

# Brisbane Public School

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## Winter Newsletter

Hello Brisbane Community,

Happy New Year! We've started 2023 off at Brisbane with new energy and goals. As we approach the end of term one, educators are busy assessing student learning so far this year and planning next steps for instruction. Our first term report card will be available to families on Feb. 16

Highlights of December at Brisbane:



- Food Drive - A huge thank you to Mme Halpin and Mrs. Umpleby's Grade 6 classes for all their hard work planning and organizing a food drive and hat and mitten drive for the community. Brisbane students raised over 1200 items for the local food bank and over 100 pairs of mittens, hats and gloves. Way to go Brisbane Bears!
- Holiday Concert We celebrated the holidays with a concert showcasing songs, dance and drama from our classes.
- New Staff - Welcome back to Mme. Angeli who accepted a permanent part time position with us in January. We wish Mrs. Shirton-Smith all the best in her new school.



### Live Free From Hunger Campaign

The Children's Foundation are working hard to meet the growing need in our community, and that includes fighting food insecurity through our Help Kids Live Free from Hunger campaign. 100% of the funds raised between January 9th and March 3rd will go to providing healthy meals/snacks to Brisbane students through our Food and Friends program. With your help, we can continue to provide healthy meals/snacks for our school community. You can donate directly to this campaign on School Cash Online or through one of the fundraisers we will host during the campaign.



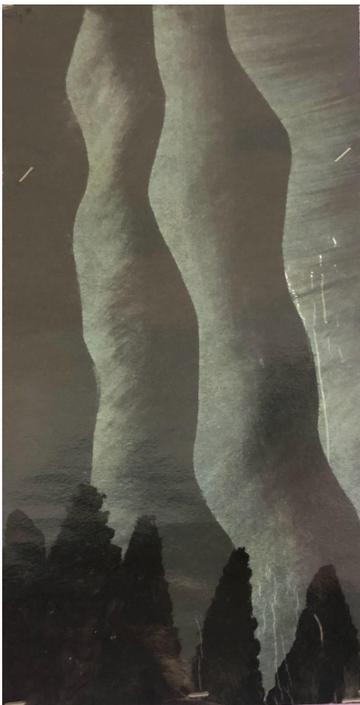
## Upcoming Dates

Jan. 30	Term 2 Begins
Jan. 31	School Play 6 PM
Feb. 2	Popcorn Day & National Sweater Day for Climate Change Awareness
Feb. 10	Junior Volleyball Tournament
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day - Wear red, white and pink
Feb. 15	Winter Play Day / Carnaval d'Hiver
Feb. 17	Random Acts of Kindness Day
Feb. 20	Family Day - School Closed
Feb. 21	School Council Meeting 7 PM in Library
Feb. 22	Pink Shirt Day - Anti-Bullying Day

### School Play

The Brisbane Public School students present, *Big Bad!*, a fractured fairy tale story. The most notorious criminal in the fairy-tale world, Big Bad Wolf, is being slapped with a class-action lawsuit by the countless quirky characters he has wronged. Now, the two greatest legal minds in the Enchanted Forest — the Evil Stepmother and the Fairy Godmother — will clash (on live Court TV, no less, with Sydney Grimm as commentator!) in a trial that will be remembered forever after. As Little Red Riding Hood, her Grandmother, the Three Little Pigs and the Shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf testify, the wolf seems deserving of all that's coming. But, even though the disreputable Evil Stepmother couldn't be less interested in pro-bono work on such an obviously futile defense, Mr. Wolf makes a good case for himself. Was he born a criminal, or made one? Perhaps he does deserve compassion instead of condemnation? What will

the verdict be? Only the jury — you, the audience — can decide the outcome of the trial... and the play! Play is January 31- all students will see the play at school, and our evening performance is at 6:00 pm. Adult tickets are 5.00\$ each, while children 12 and under are 3.00\$ each. All money collected



goes directly to the Brisbane PS drama program for future plays! We hope to see you there!

## **Book Fair**

Brisbane held a very successful Book Fair from December 5-9. We sold \$6730.25 in product at the school and \$895.45 online. Brisbane took \$2682.05 worth of books from the Book Fair, and we have an additional \$1559.27 to spend at a later date. Thanks to all the parent helpers at the Book Fair! Thanks also for the overwhelming support from our Brisbane families.



## **Volunteer of the Month**

Volunteer of the Month- We are highlighting the work at Brisbane done by Melissa Bryce this month. Melissa has volunteered in many capacities over the years and is now focussed on the school yearbook. Thank you so much for your dedication to our school, Melissa!

**From Melissa:** Hello! My name is Melissa Brice. I have two girls at Brisbane, in grades 4 and 6.

I have been volunteering at the school for many of the years that my children have been here. I have done lunch monitoring, reading program, helping with EQAO testing, and helping with the yearbook. Nothing beats the feeling of my kids (and sometimes their friends) running for a hug, excited to see me at school. I'll take it while I can get it :)

This is my 4th year working on the yearbook, but my first year heading it up so this year is a learning curve for me, but I have high hopes of continuing on the path of producing a wonderful book of memories for our students and staff! It is great this year that student life has seen a return to normal providing many great photo opportunities. It is a pleasure to capture moments and memories at Brisbane.

**Volunteer Opportunities** Reading Tutor We are looking for volunteers to read one on one with our students. Tutors will be given a reading program to follow and will work with students on their reading comprehension, fluency and word work. Volunteers should be strong readers themselves and should enjoy working with students. We are looking for volunteers who can come in 2 - 3 times a week, for 1-2 hours at a time. Please contact the school.

## Lunchroom Supervisors

We are looking for adults aged 18 and older who love working with kids to come in and help with lunchroom and yard supervision. There are regular shifts available, as well as on-call positions. There are volunteer positions available as well as paid positions. Training is provided. Please contact the school.

## Period Equity

Period equity and inclusive washrooms were introduced in the UGDSB starting in 2019 with single stall “For Use By All” washrooms. This was followed by the purchase and installation of a free and accessible period product being machine in one For Use By All washroom in each school. At Brisbane, our For Use By All washroom that has free period products is at the front of the school, across from the gym.

