



Boyne Bulletin

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- Mon Strings Ensemble 7:45am
- Tues Vocal Club Yr 2-6 8:15am
- Tues Green & Healthy 10:30am
- Wed Student Council 10:30am
- Wed School Banking
- Wed Yr 3 Instrumental Group 8:15am
- Wed Girls soccer training
- Thurs Wind & Brass Ensemble 7:45am
- Fri Lunchtime Hall sports
- Dental Van on site**
- MARCH**
- Mon 2nd Parent Interviews start
- Mon 2nd Soccer – Girls Bye
Boys Vs St Johns 5:40pm
- Thur 5th PC RL (11&12yo) trials
- Fri 6th PC RL (10yo&Girl) trials
- Mon 9th Soccer – Girls& Boys
Vs west 4pm
- 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
- Fri 20th Uniform Free Day
- 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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Principal's Message

The recent school closure highlighted how powerful nature can be. Areas in our Region certainly copped more severe impacts than us and we wish them a speedy recovery. I can say the Department responded very quickly to restoring services. Even our school, that was largely unscathed, had our school assessed and the two damaged shade cloths removed for repair first thing Monday. What is very apparent is how better connected our school community is via email and Facebook. It is hoped to further include our text message service, which we use to follow up on daily absences, as a widespread text alert.

QParents

The opportunity to access and review student information direct via the EQ website. Please complete the form to sign up for the program.

Boys Soccer Team



Girls Soccer Team



Prep Wet Day



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Student leaders Conference



Clean Up Australia



Clean up Australia Day

With Clean up Australia Day being held this Sunday, Boyne Island State School got involved early with a school clean up along the banks of the Boyne River and the Turtle Way bike track. 21 eager students were not afraid to get their hands dirty and were proud to say that they collected a staggering 7 bags of rubbish again this year (which is a pleasant surprise compared to past years!). Fighting off mozzies and humid conditions they put in a mighty effort and should be very proud of themselves. Every bit of effort really does go a long way to make a difference!

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.

Uniform Fee day

The day has been moved to Friday the 20th March due to school being closed because of the Cyclone.

Concert /Grandparents Day

This year we will be having a small concert during Grandparents morning, Wednesday 1st April, to provide opportunity to develop the performance skills of the students. We will be doing an evening performance in Term 3.

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.

Letters went home last week for parents to nominate which parent will be the account owner. Please fill these in and return as soon as possible so we can make sure we have your correct information before we go live.

Invitations to register will be sent out in the second week of March.

Win an iPhone 6!

By registering for QParents you could win an iPhone 6! All you have to do is register for QParents by Sunday 19 April 2015. There are three iPhones to be won in this round of the QParents release.

Inappropriate content on social networking sites

It is important you monitor your child's behaviour on these sites and ensure they are being used in an appropriate manner.

While these sites are an effective way to keep in touch, it is important for young people to be Cyber Smart and think before posting material online.

Incidents of inappropriate usage outside of school can affect the relationships between students at school.

Do you know who your child is communicating with?

Sight Word App

Education Queensland has a number of ideas and activities around assisting children with reading on their website. **Out and about sight words app** – level 1 is a fun and free app that helps learners practise their sight words when they are out and about. It's aimed at Prep to Year 2 students to help them master the first 100 sight words to which they are typically introduced. If you go to the following link you can read more about this app and download it for free.

<http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/apps/education/outandabout.html>

P&C Meetings

The P&C holds a unique place in what it contributes to the operation of the school. Similar to a Board of a well-run company, the strategic advice provided is best when it is representative of a broad range of views. It is a great source of information about what is happening in the school and it helps convey to your child that schooling is valued and helps form that positive attitude that helps student outcomes. Finally, it actively demonstrates to our children our values – making an effort and taking responsibility. There are other ways of course to do this in the school, tuckshop, volunteering in classrooms but the P&C is a vital component to the fabric of the school. I am sure the parents who attend would be most welcoming to new faces.

The next P&C meeting is Tuesday 10th March at 7:00pm

Winter Uniform

Students have been looking great this year in their uniform. With cooler weather certain to come, the biggest issue is for students to have the correct jumper (School jacket is available for purchase and smaller sizes are available. Students in Year 3 to 6 do get a Uniform Slip from the Office for the occasions when their uniform is not available.

The approved Uniform Policy makes reference to Jackets purchased and ordered through the P&C or jumpers that are either black or red. Jumpers that are a mixture of colours or patterns are not part of the uniform. The Jackets are a great option for our climate and are a very durable product.

The latest research tells us that half of the students who are subjected to bullying don't report it (to anyone). At Boyne Island State School we are committed to providing a safe environment for your children to learn in. Here is the email we use for bullying issues - bob@boynislass.eq.edu.au or call directly - 4979 9333 to please let us know.

Parents play a crucial role in helping create positive school and community environments where bullying is rare and relationships are caring and respectful.

As parents you can help your child by:

- Talking with your child about bullying
- Showing your child how to behave in a respectful way with school staff, students and other parents
- Teaching your child to look after their own safety and to think about what positive action they could take to discourage bullying if they see it happening. See attached resources.
- Encouraging and supporting your child to develop ways to help others who are being bullied
- Making it clear to your child that it's okay to tell if they know that bullying is occurring and who to ask for help
- Talking to your child about their rights and responsibilities in an online environment and the risks of being party to malicious gossip
- Approaching the school to ask for help if you think your child might be being bullied



This Term our Annual Bullying survey will be conducted with all Year 4 to 6 students. It provides insight into who might be involved and allows the school to alert identified students and their families that their assistance is required in providing the most supportive environment possible at Boyne Island State School.

Car Parking

It is well recognised that car parking and access to the school at 3:00pm is problematic in that peak demand period. At 3:05pm there are vacant parks all over the place hence the promotion of the 'Delay by 5' campaign.

The temporary parking on the bitumen parks on school grounds accessed from Malpas St is to allow visitors throughout the day access to a park. Staff parking is on the grass/gravel area set aside.

Problems occur when people triple park, mount the kerbs or park on the turn-around. If there are not vacant parks people have to leave the area. **You cannot park in the turn-around and leave your vehicle.**

Don't forget Pittsbay has a section of 2 minute parking only.

Attendance

'Every Day Counts' is the campaign to highlight that the more days away from school a child has the more significantly it affects student outcomes.

Student Resource Scheme

Photocopying –Those who haven't paid this charge will be issued with an invoice for copies made throughout the year.

We feel that is a better option than denying students access to the worksheets their classmates are accessing.

Late Arrival

If you arrive after the bell has gone at 8.50am please call into the office for a late slip. This will ensure your child does not get marked as absent and you will not receive a text message asking to explain absence.

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.

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.

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.

If you wish to withdraw your child from their allocated religious instruction class, please complete and return the tear-off form.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS – 2015 NOMINATION FORM

Each year the Australian Schools Competitions are conducted, with participating students finding them a stimulating and rewarding experience. ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) entries need to be received at the school office with payment by Friday 21st March.

The dates for the competitions in 2014 are:

COMPETITION Years 3 7	SITTING DATE	COST	Participating (Please Tick)
Science	Wed 3 rd June	\$8	
English	Tues 28 th July	\$8	
Maths	Tues 11 th August	\$8	

Student Name: _____

Class: _____ I have enclosed a total of \$ _____ for the indicated competitions.

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 schools website information.

Litter Free Lunch

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

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.

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

Uniform Free Day

Friday the 20th of March, 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.

Dental Services

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.
 Child and Adolescent Oral Health staff can be contacted on:
0407 634 375

someone allows time to practise our reading strategies, work on fluency and expression, check for understanding and hear our own voices, all at our own ability levels.
 Here are some photos from the first few weeks of grade 1.

Parade Certificates				
Week ending 20/2/2015		Week ending 27/2/2015		
Class	Name	For	Name	For
PC				
PH			Cooper Vane	Persistence
1CW	Mia Day	Confidence	Macrae Hall	Organisation
1VW	Milah Burgmann	Confidence	McKenzie Hargrave	Getting Along
2CS	Ezyekieli Harmer	Organisation	Connor Phillips	Confidence
2M	Luca Walsh	Confidence	Taylan Chapman	Organisation
2R	Charlotte Johnstone	Confidence	Ethan McKenzie	Getting Along
3H	Olivia Dobbie	Confidence	Hannah Wheeler	Organisation
3J	Tyrell Storie	Getting Along	Jayden Thies	Organisation
4B	Evie Answerth	Confidence	Balun Sarra	Persistence
4CR	Sally Vagg	Confidence	Matilda Shea	Organisation
5G	Rhylei Heremia	Getting Along	Chelsea Storch	Getting Along
5V	Angelina Kelly	Persistence		
6SS	Lia Hamilton	Persistence	Cooper Pope	Getting Along
6W	Georgia Johnstone	Confidence		
Music	Prezlee Afitu	Confidence	Isaak Stanley	Getting Along
Writing	Noah Hayes	Persistence	Campbell McAusland	Persistence
PE	Kasey Pfeiffer	Persistence	Rennae Cannon	Getting Along
STAFF	Mrs Hurst	Taking student leaders to their training day	Miss Clow, Ms Murdoch	Organising and helping with the Clean-up Australia activity



News from Year 6SS

Well students have made a great start to the New Year. We are very fortunate to have a final year Student Teacher, Kathryn Kavanagh, with us. To date she has not been here a great deal, but by the end of the year she will be teaching a substantial amount, all under our supervision. In English we have been looking at the techniques used to write effective and entertaining short stories. Students have been reading and analysing stories. One story that we have read and responded to is 'The Loaded Dog' by Henry Lawson.

In CAFÉ Writing some students have created some interesting pieces. Enjoy reading the couple of story beginnings below.

The fifty scruffy, smelly puppies sat in their locked up cages. The dogs were all in the pound. Some dogs got to leave, some dogs didn't. The dog I chose was a sick and injured staffy, who was the scruffiest and dirtiest dog there. I felt bad for all the dogs being treated badly, but this white, fragile dog was the one I felt for most. I named him White Fang because whenever he smiles his side tooth always sticks out randomly. He always walks half way up the stairs until he flops onto his back, puffing like crazy. He is quite skinny still, but looks clean and healthy. ..

By Gabbee Green

One day Jo was walking home from school when he tripped over. So in his pain, he swore and swore and swore until he had calmed down. He looked at what he had tripped over. It was a box. It was small and grey with a button on top of it with strange writing ...

By Cooper Pope

The following photos were taken in the first week back. Year 6SS students working hard!



Class News

1VW News

We have been extremely busy settling into our Year One classroom and routines.

In English we have been exploring book structures and emotions in characters as well as working with Mrs McHugh and Mrs Hardwick with our Café Writing. Maths has seen us looking at teen numbers and an introduction to our numeracy FACE strategies. In Geography, we are learning how to classify the different types of features which are found in places. Over the next few weeks, ask us about the 3 types of features. Our integrated Health and Art Unit, has given us time to reflect upon how we are growing and changing. In Week 2, we focussed on drawing and painting the details of our facial features using simple line and colour. Please drop in to see our fantastic self-portraits.

Every Thursday afternoon we are extremely lucky to have our buddy class 4CR join us for group reading. During this time, we focus on our Café Reading strategies and our buddies help to build our confidence as we read together using our EEKK strategy (elbow to elbow, knee to knee, I read to you and you read to me. Elbow to elbow, knee to knee, book in the middle so we both can see.). Reading to

