Principal’s Message

Classes are right into building their ‘reading and writing stamina’ and have set some lofty goals. Most students should have their own reading goal and will be working on developing writing, numeracy and learning goals for this year. Our school will have all students striving, thinking and creating healthy minds if they keep up with these efforts.

Congratulations to our 2017 School Leaders who were inducted. They will be outstanding leaders and role models.

### HOUSE CAPTAINS

**POSSUMS (yellow)**
- Evie Answerth
- William Raflin

**WOMBATS (green)**
- Bryn Heremia
- Louis Bright

**GOANNAS (blue)**
- Joe Guerassimoff
- Temiah Lusty
- Zacharia Bishop

**CHOIR CAPTAINS**
- Louis Bright
- Poppy Sayre

**VICE CAPTAINS**
- Sally Vagg
- Jasmine Arstall
- Jordan Phillips

**STUDENT COUNCIL**
- Evie Answerth
- William Raflin
- Kaylee Hardwick
- Katelyn McKenzie
- Jasmine Arstall

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS**
- Poppy Sayre
- Jordan Phillips
- Sally Vagg
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEBRUARY**

- Tues 14th: P & C Meeting AGM 9am
- Thur 16th: PC AFL Trial
- Fri 24th: Uniform Free Day

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**MARCH**

- Thur 2nd: Interschool Netball
- Fri 3rd: Schools Clean Up Day
- Fri 3rd: PC RL (10yo&Girl) trials ???
- Mon 6th: Parent Interviews start
- Thur 9th: PC Netball
- Fri 10th: School Photos
- Tues 14th: PC & C Meeting 7:00pm
- Thur 16th: PC RL (11&12yo) trials
- Fri 17th: Ride 2 School day
- Wed 22nd: Plaza Concert 6pm
- Fri 31st: Easter Hat Parade – Prep
- Fri 31st: Last Day Term 1

**P&C**

One forum that assists in shaping the strategic direction of our school is the P&C and it is vital to ensuring that a school operates effectively.

The next P&C meeting is Tuesday 14th February at 9am.
Focussed Teaching
The school today has a range of personnel to support instructional programs. The Investing 4 Success has seen an extra 70 hours of teacher aide support in addition to our usual 120 hours. We are using the strategies that have been improving results markedly over recent years expanded to the 4 areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy. What that means is that every student is able to receive focussed teaching at their level. For reading, writing, spelling and numeracy a program exists where either teacher aides or another teacher come into the class for each of those priority areas. This means students can be grouped according to need and receive more opportunities for feedback. That accommodates the learning needs of the majority. Those that need more time for intensive teaching have teacher aide time made available for small group or one on one intervention.

As an example timetable from Year 2.

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School Dress Code
The sale of the sports shirts will be undertaken until stocks run out. In the long term this will mean the P&C will only need to carry stock in red shirts rather than the 4 different colours now.

Practically it means that once Sports Shirts become unavailable, the 3 sports carnivals will be FREE dress for the wearing of House shirt colours. Day to day we will all be looking consistent as part of the one Boyne Island State School team.

QParents
The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student Information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour details
- Academic report cards

- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. It won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

Email Loop
If you haven’t received a class newsletter via email please confirm your details with the Office. All correspondence goes in duplicate by email and it would be great to know 100% of our parents received the information. Paper copies still go home with the students.

Follow us on Facebook. Search “Boyne Island State School” and look for our logo, “Like” our page and be kept up to date with school news and events.

QSChools App will link you via a smartphone to the schools website information.

Green & Healthy
The Green and Healthy Team would like to remind everyone that we will be having a “Litter Free Lunch Day” every Tuesday “Please note change of day” this Term. Students are encouraged to bring a litter-less lunch to school (this means no poppers, plastic bags or wraps etc). This initiative helps to reduce the amount of litter around our school and creates a healthy learning environment. Students who do bring a litter-free lunch to school will receive a raffle ticket from their teacher, and will go into a lucky draw that will be drawn each Friday during parade. There are some great prizes on offer, so we encourage everyone to get on board and support this wonderful program! The class who has the highest percentage of students bringing a litter-free lunch each week, will also be awarded our “Waste-Warriors of the week” award and will get the pleasure of sharing time with our beloved mascot..."Waste-a-roo"!

Medical Forms
Please remember that the office needs to renew medication forms annually. If your child receives any medication at school or needs an asthma inhaler or epipen for 2017, forms are to be filled in and medication handed in to the office as soon as possible.

School Photos
Class photos are scheduled for Friday 10th March. Students are asked to wear their red school uniform, not their sports uniforms on the day.

Student Council
Next Friday is uniform free day. The theme is “Where’s Wally”. A gold coin donation is required. All donations are going to the student council’s projects.

Class News

4S News
So far this term we have learnt so much about each other and have many opportunities to engage in new and exciting learning in our classroom. In particular, it is so exciting to be learning about the First Fleet. We have particularly learnt about convicts and did an activity where we had to put ourselves in the shoes of a convict and...
write a re-count of "a day in the life of a convict". It is so exciting learning about the History of how Australia was discovered.

**5R News**
Using a variety of strategies in our writing is integral to forming interesting texts. We have been practising different ways to make our narrative writing descriptive and full of action. One technique in particular is to use sensory details to create an image for the reader. Here are a few examples:

As I slowly walk out of the forest, I see an old, dark, creepy house. I taste the thick air. As I go inside I feel more scared. I smell dead mice everywhere. I touch the old, rusty, black wood. Everywhere I go I can hear creepy voices saying, 'leave at once!' I stay and the voices get louder and louder.  

Rylee Tabb

I feel relaxed as I touch the yellow sand. I hear the calm water and I see the stripy umbrella blocking the sun. I smell the salty water and food in my picnic basket.

Rylee Wilson

I was standing in a vast land with snow-topped hills and iced-over lakes. I sit down in the crowd of daisies and smell the freshly cut grass and the wood burning on the fire. The sunset went from orange to purple in minutes as I lie and watch the moon rise. The taste of the crisp, cold air makes me happy. I couldn't be anywhere better!

Faith Emzin

I could see sand that stretched farther than the eye could see. The taste of dry sand lingered in my mouth. Spiky cacti made me bleed.

Kieran Doughty-Ang

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**Office News**

**End of day**
Please ensure your child knows where they need to go in the afternoon for pickup. It can be quite distressful for all involved if a child is not where they are supposed to be. Let your children know that if you are not there in time they can come and wait at the office. This way they are supervised and not wandering around the school. We do try to get messages through if you are running late, however this cannot be guaranteed if messages are coming in around 2.45 – 3pm.

**Absences**
We are now required to send messages regarding absences everyday if we have not heard from you. If your child is not going to be at school please let us know each day or if you know they will be away more than one day please state that when you phone in or leave a message.

**Resource Payments**
If you elected to do staggered payments for the Student Resource Scheme, please note the next payments are now due.

**Late Arrival**
If you arrive after the bell has gone at 8.50am please call into the office for a late slip. This will ensure your child does not get marked as absent and you will not receive a text message asking to explain absence.

**PE News**

Interschool netball
An Interschool Netball competition will be held later in this term, Thursday 2nd March. This will also double as the Port Curtis Trials for Netball this year.

Before School Sports
The Hall Sports Challenge for this term will begin Thursday 8am - 8:30am. Year 5 and 6 students who would like to play table tennis before school should come to the hall with Mrs Hurst. (Week 6 to 10 will be cross country training)

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**Port Curtis Trial Dates for 2017:**

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As information becomes available for each sport it will be communicated through either letters to students, the Sports Notice board (located near the tuckshop area) or to the Year 4-6 classes via the Sports Captains.

**Student Details Form & P&C Contributions & ICAS Competitions**

Forms for the P&C voluntary contribution and the ICAS competitions were sent home last week.

Also a student details sheet has been sent home for parents/carers to check and make any changes necessary to the contact details. Please make sure these are returned to the school office by 19th February.

**Uniforms**

The Uniforms can be ordered any time at the office. The orders will need to be paid for when order is placed and it will be filled on a Friday and delivered directly to the classroom.

**Cash, Cheque and Eftpos available.**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**INFO NIGHTS**

- **Friday 19th**
  - Gladstone (08:30am – 11:30am)
  - Mount Larcom (08:30am – 11:30am)

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**5 Day Makeover Contest**

Help transform Gladstone C50 or Mount Larcom in just 1 day!