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 and numeracy goals for this year. Our school will have all students achieving their personal best if they keep up with these efforts.

Congratulations to our 2015 School Leaders who were inducted at Friday’s full school parade. They will be outstanding leaders and role models.

**FEBRUARY**
- Dental Van on site
- Soccer Boy & Girls starts
- Mon 16th

**MARCH**
- Mon 2nd Parent Interviews start
- Thur 5th PC RL (11&12yo) trials
- Fri 6th PC RL (10yo&Girl) trials
- Tues 10th P & C Meeting AGM 7:00pm
- Thur 12th PC Netball
- PC Hockey
- Fri 13th School Photos
- Mon 16th PC Basketball Trials
- Thur 19th PC Tennis Trials
- Thur 25th Yr 4 BIECC Excursion
- Thur 26th PC Touch Trials

**APRIL**
- Wed 1st Grandparents Morning/Concert
- Thur 2nd Cross Country
- Thurs 2nd Easter Hat Parade –Prep
- Thur 2nd Last Day Term 1

**STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE:** 4979 9360

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**Welcome to prep playground**

**Guinea pig gets to play**

**Ride2School Day**

**Schools Clean Up Australia Day**

Our school will be holding our own Schools Clean Up Day on Friday 27th February. Year 4 to 6 students will be invited to target the parks and banks of the Boyne River starting at 7:45am. A permission letter is needed to participate.

**School Council**

As an Independent Public School, a Council of parents, staff and co-opted people will oversee the strategic direction of the school. The next P&C meeting on Tuesday 10th March will be an opportunity to vote on the draft constitution that has been recommended.

The Draft Constitution is on the school website for viewing.
Religious Instruction
The school is seeking to now adhere to the EQ policy "Religious Instruction in School Hours" which identifies procedures for accredited representatives of a religious denomination to deliver an authorised program of instruction to students who are members or have parental consent in accordance with the Education Act 2006.

Parental consent is taken to be what is nominated on the enrolment form unless further written advice is received.

Only students with a nominated religion on their enrolment form, (approx 20% of enrolments) whose denomination is part of the Cooperative Program will be allocated to participate in the Cooperative Religious Instruction during class time. These will occur in the resource centre.

From 2015, those who have not indicated a religion on their enrolment form will be receiving other instruction with their class teacher whilst the students, in Year 2 to 6, indicated to receive Religious Instruction (RI) will go to the Resource Centre.

The religious instruction programs provided at this school is delivered under a cooperative arrangement. The religious instruction program provided at this school by approved instructors of faith groups who visit the school is:

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Title of Program Delivered: Religion for Life

Families of students with a nominated religion will receive a letter confirming details. If you wish to withdraw your child from their allocated religious instruction class, please complete and return the tear-off form.

School Council
• The number of members of a school council must be at least six and not more than 15.
• A school council must include at least:
  — one elected parent member
  — one elected staff member (the number of elected parent members and elected staff members of a school council must be equal).
• A school council must include not more than:
  — two appointed members.
• The official members of a school council are:
  — the school principal
  — the Parents & Citizens’ (P&C) Association president.

A school council must elect one of the council’s members as chairperson of the council. The school’s principal may not be elected as chairperson; however the P&C president is eligible.

The role of a school council is to:
• monitor the school’s strategic direction
• approve:
  — plans and policies of the school of a strategic nature
  — other documents affecting strategic matters, including the annual estimate of revenue and expenditure for the school.
• monitor the implementation of the plans, policies and other documents mentioned above
• advise the school principal about strategic matters.

The council must perform its functions in a way that achieves the best learning outcomes for the school’s students.

Absences
All student absences should be reported to the school prior or on the morning of the absence. We send text messages to all families who haven’t alerted the school to absences. Aside from the legal responsibility for parents to inform, the school does not want to be complacent about students being absent if there is any chance a parent wasn’t aware of that fact.

Focussed Teaching
The school today has a range of personnel to support instructional programs. The Greater Results Guarantee has seen an extra 40 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 aids 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 of a Year 2 or 3 timetable.

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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 school’s website information.
Homework
Feedback has been very positive. All students should be reading daily. On-line records indicate that many students have been accessing the on-line programs with enthusiasm.

Instruction sheets for accessing Lexia, Mathletics and Raz Reading are available from the Office. They will be uploaded to the website in near future.

It is a great step in developing the home-school partnership and enabling students to access homework at their level in a way that provides feedback.

I am very appreciative that our school community can critically accept the research on what works and be brave to adopt changes that reflect education in the new millennium.

Vocal Club
Choir for Year 2 to 6 is being offered as a lunchtime extra-curricular activity on Tuesday morning 8:15am.

Recorder and Percussion Group
The Recorder and Percussion Groups have been extended from Year 3 to also include Year 4’s who may also be wishing to apply for Instrumental Music. This is a great way for our students to evaluate if they have the interest and dedication to be part of the Instrumental Music program without the commitment of hiring or purchasing an instrument.

Instrumental Music Strings
Julie-Anne Clarke has been secured as Strings teacher starting Monday. She is widely experienced and is the current Music teacher at Tannum, who have been so kind to share her talents. Lessons will occur Monday between 9-11 and we will look to start the before-school ensemble the following week 5 (23/2).

Litter Free Lunch
Tuesdays are the day the Green and Healthy team are promoting the use of containers to avoid packaging and waste

Student Council
Student Council will meet at 10:30am on a Wednesday lunch-time with Ms Berman.

Green & Healthy
The Green & Healthy Club will be meeting on a Tuesday with Ms Clow.

Wakakirri
This is an exciting performance opportunity. Ms Berman wants to lead the students in entering this competition. It would be a huge challenge but well within our capabilities.

Wakakirri is the search for the best Story-Dance created by Australian Schools. Schools across Australia create a Story Dance to perform in Professional Theatres for audiences of family, friends and the official Wakakirri Panel. Wakakirri is the Ultimate Performing Arts endeavour for schools proven to develop student’s creative thinking, school pride, teamwork, self-worth and life skills.

A Wakakirri Story Dance is a 3-7 minute performance by a group of students that theatrically tells a story using a combination of dancing, acting and creative movement to pre-recorded music. Schools can tell any story and use any combination of dance, creative movement, acting, music, props, costumes, sets, and in some cases; film, projections and singing.

School Dress Code – The policy was reviewed at the recent P&C meeting. From 2016 the sale of the sports shirts will NOT be undertaken. 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 the 3 sports carnivals will be Free dress for the wearing House colours. You can get a colour shirt now for $4.

PE lessons will use the reversible hat if needing to distinguish students with much more flexibility than relying on the shirt colour.

And finally, day to day we will all be looking consistent as part of the one Boyne Island State School team.

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 2015, 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 13th March. Students are asked to wear their red school uniform, not their sports uniforms on the day. Information packs are due to be sent home shortly.

QPARENTS
Boyne Island State School is proud to be one the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents, as part of a pilot program in the first half of 2015.

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
Class timetables
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.

Uniform Free Day
In week 4, Friday the 20th of February, the student council is fundraising with a casual dress day. The fine for being in casual dress is a gold coin donation. Money raised will go towards this year’s student council project, yet to be decided.
Please remember: - sun safe shirts without offensive words or images, closed in shoes and no midriff tops or caps.
QUEENSLAND HEALTH ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Free dental treatment from the Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service is available to children 4 years of age and children in prep to the end of grade 10.

A consent form for a dental examination has been sent home with the students. If you have not received these forms please contact staff at the Boyne Island State School Dental Van or the school office.

Please complete this form and return to the school office by: Friday 20th February 2015.
Child and Adolescent Oral Health staff can be contacted on: 0407 634 375

Parade Certificates

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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.

School Crossings

Crossing Supervisors are on duty at the Malpas Street pedestrian crossing from 7:55 am – 8:55 am and 2:50 pm – 3:20 pm.

Focus on Fours Playgroup

Focus on Fours Playgroup is inviting all Pre-Prep children to come along and play every Friday 9-11am in the school hall.

For further information please contact Anita 4973 2434 or come along to the BISS hall next Friday 9am. Please pass on this information to all who’d be interested in joining our group.

School Photos

Country School Photos’ will be at our school to take class, portrait and sibling photos on

Friday 13th March 2015

Each student is to bring their envelope to the photographer on photo day.

Each student will be photographed in their class photo and individually.

Photo packages and prices are on the envelope.

Payment can be made by cash, credit card or cheque. Sibling photo needs only to be ordered on your eldest child’s envelope.

Please contact Donna who will happily answer any questions you may have.

Mob: 0427 946 360/Ph: 07 3890 1078
Email: countryschoolphotos@gmail.com

www.countryschoolphotos.com.au

I am happy when I go to school. It makes me feel relaxed.
By Harry.

I am happy when it is nearly my birthday. It makes me feel surprised.
By Kyce

I am happy when I play with my friends. It makes me feel loved.
By Charlee.

I am happy when I go to the pool. It is fun with my Dad. It makes me cool.
By Teagan

By Macrae.

Class News

Year 1CW News

This term the year 1CW are exploring story book structure and emotions in book characters. They will learn different ways of expressing emotions, including verbal, visual, body language and facial expressions. Here are some different emotions the children have been writing about:

I am happy when I am with my family. I feel loved.
By Macrae.

I am happy when I play with my friends. It makes me feel happy.
By Teagan.

I am happy when it is nearly my birthday. It makes me feel surprised.
By Kyce

I am happy when I go to the pool. It is fun with my Dad. It makes me cool.
By Teagan
KIDS’ ART CLASSES
Wednesday after school 3.30-5.00
@Boyne Community Centre
6 - 12 years
$120 for an 8 week term
Tutor: Jenny Fournier
To book or make enquiries email:
jen_4nier@yahoo.com.au or text: 0419 705175

BITS SAINTS AFL CLUB will be holding its sign on day on
Saturday 21st February 2015 from 8am to 11am at the
Community Centre Boyne Island for all grades Under 7
through to seniors. Please come along and join us for a
BBQ breakfast.

Please contact the clubs secretary Rebecca Pynt on
0409252528 or bitsaintssecretary@gmail.com if you require
any further information.