped present for them to pass on.

Ez Cover – School Book Covers
The School Association will once again be placing an order with this company for anyone who is interested in ordering book covers for their 2014 school books. The covers come in A4 and Scrapbook size and cost $1.20 each. There are some samples in the office on display for anybody that would like to have a look at them. An order form will be sent home shortly. The covers will be available for collection on Book Sales Day.

RYUKYU Shotokan Karate
These classes promote, fitness and self defence and run at the Brighton Civic Centre on Thursdays at the following times: -
- 4 - 7 years: 4.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
- 8 - 12 years: 5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
- Seniors: 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
We have some tickets in the office for new students only. The first two lessons free if you wish to take advantage of this offer, see if Karate suits you and your family.

KidBiz Club Final Enrolments For AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Our After School Care service, located in the school hall, will be taking final enrolments for this term up until the 8th November. Unfortunately, if we do not receive any new enrolments from families requiring after school care then we will not be able to offer this service next year due to a lack of viability.
If any families are considering using the After School Service for the remainder of this year or are able to confirm a booking for 2014, please contact Tammy as soon as possible on 0427 685280 or Bagdad Childcare and Early Learning Centre on 6268 6664. We’d also like to take this opportunity to thank all the families who have supported the service and helped us make it a great place for children to relax, play and enjoy!