Principal’s Message

This Term there has been 6 District sporting activities that the school has entered. That great thing, aside from the fitness, fun, friendship and focus (training to improve) that the sports have provided is how many students have had the opportunity to try a new sport.

It has really created opportunities for the students and it comes on the back of the support of teachers and parents to make it happen. There are only a couple of schools who could say they have participated in all the sports competitions on offer this Term. Boyne School is small enough to care, big enough for opportunities.

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Mosaic art project

Science week with CQU

Queensland Symphony Orchestra

Instrumental Music Recruitment

It is that time again when our Instrumental Music teachers will soon be testing students for 2015. This term, the Combined Band will be touring our school on Wednesday 10th September whilst our own Brass Woodwind &Percussion Band (BWP) has already performed on parade and Strings Ensemble will perform on Friday 5th September. These performances are to give prospective students some idea of what instruments are available.

Notes will be handed out to students from year 3 upwards who may be interested in playing Strings or BWP in 2015. Ie. for both strings and BWP, students can start instrumental music as Year 4 students. These notes need to be returned to the Office by Friday, 19 September please.

Boyne Island will also take ‘expressions of interest’ from current Year 2 students (Ie Year 3 in 2015) subject to space and further approvals being obtained.

Teacher Aide Celebration Day

Friday 5th September will be Teacher Aide Celebration Day and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every teacher aide for the valuable contribution they make in the education of our students. Each day teacher aides ensure our students receive the dedicated support they need. We are going to host a special lunch on Thursday 11th to say thank you to all the teacher aides and support staff.

Optiminds

The team attending the Optiminds competition in Rockhampton represented the school and themselves well. They were engaged, enthusiastic and focused on working as a team. Well done to Ria Moodley, Aliissa Jenkinson, Talia Clow, Hannah Engelbrecht, Ruby Smith, Jasmine Hartley, Georgia Dingle, Riley Clow, Darcy Sayre, Madilyn Green, Charlie-Anne Cannon and Georgia Arstall. Both teams competed in the Science & Technology challenge. Thanks to Mrs Varcoe who organised the teams.

Move It Groove it

The ‘Move It Groove It’ program has now concluded. Thanks to all who have helped run our before school winter fitness program again this year. Our teachers’ assistance with volunteering their time is appreciated.
Mt Larcom Excursion
The excursion to Mt Larcom has been postponed until Friday 12th September. 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.

Absences
It is now required that all student absences are reported to the school on the day of the absence or before if known about.

The school wants to ensure that every absence is known to the parent to ensure everything is OK.

Failing to report absences to the school sets up a situation where Office staff are wasting resources checking on whether the absence is known to the family.

Notably, there has also been a change to the procedures associated with schools responding to students with excessive absences. It has been reduced from a six stage letter consultation process to three -. Initial advice, notice about obligations and warning notice/failure to attend. Principals have been advised to pursue, where required, further avenues to improve attendance beyond the promotional and encouragement of ‘Every Day Counts’.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Great to see the interviews occurring. Attitudes to schooling are so important. What parents demonstrate as important, students also see as important and parent teacher interviews actively demonstrate this and help keep the learning partnership between home and school strong.

Timelines
We make a big effort to communicate in multiple and varied ways. The way of the world means group activities and excursions need to be organised in arranging transport and permissions. We need to make arrangements for those not going as well as those attending. Whether it be selecting sporting teams or transport lists, dealing with the information first up is much easier than having to make subsequent alterations as more information trickles in. The office staff and teachers have been accommodating based on the premise of students not missing out. No need to be officious about things if we can work around it. This may have led to an assumption that the timelines set are just rough guidelines. Can I give a reminder that timelines are set for the benefit of everyone to give an indication about when information is required.

The upcoming student resource scheme is one upcoming example where timelines are very necessary to the smooth operation of the scheme.

Independent Public Schools (IPS)
The P&C endorsed the application to apply to become an IPS. Staff will continue to examine and collaborate on what innovations it might seek to pursue. It is good that the community supports and appreciates the great teaching team we currently have.

Recognition Awards – Year 4-7
Students will again be recognised at the end of this Term who have met the expectations for attendance, behaviour, uniform, effort and homework completion.

Smile Pushcarts – Miss Robinson is organising the Student Leaders to enter a Pushcart team in the Maryborough Technology Challenge on Saturday 13th September.

Class Formation
A similar process will be undertaken this year to allocate students to class groupings in 2015. 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 2015. 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 12th 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. 12/9/2014
Current year level teachers meet to form proposed class groupings (including peer factors). 16/9/2014
Teachers finalised for 2015 review class groupings. Make recommendations based on educational factors. 7/10/2014
Email announcing teachers for 2015 & Booklists sent to all parents 14/10/2014
Administration (Deputy and Principal) review of student placements. (Book pack orders to be received) 7/11/2014
Class placements & room allocations released 5/12/2014

SCHOOL CONCERT
Thursday 18th September - 6:30pm
Venue – Boyne Island SS Hall
This is a chance for students to hone their performance skills and also for parents who may usually miss performances that occurred during work hours. The students involved in the following items are encouraged to perform.

Welcome - School Captains
Strings
Choir
Glee Club
Junior Recorder Band
Brass Woodwind and Percussion Concert Band

All performers should wear school uniform whilst Instrumental students should bring their music, instrument and wear black pants and shoes.

Student Council Disco
Where: Boyne Island State School Hall
When: Friday, 5th September 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Theme: “Cowboys and Cowgirls”
Yee-ha come join the fun.

Sausage sizzle and lolly stall. Glow products on sale.

Prizes for best costume and dancer, games and great music.

Cost: $3 per student (Correct change really helps us.)

(Students should be collected promptly from the door just after 8pm)
The continued development of Skills in Literacy & Numeracy are a key part of our curriculum in Junior Secondary. Our teachers and Heads of Department have been visiting Primary schools in our local community and on the Sunshine Coast to identify ‘best practice’ that we will be incorporating into our Junior Secondary program. Already as part of the Numeracy Champions Project, our Year 8 students have completed diagnostic testing to enable their teachers to identify their strengths and target areas for development.

**Fathers’ Day Stall**

There will be a Father’s Day stall operating at the school hall on Wednesday 3rd September. Classes will be released at appointed times for students to be able to purchase gifts (prices from $2 to $10). Prep 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.

**Swimming**

The cost of the program will be either $18 or $20. Transport arrangements are by bus each week. This year all students must wear a swimming cap. Caps are available from the office in House colours for $5 each. A copy of the times and days children will be swimming is shown below.

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The children will need to bring the following on each day of swimming:
- Sunscreen, Swimming togs, **Swimming cap**, plastic bag for wet togs & towel
- Swimming Sun shirt (short or long sleeve) Please note this is now a compulsory part of school swimming. Ensure that the shirt is a lightweight sun shirt for this is now a compulsory part of school swimming. It will change after lessons at the pool.
- Thongs should be worn to and from the pool. Shoes and socks must be worn when at school.

Students will be given time to get changed at school prior to lessons and will change after lessons at the pool. Please ensure children do not wear their swimmers to school.

Please complete the consent form (return to class teacher) and indicate whether you would like to help regularly. We particularly need helpers in Year P-3.

**Uniforms**

The Uniforms can be ordered any time at the office. The orders will be filled on a Wednesday and will be available for pickup on Thursday between 9am and 2.30pm. **Cash, Cheque and Eftpos available**.

There are currently quite a few orders that have not been collected. If you ordered uniforms before the holidays, please call in and pick them up.

**Year 3J**

Year 3 have had a very busy and exciting term. They have been writing their own versions of the Lorax, reading Kumiko and the Dragon and writing their own ‘fear’ story. They have also been using their creative skills to make a cup dragon.

They have also been busy learning about different types of heat and conducting many experiments to investigate the best source of heat.

**Year 6CR**

In our CAFÉ Writing lessons, we have been working on our use of figurative language, interesting vocabulary and sensory details to add interest to our stories.

I walked cautiously into the dark clearing that held an evil and imposing house in its murky mist. The leafless, grey trees, dead a thousand centuries ago, twisted and bent in the sour wind as it flourished through the doorway. I looked up and saw the leaves swaying in the spine-chilling wind. It looked like they were trying to tell me to get out. Then I heard a bird sing a song which sounded like a death song so I started to run. I was so frightened because I knew that dangerous animals lurked around every corner.

**By Scarlett Rudder**
The silence was eerie. A gentle breeze rolled through the old oak trees and whispered to me. The cold trigger guard of the 1911 Colt was hard to grip with my sweaty palms. A cracking noise made me spin on my heel but it was just a tawny owl, its yellow eyes penetrating the mist. I saw a cross in the black soil marking a grave. Taking a closer look, I saw a grotesque skeleton half buried. Why is it there?

By Bill Dwan

Prep Enrolments 2014

Prep Orientation Days
Parents and Carers are welcome to bring their child/children along for further familiarisation sessions as listed below:

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Playgroup “Focus on Fours”
Every Friday morning from 9:00am – 11.00am

Students of the Week

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Staff
Mrs Dingle & Miss Bruce
Music at Eisteddfld

Writing Competition

Best wishes to our 28 students who have entered the write4fun competition. The students choose to either enter a short story of less than 500 words or a poem, not exceeding 16 lines. As space permits we will publish some of the entries in the newsletter.

A Scary Night

One stormy night a boy and girl went into the spooky forest. Crash bang! A U.F.O. came down and laser shot the kids then kidnapped the kids.

After that the aliens stared at the kids and one said, “I kidnapped you”. After that the alien’s laser shot the kids again.

Next the kids went, “Let us go” said the girl on a very stormy night. After that the boy was scared.

Finally the kids said, “We were in the spooky forest then saw a U.F.O. then you had a laser gun and shot us. Why did you shoot us and kidnap us”? The Aliens decided to let the kids go. The kids said “Bye” and returned home.

By Rylee Wilson

The Spooky House

In a spooky house there was a ghost and he had nothing to do, so he came up with an idea to scare a girl. He would love to do that plan! He said to himself, “I should have done this years ago.”

The spooky ghost was coming down the hallway. SLAM! The door shut. The girl started screaming. Then she told her parents and they were shaken.

The next time the girl saw the ghost she saw a shoe and SWOSH! She pulled the cover off and it actually wasn’t a ghost it was her brother and he got punished for two weeks.

By Adelaide Bishop

Lost Property

There is a large number of jackets, jumpers and lunchboxes still sitting on the lost property table. Please come and have a look to see if they belong to you. Unfortunately they have no names on them so cannot be returned to the owners.

If they are still there at the end of the term they will be donated to charity or kept in the sickbay and used for spares.

There have also been three watches handed in to the office so if you think one of them may be yours, please come and see Janine or Stacey.
For incoming students 2015, Tannum Sands SHS Uniform Shop will be opened for the following extended hours during October to allow students to come in and order their uniforms for next year.

Thursday 16th October  
3.30pm – 5.45pm
Friday 17th October 
4.00pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 21st October 
4.00pm – 7.00pm

A 25% deposit is required on the day that the order is placed. Eftpos, Cash or Cheque accepted.
All orders must be received by Wednesday 21st October. Any enquiries call Tara at the Uniform Shop on 4979 9752.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BITS Cricket Sign On

Sign on this year for the BITS Cricket Club is Friday 19th September at BITS Cricket Ground (Also known as BITS Saints AFL oval) off Jacaranda drive at 4:30pm. We cater for age groups from preps-year3 (milo cricket), under9’s to 16’s and right through to senior cricketers. At sign on day, we will have a number of past Australian and Queensland Cricketing greats such as Jimmy Maher or International Player Andrew Symonds as they will be attending our fantastic free for the community ‘Industry of Gladstone’ Cricket Carnival to raise money for McGrath Foundation that occurs the first weekend of the school Holidays. For further details please contact Nev Judd on 0459091196 for sponsorship options or email bifsc@yahoo.com.au. To sign up for Milo In2Cricket google milo In2cricket, then search a postcode and then follow the links to the online registration.

CROCS Softball sign on

Sign on days are coming up…… ARE YOU GAME????
Saturday 6th & 13th September, from 10am to 1pm at the Gladstone Softball diamonds (behind PCYC)
It doesn’t matter if you have played before or not. We have teams for Tee ball, U13, U15, A & B Men’s and A & B Ladies. (All junior teams are mixed). If you want more information, please call Treinna 0448 944 400.

The Glen Cricket Club Sign On

Sign on this year for the Glen Cricket Club is Saturday 30th August 9.30am to 11.00am and Thursday 4th September 4.00pm to 5.30pm at Sun Valley Sports Park, Mercury Street Sun Valley.
Age groups available are U9’s to U16’s and Seniors. For further details please contact Melissa Shea (Junior Coordinator) on 0407 501599 or melissa.shea@bigpond.com

Tannum Sands Surf Lifesaving Club SIGN ON dates - 2014/15 season

Location: Tannum Sands Clubhouse The Esplanade, Tannum Sands Date: Sunday, 31 August 2014 and Saturday, 6 September 2014
Time: 8:30am to 11am at the club house for sign on 9am to 12pm at the Tannum Sands Swimming Pool, Waratah Crescent, Tannum Sands (for proficiency swims only).
Cost: Single: $90
Family: $270 (regardless of number of children under the age of 18)
Requirements: Proof of Id is required for each new member applying. Minimum joining age is 5 years of age before 30 September 2014.

All enquiries to registrartannumsurf@hotmail.com
At Boyne Island State School we are proud to be associated with the above businesses. These advertisers support us, please support them.