



# Boyne Bulletin

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming

### Events

Mon	Strings Ensemble 7:45am
Mon	Choir 10:30am
Tues	Green & Healthy 10:30am
Tues	Student Council 10:30am
Wed	Recorder Band 10:30am
Wed	School Banking
Thurs	Wind & Brass Ensemble 7:45am

### AUGUST

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	AFL Comp Vs St F 4pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Boys Soccer Vs SOS 5:40pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Capricornia Athletics
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Induction 9:30am & 5:30pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Concert band -Parade
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Uniform Free day
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	AFL Comp - 4pm & 4:50pm
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 7 Puberty Talks
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	P-3 Excursion - Wombat Stew
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Comp starts - Yr 3,4&5

### SEPTEMBER

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Eisteddfod Band
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eisteddfod Strings
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Father's day Stall
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Prep Fathers Night
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight Netball Comp
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	String Ensemble - Parade
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Disco
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Meeting
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Combined Band performance 12
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Camp 5pm
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mt Larcom Excursion Yr 5
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Smilie Pushcarts
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Eisteddfod - Choir
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Volleyball Competition
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup>	TSSHS Uniform try on day
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Concert (Date change)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 3
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Visit - Qld Bulls
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Recognition Reward Yr3-7

## 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.

Prep working on writing



AFL Team



Boys Soccer



Optiminds team with CQU lecturer



Optiminds team with CQU lecturer



Green and Healthy group receiving \$500 voucher for their video on marine debris



### 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



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**STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE:**  
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**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Smilie Pushcarts – Miss Robinson is organising the Student Leaders to enter a Pushcart team in the Maryborough Technology Challenge on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Concert – The Choirs and Ensembles will perform a local school concert on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Eisteddfods**

- Band Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September
- Strings Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- Choir Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Volleyball - Ms Clow is organizing two teams to compete in an inter-school competition on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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*

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Home reading Level	8-10	17-20	21-23	25	27	29	30

Below are the standards we will look for, for students to achieve by the end of the year.

*End of Year 2014*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Level	15-17	20-22	23-24	26	28	30	30

**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 12<sup>th</sup> September. Parents are able to collect a form from the office to complete or request one via email at [admin@boynislass.eq.edu.au](mailto: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 about Brisbane from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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'.

The school undertakes an annual survey of students and has a BOB (Ban on Bullies) box in the Library to encourage reporting. I urge any parents and carers who are concerned about bullying to contact me directly.

Students have been reminded on parade about 'getting along'.

- Think first
- Talk friendly
- Act friendly
- Be tolerant
- Play by the rules

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

## PE 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 29<sup>th</sup> August.

## 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.

## 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	Equipment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slugs</li> <li>• Hot water</li> <li>• Sugar</li> <li>• Tea</li> <li>• Cold milk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jug</li> <li>• Glass cup</li> <li>• Tea spoon</li> </ul>

#### 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.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## General Crossing Rules

- No bikes, skateboards, scooters, 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

Class	Week Ending 08/08/2014		Week Ending 15/08/2014	
<b>PC</b>	Tristan Mountjoy	Persistence	Cruz Meyer	Confidence
<b>PH</b>	Cayden Murray	Persistence	Kelly Sessarago	Confidence
<b>ICW</b>	Madison McAusland	Confidence	Jack Sellars	Persistence
<b>1VW</b>	Indealee Semmler	Confidence	Declan McHugh	Confidence
<b>2CS</b>	Aiden Murphy	Organisation	Tully McNamara	Organisation
<b>2M</b>	Hannah Wheeler	Persistence	Maverick Gerrard	Confidence
<b>3J</b>	Harley Stanley	Getting Along	Kaylee Hardwick	Persistence
<b>3S</b>	Poppy Sayre	Getting Along	Balun Sarra	Organisation
<b>4L</b>	Ellie Rose	Persistence	Malcolm Hayes	Persistence
<b>4SS</b>	Remidee Brandse	Persistence	Beth Watson	Organisation
<b>5R</b>	Georgia Johnstone	Organisation		
<b>5V</b>	Baiden Street	Persistence		
<b>6B</b>	Karly Knight	Persistence		
<b>6CR</b>	Kayla-Jayne Mann	Organisation		
<b>7S</b>	Jaymi Hamilton	Organisation		
<b>MUSIC</b>			Lily Storch	Persistence
<b>PE</b>			Ben Murdoch Scarlett Rudder	Organisation
<b>Staff</b>	Tracey Hitchcock	Organising the Wombat Stew Excursion and preparing for Prep Induction	Eva Varcoe	Organising the Mr Larcom Excursion and Optiminds.

### Prep Enrolments 2014

**Prep Induction** Wednesday 20<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 14<sup>th</sup> October            9:00 am - 10:30 am  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October            9:00 am - 10:30 am  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November    9:00 am - 10:30 am  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November      9:00am - 10:30 am

#### Playgroup "Focus on Fours"

Every Friday morning from 9.00am – 11.00am



## Tannum Junior Tennis

Junior tennis times are changing as of the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 this year for the BITS Cricket Club is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 [bitscc@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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, 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.

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