



# Boyne Bulletin

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Events

Daily	Moove It Groove It
Mon	Strings Ensemble 7:45am
Tues	Recorder Band 8:30am
Wed	Junior Recorder Band 11:15am
Wed	Choir 11:15am
Thurs	Wind & Brass Ensemble 7:45am
Thur	Green & Healthy 11:15am

## JUNE

Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	1CC Poetry Performance 9am
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reports issued
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup>	TSSHS Formal Parade
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup>	Recognition Award Activity - 4-7
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 1F Character Day 9-10am
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Country Coast Athletics
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day term 2

## JULY

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Day 1 - Term 3
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	PC Athletics
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 7 Puberty Talk

## AUGUST

Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mt Larcom Hike - Yr 5&6
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Show Holiday
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Teaching & Learning Audit
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Induction 9:30am & 5:30pm

## Principal's Message

### Athletics carnival

The students have been commended for their spirit and behaviour at the Athletics carnival. Participation rates were phenomenal. Some students will now compete at Boyne Island at the Country Coast Carnival this Friday.

Year Old	Age Champion Girls	House	Age Champion Boys	House
9yo	Aleisha Paul	Wombats	Talib Wallace	Possums
10yo	Charli-Rose Adams	Goannas	Bill Dwan	Wombats
11yo	Hannah Flintham	Possums	Caleb Lusty	Possums
12yo	Hannah Slaughter	Goannas	Angus MacDonald	Possums
13yo	Faith Bates	Goannas	Lewis Adams	Goannas

**AVERAGE & AGGREGATE TROPHY – Possums – 864** (Goannas 737)

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Yr 2CS Excursion – Env Centre

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*Grandparents Day*



*Uniform Free*



*Athletics*



*IM Concert*



### Honours

A reminder that Honour students need to complete at least one task per Term. Students need to be motivated to achieve this in their own time so it is great to hear of students progressing through their work. Presentation of the students' work who complete their Honours will occur next Semester.

### Recognition Scheme – Year 4 -7

Letters to students in Year 4 to 7 went home today regarding the Recognition Awards for Term 2. Students who met expectations for behaviour, attendance, homework, uniform and effort in Maths and English will be invited to participate in a movie activity on Thursday. Our Recognition Awards seek to highlight to students some of the attributes that are indicators towards success at schooling. In Term 2, 13 students will receive the Award for the first time this year.

Unfortunately there was a decrease in the number of students receiving Recognition from 74% to 63%. The reason for the decrease was higher absence levels although homework remains the main reason a student doesn't receive the Award. The attendance criteria was recognised at having fewer than 5 days away in the Term thus far. i.e. attendance rate of 90% or better. Our target for the attendance rate is 95% so there has been some latitude.

### 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. The circuits and distances completed by students are tallied. 8.00am – 8.30am. Students have their own card to monitor their distances.

### LEXIA

Students in Prep to Year 4 work on the Lexia software twice a week. Students can continue their progress on-line at home. Up to 25 students can be on-line at any one time outside of school hours. Download instructions and required customer code are available from the Office.

**STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE:  
4979 9360**

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## Principal Matters

### Newsletter – Digital Availability.

This newsletter is our last hard copy format circulated home via the students. With the development of electronic communication systems to distribute the newsletter (email loop, Webpage) and complementary systems such as Facebook and a soon to be available Smartphone Application there seems more efficient ways than using students to distribute.

A small number of hard copies will remain available in the Office Foyer. Individual class newsletters which more directly affect individual students will still be sent home in hard copy format. The Office has sought email contacts to ensure updated information and to make families aware of the impending change.

### Explaining Absences

When discussing the improved attendance at P&C the discussion of the unexplained absences prompted some thinking. When the school hasn't been informed, the question was asked what if the parent assumes them to be at school. It wouldn't be until the end of the day it was known a student was missing. In the workforce, you don't just not show up without letting someone know you will be missing.

The school will change its operations. Previously Legislation required the school to be advised of all absences and after the event was deemed acceptable. Modern communications allow the expectation to be absences informed prior or on the day. Email, phone call or sending a note prior to the absence. Sending a note after the fact will not meet the expectations to account for the safety of our students. It was a process developed before modern communication systems were available.

The high school uses a text message system. Our small numbers don't justify the cost (and primary students are not known for truanting). Office staff will place a call to follow up on unexplained absences more directly. We are putting school resources towards this, not to take over the parental responsibility, but to check there is not some emergent or safety reason why the student's absence is not known to the school.

Email address: [admin@boynislass.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@boynislass.eq.edu.au)

Phone number: 4979 9360

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

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

**Reports are due to be issued at the end of this Term on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June.**

Teachers have been asked to report on what contributed to a student's achievement level and what they might do to improve.

The National Curriculum implemented in 2012 has meant we have been more rigorous in our assessment standards.

"C" no longer means that the student is simply in the middle of the class. "C" means that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level at school. That means attaining a "C" for Achievement means you are ON TARGET for your age level.

To get an "A" or "B" indicates students are independently capable of working beyond the level required for their Year Level.

### So what does all the information above mean?

- An "A" for **Effort** and a "C" for **Achievement** indicates that your child is "On Target" for their year level.  
(This grade should be celebrated with students because it means they have worked hard to be where they need to be.)
- The "Effort" grades are also really important because they are a reflection of how, in the teacher's opinion, the student is working consistently in class in that learning area (English, Maths, Science etc).

### Instrumental Music Workshop

The Gladstone Instrumental Workshops start Wednesday after the holidays with the two half day sessions either at Gladstone West (Strings) or Gladstone South (BWP) culminating at the concert on Friday evening.

A bus for the middle of the day pick-up and drop-off whilst parents arrange privately the other trip into town. Car pooling details are being sought and to be sent out prior to the holidays.

### Chaplaincy

We are very fortunate to have a chaplain working in our school. Emma Smith or better known to our students and staff as Chappy Emma, works on Monday and Tuesday at our school – and the rest of the week at Tannum Sands SHS and Tannum Sands SS –being funded via the National Schools Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program.

At the recent P&C meeting, the school sought a letter of support for the NSCSW program funding to be extended into 2014. Any feedback re this can be sent to [the.principal@boynislass.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@boynislass.eq.edu.au)

### EMAIL LOOP

A Parent/Carer email loop for each class has been operating for four years now, with all known parent emails receiving class letters electronically. Parents wanting to receive email communication need to provide details to the office.

ACTION: email: [admin@boynislass.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@boynislass.eq.edu.au) to be part of the Class email loop and to receive link to newsletters

### Prep Enrolments 2014

A letter explaining the Enrolment and Induction for Prep students in 2014 will be sent home shortly via local Kindergartens and childcare centres and will be available for collection from the Office. If you want to pre-register your Pre-Prep child with the Office a letter can be posted directly. The Prep Induction day will be held in Term 3. In Term 4, morning sessions are again offered to give the opportunity for staff and parents/caregivers to discuss Prep and for the child to become familiar with our surroundings.

**Prep Induction** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August  
Session 1 - 9:30am - 10:30am  
Session 2 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm

### Prep Orientation Days

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

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00 am - 10:30 am
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	9:00 am - 10:30 am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00 am - 10:30 am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00am - 10:30 am

### Playgroup "Focus on Fours"

Every Friday morning from 9.00am – 11.00am

### Every Day Counts

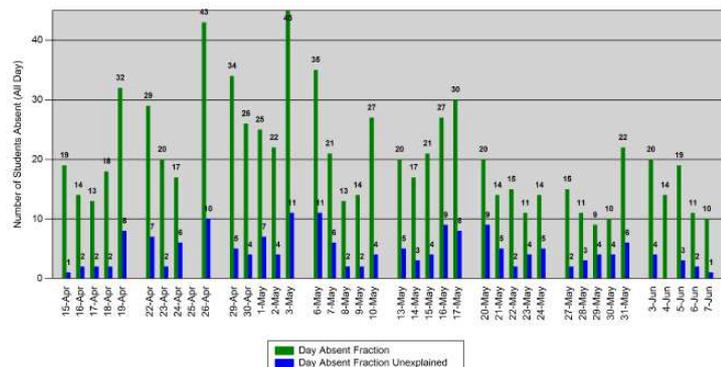
Below is a pictorial overview of student absences for Term 2. On any given day we average about 14 students away, about 1 student per class. Monday and Friday trend higher with absences particularly days surrounding a long week-end or Hook-up and unfortunately are days that students would seem to be away for reasons other than sickness.

Giving students permission to avoid something that they may not prefer, like a cross country, is limiting to their emotional development. Without prejudicing family decision making, there is a strong and definite link to how a student performs at school and their level of attendance.

Boyne Island State School

Daily Absences Graph

Date range: 15 April 2013 to 7 June 2013



### Combined Schools Musical – Peter Pan

The Combined Schools Musical team have successfully produced and performed seven major, and highly successful, productions for the Gladstone community. The Combined Schools Musical for 2014 is Peter Pan and is scheduled for performances from March 24 - 29, 2014.

In the past, quite a number of our students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in these productions and as a result have further developed their skills and knowledge.

The office has application packages for students in Year 4 to 7 with information and forms that give additional details of proposed timeline, schedules, commitment requirements and selection criteria. It is a big commitment but a very worthwhile activity.

### Class News

#### Year 1CC

1CC are having a poetry celebration morning on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. We have been learning a class poem as well as individual poems. The children have been learning to use volume, pace gestures and facial expressions when reciting their poems. We look forward to sharing all our poems to a "real" audience.

Courtney presenting "Felix the Flea".



#### Year 5V

5V are very excited about our current English assessment project. We are working on a short, animated film that when finished, we will show off at a special screening. Maybe one of us will be the next Steven Spielberg.

We are all really looking forward to our holidays and we hope that Mrs V has a wonderful Long Service Leave. We are looking forward to having Mrs T with us for the first four weeks of Term 3.

Georgia Arstall and Madilyn Green

### P&C News

#### VOLUNTARY FUNDRAISING LEVY

A BIG congratulations goes out to the 64 families at Boyne Island State School families for helping the P&C on their way towards reaching their fundraising target. Halfway through 2013, \$4095 has been received. Invoices will be sent home as a reminder to assist us to meet our target for this year!

It was designed so that the P&C is not a fund raising body.



The P&C used the funds to meet its loan commitments that provided the Air Conditioners which were \$6000 annually. At the time they opted to take a loan so that they could take advantage of the program and share the costs across the student groups who would be accessing them. The P&C levy is to meet their obligations without the burden of fundraising.

The loan repayments were \$6000 annually and are the reason all rooms are air-conditioned in the school.

\$50 – 1 child      \$80 – 2 children      \$100 – 3 or more  
Payments can be made in instalments.

Operating a voluntary levy scheme becomes a matter of family responsibility to do the right thing. Taking responsibility and valuing the decision to provide an improved learning environment for all students of the school.

Thank you to the 64 families who have already made their contribution. The P&C has pay out the air conditioning loan and the next goal is to extend the covered area outside the Year 1 rooms.

### PE news

Four students have been selected in the Port Curtis Girls Rugby league Team. Bianca White, Erin Shanks, Hannah Slaughter and Janiqua Shepherd. Their training has been cancelled for Tuesday but will still occur Thursday this week.

Boys Soccer – Trials are being conducted for the school team to enter the District competition after the holidays.

### Focus on Fours Playgroup

Next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June will be the last playgroup for the term. We start again on the first week of school which will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Mrs Hitchcock and her class will be joining us for a half hour session every Friday.

New members welcome. For more information please contact Anita on 4973 2434.

### School Watch

#### Help us keep our school secure these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

Students will be reminded that the grounds are off limits and matters will be referred to the police as trespass for unauthorised entry. Families are asked to pass this message on to older siblings.

### Tuckshop

#### Menu for Country Coast Athletics ONLY

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June      Open 11:30am – 2.00pm

Chicken & Salad Burgers	\$6.00
Hamburgers	\$6.00
Hotdogs	\$3.00
Cruiser Pies	\$4.00
Sausage Rolls	\$3.00
Tea & Coffee	\$2.50

Drinks & Chips also available.

Extra parent help on Friday would be gratefully appreciated. Normal tuckshop applies for the remainder of the school.

### Students of the Week

Congratulations to all of the students below who have demonstrated to their Class Teachers and classmates that "They Could Do It!" We are all very proud of your efforts.

	14/06/13
PC	Josh Hodge - confidently retelling the story of 'The Wrong Book' to the class.
PH	Gavin Wilson-Tyers - persisting to improve your cutting skills.
1CC	-
1F	Declan Munro - using his writing strategies.
2CS	Jordan Phillips - being an actively engaged learner and always striving to achieve her personal best.
2VS	Zacharia Bishop - persisting to improve his reading by revising his sight words.
3/4J	Kade MacPherson - having a good attitude to all aspects of his school life.
3S	Chelsea Storch - consistently participating with enthusiasm and adopting an "I can do it" attitude.
4SS	Aleisha Paul - always having lovely polite manners and being enthusiastic about her work.
5P	Jasmin Doughty-Ang - consistently working hard and completing all tasks to the best of her ability.
5V	Ben Murdoch - staying focussed on your reading goals.
6B	Elijah Johnson - fitting in well and getting along with his classmates.
7CR	Seth Bishop - persisting in and improving his class behaviour.
7S	Max Fien - being well organised in science and working hard to construct an impressive prototype vehicle.
MUSIC	Seth Bishop - displaying confidence and great work in writing a melody.
PE	Hannah Slaughter - showing great sportsmanship and skill during PE lessons.
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STAFF	Mrs Hurst for co-ordinating the athletics carnival.

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