



# 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

### NOVEMBER

Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	School Leader Speeches 9am
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	White Ribbon Day
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Honours Presentation 9:45am
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup>	Instrumental Music Walking Tour
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight Hockey Comp
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Carols by Candlelight

### DECEMBER

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 7 Transition Visit –TSSHS
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	IM Year 6 – Xmas Tree Decoration playing
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Reports & Class allocations
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3-6 Swim Carnival
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 1&2 Recognition activity
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	P-2 Swim Celebration Prep: 9:15 -11am Year 1&2: 11:45am – 2pm
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3-6 Recognition activity
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Graduation
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup>	Concert P-2 9:10am – 10:00am Intermission 10:00-10:15 Yr 3-6 10:15 – 11:00am
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup>	Break Up Lunch 11:00 – 11:30

## Principal's Message

In 2008 when appointed as principal at Boyne Island what I most wanted to see was a) opportunities created for students b) staff working together. We are currently planning for 2016 and I am excited by what is available to students and how aligned teachers are in their work.

What is now concerning my thinking is how to reduce any barriers that exist for students taking advantage of opportunities. It is when every child is happily learning that we will be successful.

Using a metaphor. "You can lead a horse to water but you cannot make it drink." We need to have the horse choosing to drink.

The goal is for all students to be actively - **Thinking, Striving, Creating.**

### Lego Robotics and Wakakirri –

Building on the success of these two programs introduced in 2015, Wakakirri is starting to call out to Year 3 to 5 students to nominate for next year with rehearsals. Robotics is also planning to expand its resources. We are spending \$2500 to acquire another 5 robots and the expansion kit. Thanks to P&C for their initial donation of \$800, it demonstrated how worthwhile the experience was. Pushcarts are due to be returned at the Maryborough Technology Challenge and Optiminds. Term 3 in 2016 will be a busy time.

### Advancing Education – An action plan for Queensland and #codingcounts:

A forum will be held in Rockhampton to seek the views of key stakeholders to help shape the future of education in Queensland. Teacher, Ms Rashleigh and student, Luke Pfeiffer have been invited to set up a display of coding and robotics as a demonstration of how every student can be a successful digital learner. Great acknowledgement of their leadership in this area.

### Sports Awards 2015

Congratulations to all students recognised for a great sporting year. Great coaches, great participation, great sportsmanship.

Sportsperson of the Year - Brooke Sheridan  
Sporting Spirit Award - Tegan Early  
Year 6 Encouragement Award - Flynn Lusty & Aleisha Paul

### Coaches Awards

Girls Soccer - Breanna Thies  
Boys Soccer - Jake Hardwick  
AFL - Marcus Wheeler & William Raffin  
Cricket - Noah Hodge, Joe Guerassimoff, Tom Vagg & Caitlyn Judd  
Netball - Adelaide Bishop & Emma MacDonald  
Softball - Chelsea Storch & Ty

Year 6 Camp



Qparent App

Website [www.boynislass.edu.au](http://www.boynislass.edu.au)

STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE:  
4979 9360

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## Principal Matters

### BOYNE ISLAND LIONS CAROL EVENING

It is that time of year again where the tinsel and lights go up in the home and our community come together to celebrate Christmas, with the annual

Sunday 29th November - Bray Park  
Santa Arrives 5:30pm BBQ 6pm Carols 6:30pm

Dress: School uniform (red school shirt and black bottoms). Children may also wear either Christmas hat, antlers, earrings or hair ties etc.

Bring: Instrumental Club only will need to bring their recorder and music. At the event students performing will receive from their teacher, a ticket for a free sausage and a drink courtesy of the Lions Club

### Instrumental Music Break Up Day

This year all instrumental students (Strings & Woodwind/Brass/Percussion) will participate in a walking tour on Thursday 26th November.

During the day students will perform a concert at 3 venues (Bindaree, Boyne Plaza, and the school playground).

Equipment will be transported by car and trailer, so don't worry if your child has a heavy instrument.

Also included in the day will be a stop at McDonald's for lunch. Please note – students will need pay for their own meal. \$10 maximum should cover their meal purchase. A detailed letter has been sent home.

### Year 6 Continuing Woodwind/Brass Ensemble

The continuing woodwind and brass students have a special ensemble performance booked at the Boyne Island Library on Wednesday 2nd December. This will take place at the annual "Christmas Tree Decoration Extravaganza".

They will play twice, once in the foyer prior to the doors opening, then in the hall area, while children are making their tree decorations.

They will be supplied afternoon tea by the library staff as a thank you for their performance. Students will need to be picked up from the library (still yet to confirm a time, but generally speaking I would anticipate around 4pm.)

### Stationary Drop-Off

This year we will be conducting a Stationary Drop-off day, where all students (Prep to Year 6) can drop off their new books and stationery to their classrooms prior to school commencement. The details are as follows –

Date: Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2016  
Time: 1.30pm to 2.30pm

This is not compulsory; however it gives families the opportunity to drop off heavy books etc., prior to the commencement of school. It also gives the teachers the opportunity to organise their classrooms, which ensures a smooth and efficient start to the year.

Please ensure that you have checked your booklist and labelled all items

### Uniforms

Orders are placed at the Office. There will be volunteer's available and completing orders on the following dates before school starts:

Date:  
Thur 21st January Time: 2 – 3pm  
Fri 22nd January: Time: 8.30-9.30am  
(Orders placed at office during week can be collected)  
Wed 27th January Time: 8:30-9:30am

### Student Resource Scheme

Book packs will be available for collection Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 8:30 -9:30am and 2:30 – 3:30 pm and following the concert on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Payment or deposit must be received before collection.

### Year 6 Leadership

Year 6 Student Leadership elections are planned for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 9:00am. All year 5 children will be invited to nominate for leadership positions. Those doing so will be required to deliver a speech at this time. Parents of children giving speeches are invited to attend. The House Captains nominees will deliver speeches at the same time.

**23 students have put their hand up for consideration as a student leader.** It does take some bravery to nominate and put yourself in front of your peers. The best indicator of how someone will go in the future is how they have gone in the past. If necessary, positions have been declared vacant to give students further opportunities in the New Year to demonstrate capability however it doesn't look like that will be necessary this year. I look forward to hearing their speeches.

### Recognition Awards – Year 3-6

Students will again be recognised at the end of this term if they have met the expectations for attendance, behaviour, uniform, effort and homework completion.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Year 1 and 2  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Year 3 to 6

### Instrumental Music

We are strengthening the programs next year with some additional investment into the IM programs. We are fortunate to now have good linkages between classroom music and the IM program. Next year new students will start band from the beginning of the year whilst those continuing will have 2 mornings a week. Year 3's can elect to take an extra half hour of music, called Music Extension, during school time as a preparatory activity to read and play music. It is seen as a great introductory program for Instrumental Music.

Learning to play music is a great brain training activity. We believe the practice, working with others and stretching your brain in both an abstract (reading music) and practical (playing music) is a fantastic complement for learning.

### Parking in Pittsbay

Work on the 2 driveways has commenced. Please be mindful in this area as it continues. The school has put in the driveways and will be clearing a few trees, putting some road base down (TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup>) and creating safe pedestrian access using some large rocks as barriers. It is the low cost option until partnership opportunities can be developed. Gladstone Regional Council will adjust parking and traffic conditions in the street. Two identified crossing points have been discussed.

### Swim Carnival

The Prep to Year 2 Swim carnival will again be split into 2 sessions this year.

Prep 9:15 – 11:00  
Years 1 to 2 11:45 – 2:00

This minimises the waiting around and exposure to sun for these younger students. The Carnival will focus on fun, and a celebration of the swimming activities taught in swim lessons rather than competition. Year 1's & 2's will have some races but not as heavily featured as those in the Year 3 to 6 Carnival. The delayed start is to avoid traffic snarls at the pool.

## Class News

### 2M News

Cinquain Poems

Jimmy  
Funny, speedy  
Plays, kick, runs  
Likes to go BANANAS  
Boy

*By Maddison*

Kyson  
Kind, funny  
Talk, help, plays  
Likes to help others  
Boy

*By Reign*

Jayde  
Beautiful, cheerful  
Run, skip, play  
She has neat writing  
Graceful

*By Olivia*

### Housekeeping

- Please keep the school updated with any changes to student contact or medical details.
- Student absences require an explanation via either a note or message on the student absence phone line 4979 9360 on the morning or day before absence.
- Raz Kids, Lexia and **Mathletics** are available to be completed on-line at home.
- All letters are sent home electronically to email contacts. If you are not receiving a letter, provide contact details to the office if desired.
- Students arriving before 8:30am are to wait seated at the Year 2/3 covered area.

### Evacuation Drill

There will be an upcoming Evacuation Drill. Schools are required to undertake these practices at regular intervals.

Continuous siren = Evacuation

Intermittent sirens = Lock down

### Year 6 Brisbane Camp

A successful camp was conducted in Brisbane last week. Next year the 2016 Year 6 students need to be aware that invitations to attend are extended as either a) Open Invite b) Conditional Invite and new for 2016 c) Not Invited pending demonstration of improved responsibility. A high degree of trust is required of students attending both for their safety and their impact on the public. The school is not prepared to risk taking students who are not mindful of their responsibilities towards others or are at risk of impulsive behaviour. We want to continue to offer the majority of students the opportunity, in a high trust environment, of a wonderful Camp experience.

If we just did a Camp at a private location such as a recreation Camp it wouldn't need such a high standard of behaviour. We have been able to offer unique experiences, and others like the Mt Larcom Hike but is becoming evident some students with impulsive or ignorant behaviour may place themselves or others at risk.

### 2016 School Holiday dates

List of holidays for next year is below for those who need to plan annual leave or other arrangements. Education Queensland is promoting 'Everyday Day Counts'. It recognises that one of the strongest correlations is between student achievement and the number of days that students attend. In other words, unnecessary time away from school limits students achieving their potential.

<b>Queensland term dates - 2016</b>		
Term	Dates	Length
Term 1	Wednesday 27 January – Thursday 24 April	9 weeks
Term 2	Monday 11 April - Friday 24 June	11 weeks
Term 3	Monday 11 July - Friday 16 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 4 October - Friday 9 December	10 weeks

<b>Student Free Days</b>	<b>Public Holidays</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October Schools will hold flexible training for a further 4 days either in holidays or out-of-school hours eg Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Australia Day– Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan Good Friday – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Easter Monday – Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March Anzac Day– Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April Labour Day – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Show Holiday – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August Queen's Birthday – Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October

### 3H News

In Geography this term we have been investigating how the Great Barrier Reef is significant and what is threatening it. Some of our research findings are that...

- The Great Barrier Reef is 2300km long and is so big that you can see it from space.
- The water around the reef are low in nutrients and sediment, which coral prefers.
- There is a huge variety of creatures that live there, including 3000 types of molluscs and 1625 types of fish.
- The major threats to the reef include: climate change, coastal development, marine debris and the Crown-of-thorns starfish.
- We can help to protect the reef, when visiting, by collecting all of our rubbish and picking up other people's too.

We think The Reef is so great that some of us have entered a picture of the reef into an art competition celebrating Australia's icons.



### Parade Certificates

	Week Ending 13/11/15		Week Ending 20/11/15	
<b>PC</b>	Caitlin Wyatt	Getting Along		
<b>PH</b>	Sam Dare	Confidence	Lauchy Fagg Harper Voois	Confidence  Organisation
<b>1CW</b>	Teagan Chaplain	Persistence	Declan Hayes	Persistence
<b>1VW</b>	Isabelle Skelton	Getting Along	Madeline Shearer	Confidence
<b>2CS</b>	Joshua Hodge	Persistence	Isabella Giacomantonio	Organisation
<b>2M</b>	Matilda Page	Persistence	Khalani Burling	Getting Along
<b>2R</b>	Sibella Houghton	Persistence	Ashleigh Cant	Persistence
<b>3H</b>				
<b>3J</b>	Tyler Camman	Getting Along	Frankie Dingle	Resilience
<b>4B</b>			Darcy Connell	Getting Along
<b>4CR</b>	Nash Box	Confidence	Lacey-Lee Schwenke	Persistence
<b>5G</b>			Beth Watson	Resilience
<b>5V</b>			Kayden White	Persistence
<b>6SS</b>	Gabbee Green	Organisation		
<b>6W</b>	Krista Engelbrecht	Persistence		
<b>Music</b>	Daphne Williams	Organisation	Faith Emzin	Persistence
<b>PE</b>			Bailey Griffiths	Persistence
<b>Staff</b>	Mrs Hurst	For organising the sports awards night	Mrs Stewart & Miss Williams	For taking the year 6 kids on Camp

### Uniform Shop

Uniform orders are being filled on Fridays or Mondays. If the order has been paid it can be delivered to the classroom saving parents a trip to the office.

### Focus on Fours Playgroup

We will be joining the Prep H children in their classroom at 10:30 each Friday of term 4. This is part of our preparing for Prep program and is extremely beneficial for pre-prep children and their families.

### Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays only in term 4.

We now have a "Boyne Island School Tuckshop" Facebook page to keep you updated on deals and menu prices.

### Office News

A couple of things have been handed in to the office recently.

If you are missing a Ford car key and house key connected on a red element lanyard please call in and collect from the office.

We still have an amount of money that was handed in on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. It was found around the year 2 class area. If you have lost some, please come and see Stacey or Janine.

If you are not planning on attending Boyne Island State School next year and have not yet filled in an exit form, can you please call in to the office and collect one