



Boyne Bulletin

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Mon	Student Council 11:10am
Tues	WB&P Continuing Band 7:50am
Tues	Robotics Club Yr 3-6
Tues	Litter Free Lunch Day
Wed	WB&P Continuing Band 7:50am
Wed	Girls soccer training 11:10am
Wed	Strings Ensemble 2:00pm
Thur	Vocal Club Yr 2-6 8:15am
Thur	Green & Healthy Meeting 11.10am
Thur	Before School – Table Tennis Yr 5&6 8am
Fri	WB&P Beginners Band 7:50am
Fri	Yr 3 Music Extension

MARCH

Tues 14 th	P & C Meeting 9:00am
Thur 16 th	PC RL (11&12yo) trials
Thur 16 th	Cross Country Training 8am (9-12yo)
Fri 17 th	Ride 2 School day
Fri 17 th	Bully Awareness day
Thurs 23 rd	IM Plaza Concert Beginners 6pm Concert band 6:15pm Strings 7pm
Thur 23 rd	PC Hockey trials
Wed 29 th	GEM Choir
Fri 31 st	Cross Country
Fri 31 st	Recognition Awards Year 1-3 @ 12 Year 4-6 @ 2pm
Fri 31 st	Easter Hat Parade –Prep
Fri 31 st	Last Day Term 1
	APRIL
Tues 18 th	First day Term 2
Mon 24 th	Anzac day ceremony 10:30am
Tues 25 th	Anzac day march Assemble 8:15am March 8:45am
Fri 28 th	PC Cross Country @ Benaraby

Principal's Message

Commendations to our Staff

I want to commend all the staff at Boyne Island SS for their hard work and dedication as they work through our improvement focuses. Our teachers have put in many, many hours working through the requirements to improve not only literacy and numeracy but the entire curriculum offerings whether that be inquiry based learning or a vast array of sporting, cultural or academic pursuits. Thank you Boyne Island staff for your professionalism, hard work and commitment to the children in your classes. I am very proud to work with you at our great school.

Confirmation of our improvement in student outcomes, in one measure of progress, is on the mySchool website. <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>. It is hard to comment without wanting to contribute to the singular fascination of the National testing but I feel compelled to offer the following.

We are really passionate about ensuring students have a holistic education and that we stick true to the purposes of the National testing. To evaluate the effectiveness of our teaching programs and to monitor the learning requirements of students, not 'teach to the test'. As a school we have stuck true to this and our steady improvements reflect changes to our pedagogy and its impact on learning. What is sometimes lost in the headline number of a school mean is what socio economic factors impact on a school of either their community or their restricted enrolment practices OR whether schools have reduced numbers of students undertaking the test. **Boyne Island stands proud of its inclusion practices, its participation rates being higher than the National average and the favourable comparison we make in our achievement to not only similar schools but the National average.** Buried in the mySchool website, behind the headline presentations of the means is the socio-economic and participation data which allows for inferences about enrolment or test participation practices of schools. I have emailed parents a summary to draw their own conclusions.

Our vision at Boyne Island is for all students to strive, think, create. Parent Teacher interviews were/are an opportunity to discuss how students are progressing. There are three things students need to be engaged in their learning.

- Students trust and respect their teacher
- Students work at their level
- Students have friends at school

Girls Soccer Team



Afterschool Hockey P-3



Schools Clean Up



Boys Soccer Team



Netball Team



Netball Team



QParents App

Website www.boynislass.eq.edu.au

STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE:
4979 9360

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Principal Matters

Exemption from Compulsory Schooling

The exemption process from compulsory schooling occurs where a student absence is going to occur for longer than 10 days. The following information was provided by Education Queensland.

• Parent Information –

- It is important that your children attend school every day. Taking a day off because you want to go shopping on your birthday is not an acceptable reason to miss a day of school.
- If your child is sick you should contact the school as soon as possible.
- If your family has to travel away for family reasons, and expect **to be away for more than 10 days** you will have to apply for an exemption from Compulsory Schooling. Exemptions should be applied for and approved by the Principal BEFORE you travel away. The form is available on the school website

<https://boynissclass.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx>

It is generally not acceptable to take your children out of school for holidays. Families should plan their holidays to coincide with school holidays.

Recognition Reward

Students in Year 1 to 6 who meet the school expectations for Homework, Effort, Attendance, Behaviour and Uniform will have a Reward activity in form of wet day activities. Planned to occur on the middle (Year 1-3) or afternoon (Yr 4-6) session of the last day, following Cross Country.

Winter Uniform

Students have been looking great this year in their uniform. With cooler weather certain to come, the biggest issue is for students to have the correct jumper (School jacket is available for purchase and smaller sizes are available). Students in Year 1 to 6 do get a Uniform Slip from the Office for the occasions when their uniform is not available.

The approved Uniform Policy makes reference to Jackets purchased and ordered through the P&C or jumpers that are either black or red. Jumpers that are a mixture of colours or patterns are not part of the uniform. The Jackets are a great option for our climate and are a very durable product.

Communication Processes

- Absence phone - 4979 9360
- QParents – online information portal
- Email Loop
- Facebook
- QSchools App

Bullying Survey

Each year students in Year 4 to 6 undertake a simple survey on bullying. It determines how prevalent it is in the school and where, when and who might be involved. This year students will again be undertaking the survey on-line using an EQ web tool. Many students do not report bullying and the survey gives background information and can be used to alert teachers, students and families to any 'Getting Along' issues.

Our yearly reminder lesson about bullying will be focussed on 'Upstander' behaviour that supported others.

- Be Supportive
- Interrupt

- Tell Someone
- Speak Up

Last year our lesson focussed on the theme: I can make a difference. A focus on our values of respect, responsibility, safety

The year before we focussed on the 3 strategies on how students can respond.

- Be Positive
- Try Something
- Report

We hope to create another video montage again this year to reinforce the message.



Boyne Island Plaza Performance

Instrumental Music students will be performing for parents and public outside the Boyne Plaza venue. Student should arrive 30 minutes before their performance.

Where: Thursday 23rd March 2016

Where: Boyne Plaza (Woolworths) Shopping Centre, Centenary Drive

Perform: 6:00pm - Beginners band
6:15pm - Concert Band
7:00pm - Strings Ensemble

Bring: Instrument, music, pegs

Wear: Red Instrumental Music performance shirt, long black pants or black attire from the waist down, black socks and shoes

Each student will receive a voucher that entitles them to a free soft serve from Boyne Island McDonalds, to be redeemed that evening.

Class News

3R News

In 3R this term we have been learning to write persuasively. We read some facts about Killer Whales and Sharks and wrote a convincing argument about who we think would win? Are you convinced? Who do you think would win?

A Killer whale will beat the Great White Shark!

I strongly believe that a killer whale would beat a great white shark. It is larger than a great white, travels with family and is much faster. In my opinion, Killer whales are larger than great white sharks. Killer whales have dorsal fins.

Everyone should know Killer whales travel together, great white sharks travel alone, so if they met the killer whales would be together and beat the great white shark.

– Madeline Shearer

Great White Shark

Everybody knows that a great white shark would win over a killer whale because it has a great sense of smell and their speed is amazing and their family would kill me in one bite. With their great sense of smell they can smell more than a metre away.

– Ellie Jamieson

Killer Whale

I strongly believe that a killer whale would win because they stick together in a herd and the shark would not stay in a herd. The Killer whales would help each other so if the great white shark would die if it came close to the herd.
 Only a fool would think that Killer whales would be the worst. Did you know that they have been alive for millions of years and they have to come up to the surface to breathe?
 The Killer whale has a brain that looks similar to a human brain and it is intelligent
 – Lilly Lawler

Great White Shark

A great white shark would totally win in a big fight because it has very sharp teeth! A great white shark can smell blood from 4km away. A great white shark is one of the fastest creatures on Earth. A great white shark's teeth can grow back very fast.
 -Mitchel Holzhauser

2M News

What a fantastic start to the year! Students in 2M have been working incredibly hard in all learning areas and I am so impressed with their commitment to learning. In Integrated Studies, we are learning about our local area. So far, we have learned about the history of Boyne Island State School and you can see some of this learning in the mind map completed by Caitlin. Throughout the rest of the unit, students will be researching and writing a report about a significant sight in our local area. I look forward to reading about all the wonderful places Boyne Island has to offer.



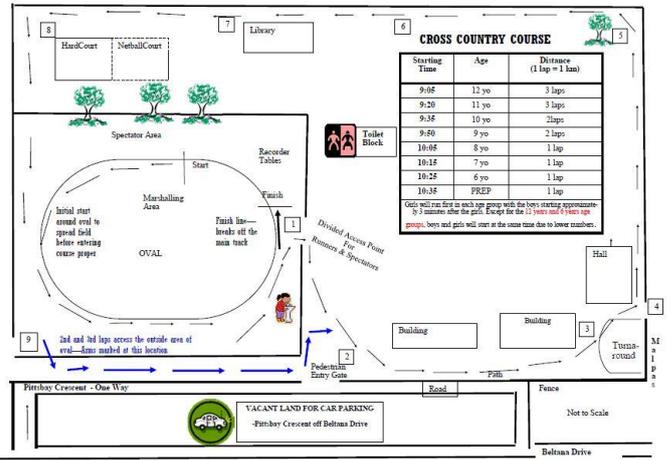
In other news, Elliot was the first student to reach 30 home readers. Well done, Elliot! Students have been reading lots of books at home which is fantastic. Keep up the great reading 2M.

PE News

Cross Country

The Carnival will be on Friday 31st March. Students will start familiarising themselves with the course. Training is Thursday morning at 8:00am for 9 to 12 year olds. The schedule for events is below.

Starting Time	Age	Distance (1 lap = 1 km)
9:05	12 yo	3 laps
9:20	11 yo	3 laps
9:35	10 yo	2 laps
9:50	9 yo	2 laps
10:05	8 yo	1 lap
10:15	7 yo	1 lap
10:25	6 yo	1 lap
10:35	PREP	1 lap



Student of the Week

	Week End 03/03/17		Week End 10/03/17	
PC	Piper Johnstone	Organisation		
PD	Karlee Armitage	Confidence		
1CW	Lilleigh Jackson	Confidence	Zak Morgan	Confidence
1VW	Ngatahi Pirihit-Tolcher	Confidence	Laiht Wright	Persistence
2C	Hunter Totton	Organisation	Kane Stuart	Organisation
2M	Caelum Grant	Persistence	Layla	Persistence
3JT	Kyce Box	Persistence	Zack Cameron	Getting Along
3R	Tristan Mountjoy	Persistence		
4S	Maddison Corby	Confidence	Phoebe Keddie	Persistence
4W	Hayley Zahnaw	Persistence	Janea	Resilience
5B	Hannah Wheeler	Getting Along		
5R	Cassie Hartley	Persistence	Alexie Slaughter	Persistence
6SS	Evie Answerth	Persistence	Louis Bright	Confidence
6V	Madchen Mackenzie-Rouse	Organisation		
Music			Jason Behn	Persistence
PE	Tristan Mountjoy	Persistence	Trent Rowe	Confidence
Staff	Ms Clow	Organising Clean Up Australia day	Miss Wakefield	Organising Student Council

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.
 Second hand uniforms are available by contacting Debbie on 0438 225 064.

Library News

The Library has been a busy zone at lunch times, with lots of reading, imaginative play and arts and crafts occurring. A reminder that books are able to be borrowed for 2 weeks before they become overdue. All classes visit the Library on a weekly basis to enable students to change their books regularly. If your child's book has become overdue for a long period of time, we will phone you to let you know. In the instance where books are lost, we will organise an invoice for you to pay for the missing items at the office. Waterproof library bags are a great help in protecting the library books in school bags, especially from the dreaded leaky water bottles! Students are able to borrow during class borrowing times, at lunch breaks and before school (after 8:30am). Happy reading!

P&C News

The P&C's goal this year is to work towards renovations in the Tuckshop.
We are calling out for parents/carers and community members who could contribute with new ideas and plans etc. If you would like help in any way or form please contact Justine Hartley 0410 068 674

School Photos

If you forgot to hand in your order form on photo day, you can still order photos by contacting the Photographer direct. We still have a few envelopes left in the office if you need to know what you can order.
You can contact Donna by phoning 0427 946 360 or you can e-mail countryschoolphotos@gmail.com.