



Boyne Bulletin

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Mon	Strings Ensemble 7:45am
Tues	Vocal Club Yr 2-6 8:15am
Tues	Green & Healthy 10:30am
Wed	Student Council 10:30am
Wed	School Banking
Wed	Yr 3 Instrumental Group 8:15am
Thurs	BW&P Concert Band 7:45am
Fri	Lunchtime Hall sports

AUGUST

Wed 19 th	Prep Induction 9:30am & 5:30pm
Wed 19 th	AFL comp Boyne B V St Francis 4:00pm Boyne A V Tannum B 4:50pm
Fri 21 st	Mt Larcom Hike - Yr 5&6
Fri 28 th	Science Week activity (date change)
Fri 28 th	Uniform Free day
Fri 28 th	Cricket Comp starts - Yr 4&5

SEPTEMBER

Wed 2 nd	Father's day Stall
Thur 4 th	Eisteddfod Band
Fri 4 th	School Disco
Tues 8 th	P&C Meeting
Wed 9 th	Eisteddfod - Choir
Thur 10 th	Year 4 Camp 5pm
Thur 10 th	Twilight Netball Comp @ Dennis Park
Tues 15 th	Eisteddfod - Verse speaking
Tues 15 th	Combined Band Performance 2pm
Wed 16 th	Volleyball Competition
Thur 17 th	School Concert 6pm (DATE CHANGE)
Thur 17 th	Recognition Reward Yr1-6
Fri 18 th	Last Day Term 3

Principal's Message

There are so many activities at the moment to remind how many facets there are to a well-rounded education. We have maintained a strong focus on student learning, confirmed again by the National testing (it's not news anymore we expect to do well), but it is the extra curriculum activities that will form the memorable opportunities. Optiminds, Bands, Choirs, Excursions, Camps, Sport. I am thankful that our great teachers go the extra distance to provide a holistic education. For example, sporting teams occurring at the moment – AFL, Cricket, Netball, Tennis (hot shots) and Volleyball.

Congratulations to Office Staff

I received two commendations of how welcoming and helpful Stacey and Janine are as our Office staff. They go above and beyond and support wonderfully the learning programs in the school.

Marine Debris Video winner

The Green and Healthy Team again won the video competition for aspiring video makers from the Gladstone region to capture the issue of marine debris across the Great Barrier Reef.

The video competition by the Gladstone Local Marine Advisory Committee (LMAC) aims to raise awareness about how marine debris threatens marine life and impacts on the Great Barrier Reef. The school receive a \$500 voucher. Student Luke Pfeiffer placed second with an individual entry. A copy will be uploaded to our website when available.

Wakakirri – Storytelling through dance

“The Last Tree in the City”

There was a very positive response from all involved in Wakakirri despite it being a huge undertaking to attend the performance in Mackay. “So simple with such a powerful message” Judge Mark Wilson



STATE AWARD - Best Environmental Story Award

PERFORMANCE AWARDS

- Amazing moment, Storytelling, Impressive finale, Creative use of the signature item, Creative use of reusable materials, Most sustainable production



Future Leaders Eco Challenge

6 students from Years 5 to 6 attended Curtis Island in groups with students from Gladstone, Tannum Sands and Boyne Island schools in hands-on activities focusing on improving the health and resilience of the Great Barrier Reef, supporting healthy ecosystems and working towards making our school and community more sustainable.

Optiminds

Good luck to the team attending the competition on Saturday in Rockhampton. Mrs Varcoe has been working with students although it is a student led team based activity, which provides tremendous learning challenges for the students. This will be the 17th year straight that Boyne Island has sent a team.

Wakakirri team



Preparing for Science Week



Buddy reading



Principal Matters

Naplan results

Individual reports were sent home to parents. The school again compares very favourably to the Nation and exceeds 'like' schools. Teachers' efforts in numeracy, to teach how to apply skills to solve problems, were reflected in our improvement.

NAPLAN Mean Scale Scores by Strand for Year 3 Test 2015

For Boyne Island State School (1191) Students

(Preliminary Data for 2015)

School				All Students								
Year	n	Lower Limit	School Mean	Upper Limit	Like Schools			State Schools		National		
					Lower Limit	Mean	Upper Limit	Comp. Flag	Mean	Comp. Flag	Mean	Comp. Flag
Reading												
2015	47	397	431	465	407	410	414	↔	414	↔	426	↔
Writing												
2015	47	409	424	439	395	398	401	↑	401	↑	416	↔
Spelling												
2015	47	389	413	436	385	389	392	↔	393	↔	409	↔
Grammar and Punctuation												
2015	47	447	473	498	419	423	427	↑	427	↑	433	↑
Numeracy												
2015	48	388	405	429	399	394	397	↔	389	↔	398	↔

Fathers' Day Stall

There will be a Fathers' Day stall operating at the school hall on Wednesday 2nd September. Classes will be released at appointed times for students to be able to purchase gifts (prices from \$2 to \$10). Prep and Year 1 classes will be the first to choose and may put items on hold if they need to check with older siblings. If this is the case, the siblings will then need to go to the hall at lunchtime to make their selections together.

Recognition Awards – Year 1-6

Students who have met the expectations for attendance, behaviour, uniform, effort and homework completion, will again be recognised at the end of this Term, Thursday 17th September.

Mt Larcom Excursion

Letters to Year 5 students have been sent home for the excursion to Mt Larcom on Friday 21st August. It is a very special activity in our calendar made possible by the support we get from parents. It is both challenging to individuals and informative of our local environment.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Invitations to the end of Term Interviews have been extended. It is a key process in the home school partnership. Students who require additional or focussed teaching above and beyond the expected differentiated curriculum adjustments have this documented in an Individual Support Plan. The formal sign-off and agreement occurs at the parent teacher interview.

Extra-curriculum

There are a number extra curriculum activities coming up this Term to extend and enrich the learning opportunities for students.

Optiminds – Mrs Varcoe has been working with students regarding an entry in this year's Optiminds competition in Rockhampton on Sunday 23rd August.

Concert – The Choirs and Ensembles will perform a local school concert on Thursday 17th September.

Eisteddfods

- Band Thursday 3rd September (approx. 10am)
- Choir Wednesday 9th September (approx. 9:30am)
- Verse Yr 2&3 Tuesday 15th Sept (approx 9:15am)

Explaining Absences

****Please note that parents/carers must report students absent from school either prior or on day one of their absence****

Email address: admin@boynislass.eq.edu.au

Phone number: 4979 9360

QParents

Note: A note if absence is known about prior to the day

Literacy Standards

The school uses a measure of reading levels with the student needing good comprehension, together with fluency and reading for meaning. Being able to read is such a critical skill to accessing other areas of learning as students get older.

'C' Standard - By the end of Semester 1

Year	P	1	2	3	4	5	6
Home reading Level	2-3	8-10	17-20	21-23	25	27	29

Below are the standards we are guided by for students to achieve by the end of the year.

'C' Standard - End of Year 2015

	P	1	2	3	4	5	6
Level	5-6	15-17	20-22	23-24	26	28	30

These levels are under review, as is increasing the focus on comprehension.

Class Formation

A similar process will be undertaken this year to allocate students to class groupings in 2016

Published below is the anticipated timeline and process. The starting point is the invitation to parents to provide pertinent student or educational information for consideration. All information needs to be provided in written form and will be shared among the teaching staff for consideration when we prepare classes for 2016. However, there can be no guarantee that all requests will be able to be met and some requests end up being contradictory. The due date for written requests for consideration is Friday 11th September. Parents are able to collect a form from the office to complete or request one via email at admin@boynislass.eq.edu.au.

Key Timelines

Parent forms submitted, if desired, with student and educational factors for consideration.	11/9/2015
Current year level teachers meet to form proposed class groupings (including peer factors).	15/9/2015
Booklists sent to all parents	16/10/2015
Teachers finalised for 2016 review class groupings. Make recommendations based on educational factors.	20/10/2015
Email announcing teachers for 2016	20/10/2015
Book pack orders to be received	6/11/2015
Administration review of student placements.	20 /11/2015
Class placements & room allocations released	4/12/2015

Year 6 camp

Train tickets have now been booked for the students and teachers attending Brisbane camp. It will be an exciting mix of public transport as the group takes trains, buses, and ferries, and walks to get about Brisbane from Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th November. There will be a waiting list if travel intentions change.

Head lice

Head lice, not a particularly nice topic to communicate about but in a small way relates to the 'healthy body' aspect of our motto. The recommendation from Queensland Health regarding 'Conditioner & Combing' has helped families manage head lice outbreaks that have proved problematic.

Behaviour Issues

It is nice working at Boyne Island where one strength is the supportive school environment. I would like to reassure all parents and carers that our school will not ignore violence or harassment. It is important that every student feels safe. I remind all students that bullying behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. It is important to remind students of treating others with fairness and respect. Eg; No using words to hurt and keeping our 'hands off'.

The school undertakes an annual survey of students and has a BOB (Ban on Bullies) box in the Library to encourage reporting. I urge any parents and carers who are concerned about bullying to contact me directly.

Students have been reminded on parade about 'getting along'

- Think first
- Talk friendly
- Act friendly
- Be tolerant
- Play by the rules

Swearing is unacceptable within the school environment. Intentional or not, it causes offence and students have a responsibility to be respectful of others. While society has decreased sensitivity to profanity there are still clear boundaries about what words are acceptable to use in polite company.

Partnerships

A great strength of Boyne Island SS is the partnership that exists between teachers and parents. Great partnerships are fostered on trust and communication.

It isn't required often, mostly around family custody issues where emotions are high, but principals have the powers to place 'conditions of entry' or a 'direction to leave' on any person if circumstances warrant.

Swearing by an adult that is audible to a student is one example where a direction or condition could be issued.

For any complex issues that do require resolving or clarification, it is best for parents to book a time with a teacher so that distractions can be minimised and full attention can be paid to resolving or clarifying issues. Ms Murdoch or myself are also available to foster communication and get things right when requested or required.

PS – Thankfully this is a reminder not in response to any incident.

Move It Groove it

The 'Move It Groove It' program is offered before school to provide an activity that motivates a range of students to get active. 8.00am – 8.30am.

Mon, Wed & Friday – Walking on oval

Tuesday – Zumba in Hall

Thursday – Dance in Hall

PE news

Teams have been selected and are training

AFL – Ms Williams - Wednesday afternoons @ Boyne Island SS

Cricket – Mrs Hurst - Friday afternoons

Volleyball – Ms Clow Spikezone Comp – Wednesday 16th Sept

Tennis – Mrs Hurst

Netball – Ms Haines Twilight Comp Thursday 10th September

Prep Enrolments - 2016

Prep Induction Wednesday 19th August

Session 1 - 9:30am - 10:30am

Session 2 - 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Prep Orientation Days

Tuesday 13th October 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Friday 30th October 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Thursday 12th November 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Monday 23rd November 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Child born	2016	2017	2018	2019
1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012	Kindy	Prep	Year 1	Year 2
1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013		Kindy	Prep	Year 1
1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014			Kindy	Prep

Early entry to Prep

Children who are younger than the prescribed age for Prep may be enrolled in Prep if:

- they turn 5 years by 31 July in the year of proposed attendance; and
- the principal is satisfied the child is ready for education in Prep, having regard to their attributes (including ability, aptitude, social and emotional competence, physical development, and level of knowledge and understanding).

Not all children who turn 5 years of age in July will be eligible for early entry to Prep. The child must also be considered by the principal to be ready for education.

Delayed start to Prep

It is not compulsory for your child to attend the Prep year as soon as they are old enough—5 by 30 June in the year they enrol. You can delay their entry by 1 year if you feel they are not ready, but when they start school, they should still start in the Prep year.

Class News

2CS News

What a busy start to Term 3! 2CS has been working very hard on writing information reports in English and CAFE Writing. We are learning to use expanded noun groups, simple and complex sentences and editing skills to enhance our writing. Here are some awesome examples of research on Peregrine Falcons:

Peregrine falcons live in a variety of landscapes and are found in large cities.
Jacob Donges

Peregrine falcons are the world's fastest bird.
Starlette O'Connell

It is the fastest animal on earth and it is the fastest hunter ever.
Josh Hodge

Peregrine falcons are extremely agile hunters. They hunt birds on the wing.
Shaneeka Keegan

The female lays two to four eggs and incubates them for four to seven weeks.
Jemma Green

3H News

This term, 3H are looking at the history of our school, what has changed and what has stayed the same. We have honed in on a few questions that we need answered about the current school and the history of schooling in Boyne Island. If there are any readers of this newsletter who might have some information, stories or artefacts about Boyne School then we would love to hear from you. You can contact the office or come by our classroom near the childcare/drop off area. Thank you for your help.



In CAFE recently we have been practicing the skills of identifying detail, sequencing and finding the main idea. These helped us to write a retell of the dreamtime story of Tiddalick the Frog. We have chosen Zakodi Loats' retell to share with you.

In the dreaming, long long ago, lived a big, fat, green bullfrog and many other animals. They lived happily in the Australian bush.

One day, Tiddalick drank all the water from all of the rivers and billabongs in the land. The other animals were thirsty and knew they would die if they didn't do something. The wise old wombat spoke and said "We should try to make Tiddalick laugh so that the water will burst out of his mouth."

All of the animals tried to make Tiddalick laugh but it didn't work and he nearly fell asleep instead. Then, the eel tried by looping himself and spinning around and Tiddalick burst into laughter! Water came gushing and flushing out of his enormous green mouth.

Water returned to all of the rivers and billabongs. After that, happiness was back and Tiddalick didn't dare to show himself again.

Parade Certificates

Week ending 7/8/15

Week Ending 14/8/15

Class	Name	For	Name	For
PC	Fletcher Dingle	Confidence	Zane Churchward	Persistence
PH	Noah Pelenstov	Persistence	Lleyton O'Keeffe	Persistence
1CW	Sophie Warren	Confidence	Evie McNamara	Organisation
1VW	Hayden Kennedy	Persistence	Lilly Lawler	Persistence
2CS	Ezyekiel Harmer	Confidence	Mia Thomas	Persistence
2M	William Dwane	Persistence	Luca Walsh	Organisation
2R	Savannah Keegan	Persistence	Sibella Houghton	Organisation
3H	William Gardner	Confidence		
3J	Faith Emzin	Persistence	Aiden Murphy	Persistence
4B				
4CR	Riley Burrows	Persistence		
5G	Jasmine Hartley	Persistence	Tye Brady	Persistence
5V	Tayla Cameron	Organisation		
6SS	Talib Wallace	Persistence	Lia Hamilton	Persistence
6W	Aeryn Clark	Persistence	Madison Mech	Confidence
Music	Alexander Hardie	Organisation		
PE	Taj Myers-Reid	Persistence	Teagan Chaplain	Confidence
STAFF	Ms Berman, Mrs Gary, Mrs Stewart	Organising Wakakirri. Fantastic opportunity.	Mrs Varcoe and Mrs Walsh	Creating the Optiminds opportunity

Community Notices

BITS Cricket Sign On.

From under 10's to adult cricket. A sign on is to be held at BITS Oval on the afternoon of Friday the 18th Sept from 4pm, this will also be the final night of the Schools T20 Blast Comp (Primary School Cup) and first day of the Industries of Gladstone 20/20 Cricket Challenge weekend. It is also a chance to mingle with some former greats of the game as Bulls Masters will be in attendance to sign autographs.

Milo Sign on

BITS CC is also taking Milo online registrations from to sign up for Milo In2Cricket. Cost is \$85. To sign on google 'playcricket' (one word), then enter 4680 in the postcode search and then follow the links to the online registration.

For further details please contact Nev Judd on 0459091196 for sponsorship options or email bitscc@yahoo.com.au.

Sign on Days for Tannum Sands Surf Lifesaving Club, 2015/16 Season.

When: Saturday, 22 August 2015 and Saturday, 5 September 2015

Where: Wests Swimming Pool, Glenlyon Road, Gladstone, opposite Gladstone Duck Ponds
Pool swim proficiencies are conducted on the day.

Times: 8:00am to 11:30am

Cost: Family \$300
Single \$100.00 per person
Cash or cheque only- NO EFTPOS

New Registrations from 6-18 years must present a birth certificate at sign on. A parent/guardian must also join when joining a Junior between ages 6-14 years.

Joining Adults (18+) must apply for a free Blue Card, so bring 2 forms of Identification (eg drivers licence/birth certificate/passport). Existing Members - renew and pay online at <http://sls.com.au/join>

Registration enquiries to Club Registrar at email registrartannumsurf@hotmail.com

SOFTBALL BATTER UP

Softball Batter Up is a fun, game based development program

When:
Wednesday Afternoons 4:30pm-6:30pm starting August 12th
3 week program

Where:
Gladstone Softball Fields, Memorial Park Hanson Rd

How Much:
\$65 inclusive of all Softball activities and a pack containing Softball glove, ball and backpack.

Ages 4 to 12 Welcome

Register at www.softballbatterup.com.au
For more information contact Shane on 0497 178622 (After 5pm) or E-mail softball.gladstone@gmail.com