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 improving 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, Pushcarts, Wonders of Science, Excursions, Camps, Sport. I am thankful that our great teachers go the extra distance to provide a holistic education.

Future Leaders Eco Challenge
6 students from Years 5 to 7 attended 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. Students took part in activities such as: marine debris collection and analysis, Environmental art, Coastal vegetation walk and collections of seeds and Mighty molluscs rock pool quadrant data collection. We look forward to our school becoming more environmentally friendly under the leadership of these students.

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 15th year straight that Boyne Island has sent a team.

Wonder of Science program.
Involves year 6-9 students undertaking a research project that forms part of their study of science. They are supported by a visiting Young Science Ambassadors (PhD students) and the program culminates with a student conference, where representative teams of students compete for prizes by presenting their research and critically analysing projects of their peers. Additional support for teachers and students will be provided in Semester 2 through the Engineers Without Borders Mentors who offer expert advice on science concepts and challenge tasks via video, email etc.

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.
Naplan results
Individual reports will be arriving at the school shortly for distribution to parents. Reading and writing have strengthened and the school again compares very favourably to the Nation. Teachers’ efforts in numeracy to teach how to apply skills to solve problems, has been confirmed as the appropriate area to focus our improvement agenda. It is affirming to the partnership between teachers and parents and the level of trust developed knowing that the testing information supports the efforts and approaches being made.

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.

Fathers’ Day Stall
There will be a Fathers’ 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 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.

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 if they have met the expectations for attendance, behaviour, uniform, effort and homework completion.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Invitations to the end of Term Interviews will be going home over the coming weeks.

Facilities
Storage shed for some perceptual motor and physical development equipment for Prep students will be constructed over the September holidays.

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 Saturday 23rd August.
- Smilie Pushcarts – Miss Robinson is organising the Student Leaders to enter a Pushcart team in the Maryborough Technology Challenge on Saturday 13th September
- Concert – The Choirs and Ensembles will perform a local school concert on Thursday 18th September.

Volleyball - Ms Clow is organizing two teams to compete in an inter-school competition on Wednesday 17th September.

The Band will be playing at Parade next week as part of informing Recruitment for next year into Instrumental Music.

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.

By the end of Semester 1

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Class Formation
A similar process will be undertaken this year to allocate students to class groupings in 2014

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 2014. 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

Year 7 camp
Train tickets have now been booked for the 60 students and 5 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 to Brisbane from Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th November.

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’.

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- Strings Tuesday 2nd September
- Choir Monday 15th September

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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.

Thankfully I have only had to ever issue one of those at Boyne Island. 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.

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.

Puberty Talks – Year 7
The School Health Nurse will be visiting School on Tuesday 26th August (Boys 12:20, Girls 1:50pm) to present a Growth and Development Education and Protective Factors program to the Year 7 class next term.

This program is designed to support 11-13 year old students with understanding the changes that occur during puberty.

The program content will provide:

- A basic understanding of the physical and emotional changes associated with puberty and the reproductive organs and their function.
- Information about the process of conception.

The students will be separated into groups of girls and boys where the School Based Youth Health Nurse will deliver the education including a DVD in cartoon format. DVD can be viewed on http://www.healthpromotion.ie/health/inner/busy_bodies

The teacher will be present at all times.

The program is not compulsory but all students are encouraged to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Class News
Year 2 News
In English this term we have been working on writing procedures. We had a lot of fun reading ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’ by Roald Dahl and then writing our own procedure for Grandma! We needed to include a title, ingredients, equipment and a method. Our method had to include a series of steps in order and each line had to start with a verb. We have typed them up to display around our room! Here are some great examples...

HOW TO GO SHOPING WITH GRANDMA

EQUIPMENT
Car
Trolley
Nice clothes
Purse

METHOD
1. Get Grandma dressed in nice clothes.
2. Put Grandma in the car.
3. Go to the shop.
4. Help Grandma out of the car.
5. Go looking for clothes.
6. Pay the shop keeper money.
7. Get Grandma in the car.
8. Turn the car on.
9. Drive home.

By Crystal Wyllie

How to make hot slug tea

Ingredients
- Slugs
- Hot water
- Sugar
- Tea
- Cold milk

Equipment
- Jug
- Glass cup
- Tea spoon

Method
1. Find some slugs, sugar and a cup.
2. Pour water in a jug and turn it on and let it heat up.
3. Pour the hot water and cold milk into the cup.
4. Put the slugs in the cup.
5. Stir the tea and let it settle.
6. Give it to Grandma.

By Tyler Camman

School Crossing
Crossing Supervisors are on duty at the Malpas Street pedestrian crossing from 8:00 am – 9:00 am and 2:50 pm – 3:20 pm.

 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.

By Crystal Wyllie

Universal News

The AFL and Soccer competitions are continuing.

A Cricket competition for Year 3, 4 and 5 students is planned for Friday afternoons starting Friday 29th August.
General Crossing Rules

- No bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller blades etc. are to be ridden on the crossing – WALKING ONLY PERMITTED.
- When approaching the school crossing, there is a white line painted on the path. Children and adults are to remain behind this line until the crossing supervisor has stepped out onto the road and has blown two short whistles to indicate to pedestrians to cross the road.
- If one long whistle is blown; the crossing supervisor is indicating that there is an emergency; and pedestrians are to leave the crossing quickly, without running.
- If your child / children are using the school crossing please make them aware of these rules for their safety.

**Students of the Week**

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**Prep Enrolments 2014**

**Prep Induction**

Wednesday 20\(^{th}\) 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 14\(^{th}\) October: 9:00 am - 10:30 am
  - Friday 31\(^{st}\) October: 9:00 am - 10:30 am
  - Thursday 13\(^{rd}\) November: 9:00 am - 10:30 am
  - Monday 24\(^{st}\) November: 9:00 am - 10:30 am

**Playgroup “Focus on Fours”**

Every Friday morning from 9.00am – 11.00am

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Tannum Junior Tennis**

Junior tennis times are changing as of the 11\(^{th}\) of August. Red ball will no longer be part of fixtures. Red ball will now be held as part of coaching groups. Contact Steven for available red ball group times.

Orange ball will be held on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30 and followed by green ball and yellow ball fixtures from 4:30 until 6pm. Contact Steven White for more information 0402865487.

**BITS Cricket Sign On.**

Sign on for this year for the BITS Cricket Club is Friday 19\(^{th}\) September at BITS Cricket Ground (Also known as BITS Saints AFL oval) off Jacaranda drive at 4:30pm. We cater for age groups from prep -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 Cricketers 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.

**Further details please contact Nev Judd on 0459091196 for sponsorship options or email bitscc@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.

**Exploring Environmental Science**

Join Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership, Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre and Gladstone Harbour Watch to Explore Environmental Science. Undertake water testing, explore Gladstone Harbour through a replica model and be involved in the ‘Gladstone Harbour Catchment Story’.

When: Tuesday, August 19 2014. 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Where: Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre 61 Malpas Street, Boyne Island, QLD, 4680
Theme: Environment and nature
Cost: Free

**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, Waratoh 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 registratannumsurf@hotmail.com**
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