



Boyne Bulletin

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- Tue 25th Honours Presentation 5:30pm
- Wed 26th School Leader Speeches 9am
- Wed 26th Volleyball Grand final 4:30pm
- Thurs 27th Instrumental Music
2015 Parent /Carer Session
- Fri 28th Uniform Free Day
- Fri 28th Deposit for Student Resource scheme required

DECEMBER

- Mon 1st No Tuckshop
- Mon 1st **Yr 4-7 Swim Carnival**
8:30am -2:30pm
- Tues 2nd **P-3 Swim Celebration**
Prep to Year 1 - 9:15 – 11:00
Years 2 to 3 - 12:00 – 2:00
- Tues 2nd Year7 to 8 Orientation
@TSSHS 9am-3pm
- Wed 3rd Year 6 to 7 Orientation
@TSSHS 9am-3pm
- Thu 4th Year 6 Graduation 6-8pm
- Fri 5th Reports & Class allocations
- Mon 8th Out of the Box
- Tues 9th Recognition Reward Activities
Year 3-7
- Tues 9th Student Resources Collection
8:30-9:30 & 2:30-3:30pm
- Wed 10th Year 7 Graduation 6-8pm
- Thur 11th School Concert 9:15 am
and Break Up Day
- Thur 11th Student Resources Collection 9-11am
- Fri 12th No Tuckshop
- Fri 12th Last day of School for 2013

JANUARY

- Thur 22nd Uniform Shop Open 2-3pm
 - Thur 22nd Student Stationery Drop-Off
1:30-2:30pm
 - Fri 23rd Uniform Shop Open 9-11am
- (Orders placed at office during week can be collected)
- Mon 26th Australia day Holiday
 - Tues 27th Day 1 Term 1 2014
 - Tues 27th Uniform Shop Open
8:30-9:30am



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Principal's Message

There are some great activities occurring in the last weeks with the Graduation, Concert and Break up Day Class parties. It has been a successful year and we will celebrate some successes but mindful that we are still using every day as an opportunity for learning.

It has been another year of growth and achievement and we can look forward to strengthening further in 2015. The home-school partnership is what allows us to provide the connections, intellectual quality and the differentiation for all our learners. Ms Murdoch will be acting Principal in the last week as I take a week long service leave prior to the Xmas holidays.

The Choir and Recorder band will perform at the 'Carols by Candlelight' evening on Sunday. How pleasing to have such an enthusiastic group of Boyne students.

Playgroup Focus on Fours

This group continued into a third year of operation and the children look like they are raring to start school. The school will continue to make its facilities available for a Parent group for as long as the interest is there.

Volunteers Certificates

Class teachers will be thanking the parents who have volunteered this year for such things as reading, excursions, material preparation and swimming help with the issuing of an acknowledgement Certificate. Our students certainly benefit from the involvement and it was most humbling to see the contributions of so many.

Swimming at Southbank



Catching the train on Camp



Athlete of the Year



Honours

This year we continued to complement existing extension programs with an independent learning focus. A way to extend learning within the classroom, but also to carry across between home and school.

17 students (increased from 12 in 2013) have put in the effort and sought excellence. They have taken some great steps to be responsible for their own learning. I want to congratulate the students to be the fourth group to achieve 'honours' within our school. Next year the program is being reviewed to remain relevant for the students who have completed Honours over a number of years.

Kaylee Hardwick	3J	English	Caitlyn Judd	4SS	SOSE
Luke Pfeiffer	3J	English	Olivia Sippel	4SS	English
Adam Gray	3J	English	Talia Clow	4SS	English
Georgia Dingle	4L	Science	Ria Moodley	4SS	English
Rhiannon Copsey	4L	Science	Dhivia Moodley	5R	Level 3
Chelsea Storch	4L	English	Jake Hardwick	5V	Maths
Lily Storch	4L	English	Zoe Hurst	6B	Level 3
Ruby Smith	4L	English	Nichole Lim	7S	Level 3
			Grace Johnstone	7S	Level 3

Out of the Box

Ten students from Year 6&7 are to be invited to the annual extension activity provided between the local primary schools and Tannum Sands SHS. Students will come together to work on a variety of activities - problem solving, creating a photo essay and chemistry. A great opportunity to offer some 'intellectual quality', have a fantastic time and meet new people in readiness for High School.

BOYNE ISLAND LIONS CAROL EVENING
Sunday 30th November
Bray Park
BBQ 5pm Santa Arrives 5:30pm Carols
6:30pm

For the children involved

Dress: School uniform (red school shirt and black bottoms). Children may also wear either Christmas hat, antlers, earrings or hair ties etc.
Bring: Recorder Band students only will need to bring their recorder and music

Student Resource Scheme

Payment or a Deposit is required by Friday 28th November.

Book packs will be available for collection Tuesday 9th December 8:30 -9:30 and 2:30 – 3:30 pm and Thursday 11th 9 -11am. Payment or deposit must be received before collection.

Stationary Drop Off

Next year we will be conducting a Stationary Drop-off day, where all students (Prep to Year 6) can drop off their new books and stationery to their classrooms prior to school commencement. The details are as follows –

Date: Thursday January 23rd 2015
Time: 1.30pm to 2.30pm

This is not considered a school day and is not compulsory, however it gives families the opportunity to drop off heavy books etc., prior to the commencement of school. It also gives the teachers the opportunity to organise their classrooms, which ensures a smooth and efficient start to the year.

Please ensure that you have checked your booklist and labelled all items

Uniform Support 2014

This year there was a renewed focus on seeking compliance with the expectations for correct footwear. It has been appreciated that it has been supported. With the start of the new school year we again should see a greater consistency in the purchase of appropriate footwear.

As communicated last year “students without the correct footwear will be unable to play in the outdoor areas. Like the ‘No hat-no play’ rule students without the correct ‘walking or jogging’ style footwear will be restricted to the undercover areas. Shoes need to have sufficient grip, cushioning and flexibility.”

Lunch Breaks 2015 – play first, eat second, fruit break

At the conclusion of a trial year, a fair assessment, after some adjustments is that the changes to lunchtime from the school perspective have been a tremendous success. I wanted to thank the school community for the trust in our school to try new processes. Change by its very nature can be unsettling but as school we are challenging ourselves to improve.

Homework

Another area that I believe needs examination in 2015. HOMEWORK. Isn't that an emotive word! I have committed to seeking broader input into examining the school policy.

As an organisation whose focus is learning the question is to ensure there is a link between homework and learning. As teachers we have endeavoured to remove ‘time wasting activities’ or busy work. We need to ensure Homework is productive for whatever goal it is to address.

Like teaching there must be indicators of what constitutes great practice. I have some thoughts and research but I thought to give a heads up and let our parents test out Doctor Google.

To get people interested in the topic. A book by Kohn gives the view that the “default” setting for schools should be no homework. Developing a love of reading and vocabulary would run high on my list of worthy goals as might the option to support independent practice of skills or to support a learning need. Some might suggest students who didn't fully engage with their work at school might have to finish it in their own time, if they were given fair opportunity to already have it completed. Access to a supported program, with qualified support, might give more time to acquire necessary skills. If it is to teach time management as I am sometimes told, I believe our families are already well versed in managing busy afterschool schedules.

More on this in the new year.

Year 6 Leadership

Year 6 Student Leadership elections are planned for Wednesday 26th November, 9:00am. All year 5 children will be invited to nominate for leadership positions. Those doing so will be required to deliver a speech at this time. Parents of children giving speeches are invited to attend. The House Captains nominees will deliver speeches at the same time.

Recognition Awards – Year 3-7

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. The reward activity will be a pool swim on Tuesday 9th December.

Tentative times for the students who qualify are:
9am- Yr6&7, 10:10 – Yr 5, 11:50 – Yr 4, 1:50 – Yr 3.

IM recruitment

Testing for those who applied has been conducted. Our programs remain very strong which is fantastic. Letters with offer of a placement have gone home. Parent Information Session for incoming students on Thursday 27th November at the Clinton SS Hall at 6:30pm.

Report cards

Reporting is part of communicating with parents and building the school-parent partnership to improve student learning.

Feedback should be specific to the individual student and focused on the quality of their performance so that parents understand how the student may be able to improve.

Teachers have been asked to report on what contributed to a student's achievement level (commendation) and what they might do to improve (recommendation) and for it to be concise and in plain language.

Every student, even those straight A or B ones should receive information.

I hope our reports will have removed the waffle and technical language that could hide the key information. I will be interested to hear from parents if we achieved our goal. Reports will be issued on Friday 5th December.

Staffing 2015

Enrolments and staffing resources are increasing at the moment so the plans for class allocations may need to be adjusted to accommodate the growth. Please consider that the early notification of teacher allocations was draft. It is hoped to have clear indication by the release of classes on Friday 5th although it is dependent ultimately by how many walk through the gate in 2015. We will be using some of the extra funding supplied as an Independent Public School to reduce average class sizes where enrolment bulges exist.

Room changes in preparation for 2015.

Some classes may be located to a new location at some stage in the last week. There should be minimal disruptions at this point.

Return of books

Please check under the beds, in the cubby house for any school books. We love our resources and every one helps in the programs that we provide.

Sports Awards

Mrs Hurst acknowledged the sporting endeavours for 2014 at the 9th Annual Sporting Awards Evening. Sports Person of the Year was awarded to Aleisha Paul.

I am very proud of the number of teams we have entered in District sporting competitions. We competed in the sports of Netball, Soccer, AFL, Softball, Rugby Union and Volleyball.

Whilst the evening acknowledged some of our team and individual efforts, in my eyes everyone who has had a go, enjoyed themselves, learnt or developed their skills, is a winner regardless of the scoreboard or ultimate result. If we are going to have 'healthy minds in a healthy body' not only is being active important, it is bringing a great attitude or being known as a good sport that is an important thing.

A heartfelt thanks to the coaches who make all the opportunities a reality. In a time when volunteers are more scarce than they used to be, they have made a very real difference to lives of our young people

2015 School Holiday dates

List of holidays for next year is below for those who need to plan annual leave or other arrangements. Education Queensland is promoting 'Everyday Day Counts'. It recognises that one of the strongest correlations is between student achievement and the number of days that students attend. In other words, unnecessary time away from school limits students achieving their potential.

Queensland term dates - 2015		
Term	Dates	Length
Term 1	Tuesday 27 January – Thursday 2 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Monday 20 April - Friday 26 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 13 July - Friday 18 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 6 October - Friday 11 December	10 weeks

Student Free Days	Public Holidays
Thursday 22 nd & Friday 23 rd January Monday 19 th October Schools will hold flexible training for a further 3 days either in holidays or out-of-school hours eg Wed 21 st January	Australia Day– Monday 26 th Jan Good Friday – Friday 3 rd April Easter Monday – Monday 6 th April Anzac Day– Saturday 25 th April Queens Birthday – Monday 8 th June Show Holiday – Wednesday 5 th August Labour Day – Monday 5 th October

Finance News

The receipting window will be closed in the last two weeks of school. There will be no receipting after this time until the start of school 2015.

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.**

Class News

2M News

2M had to add an extra event to the story Spirit of Hope. They did a great job. Here are 2 examples

Spirit of Hope

The following week Micky had an idea, he asked all the friends they had to make a sail boat. Dad's friends collected the wood and Micky's friends made the hull. Mum's friends sewed the sail. After that, all the Fairweathers friend's said goodbye sadly as the Fairweathers sailed away. Out in the deep blue sea a mammoth wave emerged and flipped the boat. With a big SPLASH the Fairweathers fell into the sea that was as cold as ice. They had to swim back to shore. Micky was sorry.



"Never mind," said Mum. "We'll try again next week," said Dad.

By Anthea Sternberg

The following week, micky had an idea she said "Let's tie a hot air balloon to move the house." And everyone clapped and cheered at Micks idea. They started to call their friends to help them glue some giant tarps together and left it overnight. The next morning they were ready to fly.



When they were up in the sky they heard a funny noise at the balloon and then they heard a giant snap! They fell down like an asteroid, they were all very scared.

Then they noticed they had landed back at their place, they started up. "We'll try again next week" said Dad.

By Jack

3S News

In 3S we have been working hard to create some very interesting writing pieces and further develop our writing goals in interesting ways. We have created monsters and labelled them extending our vocabulary, as well as wrote stories to match our monsters.



We have created mini-pocket "How to" books, playing the role of both the author and illustrator.



We also had a shot at being advertising consultants. Creating a new food, which was a combination of our favourite food and favourite animal and marketing it.



Our class are very excited to be moving on to Year 4. Mrs Sweeney is sad to see us moving on so quickly, she has not even started her annual class count down. She would sincerely like to thank all the parents for their support this year and wish all families a safe and happy holiday.

pleased to inform you that four students were in the top four percent of the competitors. Congratulations to Summer Witika, Samuel Pitt, Sam Shaw and Kaylee Hardwick who have each received certificates on parade. As space permits we will publish their work in the newsletter.

Students of the Week

Class	Week Ending 14/11/2014		Week Ending 21/11/2014	
PC	Joshua Booth	Confidence	Zack Cameron	Confidence
PH	Evie McNamara	Getting Along	Declan Hayes	Organisation
ICW	Julius Hardie	Confidence	Jemma Green	Confidence
1VW	Tayla Potter	Confidence	Lachlan Jenkinson	Confidence
2CS	Tyler Camman	Confidence	Olivia Dobbie	Getting Along
2M	Dante Paul	Getting Along	Madison Jones	Persistence
3J	Harry Hofmann	Getting Along	Kaylee Hardwick	Persistence
3S	Temiah Lusty	Persistence	Jack Knight	Persistence
4L	Tom Vagg	Getting Along	Lily Storch	Getting Along
4SS	Talia Clow	Getting Along	Olivia Sippel	Resilience
5R	Daniel O'Neill	Getting Along	Alex Connell	Getting Along
5V	Emma MacDonald	Getting Along	Chelsea Slaughter	Organisation
6B			McKinley Pope	Getting Along
6CR			Daniel Jefferies	Organisation
7S			Gabrielle Newman	Organisation
Music				
PE	Charlie Potts	Persistence		
Staff	Mrs Hurst	Organising the sports awards evening	Miss Clissold & Mrs Hitchcock	Organising the prep orientation days

Breaking News

I was going to Suncorp Stadium at night to watch a footy game. As I walked in the gates I saw a MASSIVE T-Rex and a small purple Triceratops. I went over to them and asked "What are you here for?" The T-Rex replied "we want to eat popcorn, watch the game and get all of the players photographs".

As the game started I saw the dinosaurs walking onto the footy field. The security guards struggled to make them leave the stadium, and then T-Rex (the meat eating beast) gobbled them up within a few seconds!

Shortly afterwards, the little Triceratops said to a footy player "Give us your photographs or my T-Rex friend will eat you!" The player replied "I...I don't have a camera". T-Rex pulled a camera out of nowhere. Both teams players quickly lined up in one big line, and the T-Rex took their Photos. The crowd watched on in complete silence not believing their eyes.

The game started and the dinosaurs stomped up to the food bar and bought an enormous box of plain white popcorn. They sat on the edge of the field and ate the delicious popcorn. Well mostly the T-Rex ate it all.

The game finished and there was a wait to get out of the stadium. Not for the dinosaurs! Whoever got in their way got gobbled up by the T-Rex. They were last seen heading towards the Cricket Stadium!

By Kaylee Hardwick

GROWING UP

Raindrops hit my tin roof with a pitter pattering noise, manifesting a silent sanctuary within my brainspace. Luscious, ever-green trees stand tall outside my bedroom window and sway to the rhythm of the wind, an ancient symphony. I lie down in my bed, letting the sound of pitter pattering precipitation lull me to sleep. The lava lamp sitting on my bedside table force-feeds my brain splendid dreams of summer afternoons skipping stones by the lake or lying beneath trees, watching clouds, as they recount the embattlements they have seen. Colliding, retreating, rising and falling to the rhythm of the wind or sitting in the shade of palm trees sipping red wine from golden goblets, as the sun drenches everything in its radioactive puke, the world melting together for one second. Living in "wonderlands" soon become my nightmares. All of my mother's dreams, goals and ambitions wait on the dream board, as if they were my own. It is not hard to realise that she is living vicariously through my life. When the sun goes down, they'll dance the millennial groove, floating down like autumn leaves until they drop to the floor. They are the husks of used dreams as their life is sucked through the glass of my lava lamp and absorbed by the luminous treacle-coloured plasma balls. My USB pillow then projects these dreams, making them a reality. High in the sky, the stars are twinkling. I am floating, both minuscule and infinite. I am dreaming. Then something breaks. I am falling.

A sudden surge of endorphins have me sitting up in bed. I am the last Thylacine, alone and engaged within a life I don't desire. My every moment is monitored, my every movement is forced. Furious, I bring the dream down over my knees and it splinters with a sigh. I slice and dice at my USB pillow with a steak knife, tearing the flesh apart with my fingers, tears streaming and throat raw. I throw the lava lamp down the hallway and as glass connects with tile, the dreams dissipate into nothingness. I act so fast, I do not realise that I am moving without command.

I am running into the rain, into the world. The pitter pattering of raindrops sound around as they hit the roofs of thousands of suburban homes. Letting the run-off swamp my blue sneakers, I greet the ever-green trees that sway to the rhythm of the wind and dance in the rain that lulls me to sleep each night. The eloquent symphony of the rain mixes with the rhythm of the wind as I'm filled with a sensation of shameless dissoluteness I have never known. As I run into my bedroom, I find a note: "Life and growing up is a tricky business. There is profligacy, fun and passion. But there is also hate, dark nights and monsters that live inside your head. I won't control you anymore. Find your own path. XOXO, Mum."

By Summer Witika.

Volleyball News

Our school volleyball team has worked very hard this term and has remained undefeated in our local competition! They will now play in the grand final this Wednesday at Toolooa State High school at 4:30pm against Star of the Sea (spectators most welcome!). We wish them all the best for their last game, and whether they come first or second overall, they deserve to be congratulated for their efforts. They are a great group of students who have trained hard and worked well together as a team. They have done an amazing job representing our school, and should be very proud of their efforts. CONGRATULATIONS guys and good luck on Wednesday!

Focus on Fours Playgroup

We are still welcoming new members. Our playgroup is for children aged between 3-5, focussing on the transition into Prep and the skills needed for school life.

For more information ring Anita 4973 2434 or come along one Friday with your own healthy snack, hat, water bottle and \$2 to cover the costs of resources. We also require you to join <https://playgroupqueensland.com.au/index.php/join-now> as they provide us the insurance and support to run this group.

Write 4 Fun

A couple of months ago some of the students entered the Write 4 Fun writing competition. We would like to congratulate all the students who entered. There were over 12 000 entrants into the competition. We are

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