



Boyne Bulletin

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- Mon Strings Ensemble 7:45am
- Tues Recorder Band 8:30am
- Wed Junior Recorder Band 11:15 am
- Wed Choir 11:15 am
- Wed School Banking Day
- Thurs Wind & Brass Ensemble 7:45am
- Thur Green & Healthy 11:15am

NOVEMBER

- Wed 27th School Leader Speeches 1:45pm
- Wed 27th Sports Award Evening 5:30
- Thurs 28th Instrumental Music
2013 Parent /Carer Session
- Fri 29th Exodus Graduation

DECEMBER

- Sun 1st Carols by Candlelight 6pm
Assemble from 5pm
- Wed 4th Year 7 Orientation visit
TSSHS - 8:50am – 12:00
- Fri 6th Reports & Class allocations
- Mon 9th No Tuckshop
- Mon 9th Yr 4-7 Swim Carnival
8:30am -2:30pm
- Tues 10th P-3 Swim Celebration
Prep to Year 1 - 9:15 – 11:00
Years 2 to 3 - 11:45 – 2:00
- Wed 11th Year 7 Graduation
- Thur 12th School Concert 9:15 am
and Break Up Day
- Thur 12th Recognition Reward Activity
Year 4-7 1:45pm
- Fri 13th No Tuckshop

Website: <https://boynislass.eq.edu.au/>
Also linked to the **QSchools App**

Principal's Message

For a smaller school with great teachers, it can be difficult keeping up with everything that goes on. This past fortnight again saw a range of activities, all embedded programs in the school like Year 6 Leadership, Instrumental Music recruitment, Extended Learning Program, Softball, Volleyball and Honours. It is good that in our supportive school environment with a pursuit of improved academic outcomes for students that we continue to offer the extra curriculum activities that contribute to the whole education of the student. We at no stage want to be a school that 'teaches the test'.

Complementing those activities is the everyday care and dedication our teachers bring to their classrooms. It is great in the upcoming celebrations like Sports Awards Evening and Graduation to recognise some of our successes. Our vision is for every student to 'strive to be their personal best'. We want every student to join in the excitement of learning.

It was reinforcing of the pride I have in the student and staff endeavours to see the latest School Opinion Survey give the highest satisfaction ratings for all groups that I have seen. I am confident that the next couple of years will continue to be most productive. Teachers have been actively examining and refining their literacy approaches to demonstrate the belief that all students can succeed at learning. It is evident that has taken a cost on their work-life balance. That effort hasn't gone without results and there is much to celebrate in their successes.

Swim Carnival/ Celebration

The progression of the students this Term has been fantastic. Something is working very well due in part to our dedicated and valuable parent volunteers,

Year 5&6 Leadership

Year 5&6 Student Leadership elections are planned for Wednesday 27th November, 1:45pm. All year 5&6 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. Students completed a 2 day program including the high rope activities at the Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre. 2014 Captains will be announced at Parade this coming Friday 6th with a hand over from current to future House Captains occurring after the Swim Carnival and for School Captains at the Break Up Day Concert.



Extended Learning – Year 6 Science

Boyne Island hosted a District extension program for Year 6 Science students from local schools. The activity had some wonderful support from Dr Linda Pfeiffer, CQU Uni students and some parental volunteers. Pictured are students trying to evaluate the energy content of differing foods by measuring their capacity to ignite and heat water.

From Facebook – For these and more 'Like' the School Facebook page.

Winners of the interschool Volleyball competition



Year 5/6 Leadership camp activity



'Honours' Recipients



Honours

Honours - Twelve students achieved 'Honours' in either English, Maths or Science. Students had to complete 5 independent tasks to qualify in addition to being an 'A' or 'B' on their Report Card. It is a great effort to pursue independent study. All students showed good focus and responsibility. Thanks to Miss J for supporting the Honours program and encouraging students to be their best.

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Principal Matters

Staffing Update

Enrolments are predicted to be 356 for next year. Administration will continue to review and make adjustments as student numbers fluctuate. Our intention is to release draft classes on Friday 6th December given enrolment predictions have stabilised.

Report Cards

Report Cards are to be released on Friday 6th December with class lists.

Christmas Carols

The School Choir will be performing at the 'Carols By Candlelight' evening on Sunday 1st December at Bray Park. An information letter has been sent home to the children involved. Students love the opportunity to perform and I am looking forward to seeing their involvement.

Year 7 into 8 Transition

The Transition Program for students going from Year Seven to Eight will see students completing a familiarisation visit to the High School on Wednesday 4th December 8:50am. Students are to make their way directly to the high school and be collected or ride back to Boyne School at 12:00. This indicates that their days of primary schooling are rapidly drawing to a close. Certainly the small graduation ceremony that they will undertake on Wednesday 11th December will confirm their primary schooling is complete. It probably seems to parents just yesterday they were starting those exciting days of Preschool. At High school, it is highlighted that they will have just 1000 days for the next stage of their education. Time will fly.

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, and homework completion. The reward activity will be a selection of activities on the afternoon of Thursday 12th Dec.

IM Music

Invitations to participate in next year's Instrumental Program have been sent out to students. Both Instrumental Groups will be operating at full capacity with 48 students involved. Parents are invited to an information session on Thursday 28th November at 6:30pm in the Hall at Clinton SS to discuss the program, including information about the acquisition or hiring of instruments.

Swim Carnival

The Prep to Year 3 Swim carnival will again be split into 2 sessions this year.

Prep to Year 1	9:15 – 11:00
Years 2 to 3	11:45 – 2:00

This minimises the waiting around and exposure to sun for these younger students. The Carnival will focus on fun, and a celebration of the swimming activities taught in swim lessons rather than competition. Year 2's & 3's will have some races but not as heavily featured as those in the Year 4 to 7 Carnival. The delayed start is to avoid traffic snarls at the pool.

Playgroup "Focus on Fours"

Every Friday morning from 9.00am – 11.00am

2014 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 - 2014

Term	Dates	Length
Term 1	Tuesday 28 January - Friday 4 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 7 October - Friday 12 December	10 weeks

Student Free Days

Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th January
Monday 20th October
Schools will hold flexible training for a further 3 days either in holidays or out-of-school hours eg Wed 22nd January

Public Holidays

Australia Day – Monday 27th Jan
Good Friday – Friday 19th April
Easter Monday – Monday 21st April
Anzac Day – Friday 25th April
Queens Birthday – Monday 9th June
Show Holiday – Wednesday 6th August
Labour Day – Monday 6th October

Tuckshop News

Lasagnes are no longer available until next year. Tuckshop will be closed the last week of the term for cleaning. We will be open at both swimming carnivals.

Monday 9th December Grades 4-7

Hotdogs, drinks and snacks

Tuesday 10th December Prep –Year 2

Drinks and snacks only

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my wonderful volunteers for all your help throughout the year, it is much appreciated.

Kate Shanks

Tuckshop Convenor

Sports Awards Night for 2013

The Sports Awards Night for 2013 will be held on Wednesday 27th November. The night, which will be held in the Hall, will commence at 5.30pm and should conclude at approximately 6.30pm. This night is a chance to recognize the effort and dedication that many students at Boyne Island State School display in the sporting arena. Many of these students have given up their lunch times and after school to play in a school sporting team. We will also recognize those students who have been selected in Port Curtis and Capricornia Teams for their chosen sports. Sports Person of the Year will be announced on the night. This trophy will be open to students in year 5-7 who have stand out achievements in school sport for the year.

Invitations will be sent shortly and it would be appreciated if these could be returned to the School Office. Children must only attend under supervision of parents.

Finance News

The receipting window will be closed in the last week of school. It would be appreciated if all outstanding money could be paid by **2.30pm on Friday 6th of December**. There will be no receipting after this time until the start of school 2014.

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.

	15/11/13	22/11/13
PC	Nyah Loosmore - showing great confidence in her writing.	William Dwane - his growth in confidence with his writing.
PH	Michael Goodwin - persisting to attempt new learning.	Jesse Shea - being organised and ready to learn.
1CC	Brooke Copsey - consistently using 'CAFÉ' strategies to produce great reading and writing.	Olivia Hartley - always striving hard to produce her best work.
1F	Kieran Doughty-Ang - readily adopting more leadership roles within the classroom.	Paige Munn - striving to achieve her reading and writing goals.
2CS	Evie Anwerth - making an amazing effort to improve her confidence with creative writing tasks.	Temisha Jones - striving hard to improve her reading and writing stamina.
2VS	Temiah Lusty - a fabulous improvement in using her "Café" comprehension reading strategies.	Joe Guerassimoff - always having a positive attitude towards his learning and school life.
3S	Lily Storch - consistently working to the best of his ability and getting along with others	Beth Watson - being an interested and enthusiastic class member who always strives to do her personal best.
34J	Chelsea Storch - continuing to work her hardest on all tasks and setting a positive behavioural example for her peers.	Rhylei Heremia - being an interested and enthusiastic class member who is gaining confidence in all learning areas.
4SS	Emma MacDonald - being helpful and responsible when it comes to assisting adults with tasks.	Brianna Leeson - consistently working to the best of her ability and getting along with others.
5P		
5V		
6B	Eli Slater - consistently trying hard in all classroom activities.	Jeremy Panchoad - having a positive attitude and striving to do his best in all areas of his schooling.
7CR	Jazmin Hajnal - always having a positive attitude towards her learning and school life.	Hailey McDonald - always having a positive attitude towards her learning.
7S	Natasha Ritter - consistently writing interesting and coherent paragraphs in her café writing sessions.	Anthony Henderson - finishing the year with a strong result on his last maths test.
MUSIC	Baiden Street - displaying a significant improvement with reading and writing notes.	Jordan Phillips - displaying confident and persistent effort and a great attitude in music.
PE	Josh Bailey - being supportive of his classmates at swimming lessons.	
STAFF	Ms McHugh for leading the implementation of our writing Café this Term.	Volleyball and Softball coaches Ms Clow, Ms Stewart and Mrs Varcoe.

Class News

Fantastic fun in 2VS

We've had an amazing time in 2VS this year. Mrs Vagg and Mrs Silsby have given us a lot of new and exciting things to investigate.

In year 2, we had a special day called Under 8's day. In Under 8's Day, all the kids that are under 8 do fun activities. I liked the activity where you put cereal on a bit of string and eat the yummy cereal off the string.

In term 4, we have swimming at the Tannum pool. It's too far to walk there, so we catch a ride on a bus. When we get there, we sit on silver seats. Mrs Hurst splits us into little groups. I love learning new swimming skills in the pool. In December we have a swimming carnival. I love diving through the pool hoops. We also did animal posters. The posters have to have the following: Name of animal, Title, border and the information typed or written. A couple of class mates shared their poster every afternoon. The posters are very interesting. If you come in 2VS you'll find lots of facts about all different sorts of animals.

We went to a fun excursion this year as well. We learnt things like push, pull and twist. We went across the road and went to the gym. Next to the gym we flew kites. The butterfly kite wouldn't fly properly.

It was awesome in 2VS this year. I'm looking forward to going to year 3 next year for some more exiting learning.

By Kaylee Hardwick

3S News

In Year 3 we have been learning all about poetry. We have examined lots of different terms and types of poems. Neologisms, spoonerisms, alliteration, onomatopoeia, hyperbole, similes and repetition... Lots of fun has been had creating new words and writing our poems.

Students were required to choose a location and write 3 stanzas, I see, I feel, and I hear, each consisting of 4 lines. The poem had to follow the AB rhyming pattern. This task took lots of effort and creativity. Each student in the class had very unique ideas for their poems. We discovered that "Rhyming" is not as easy as we initially thought, especially when we have an idea that we need to get across to an audience.

The Beach

By Bray Wilson

I can see:

Rocks crushed in the sand; eagles swooping by, people stomping on the land.

Crabs snipping at peoples toes

Surfboards flying quick past me onto the rough sand.

I'm digging while my sister's collecting big shells that I'm sure will be on the nose.

I can feel:

Soft yellow sand; crabs snapping at my toes like swords.

Water crushing me under the huge waves, calm water and rocks under my feet

Shells got stuck under the wax when I go for a surf on my surfboard.

Soon I feel the fish touching me under the water, it's sweet!

I can hear:

Seagulls squawking at the waves splashing, small fluffy dogs with their high pitch growling.

People running, parents shouting, angry children stomping, while the fish are jumping.

Adults paddling, school kids splashing, toddlers howling.

Iron men jogging as others are exercising and the kids are building and bumping.

Uniform Shop

Hats have now arrived and are available to order at the office. The price has gone up slightly to \$15. Hats are reversible with sports colours on one side and red on the other. Please note your HOUSE on the order form to ensure you get the correct colour. All current orders will be filled for collection on Thursday 28th November.

Chaplaincy News

Back Our Chappies!

As you are hopefully aware, Boyne Island State School has been fortunate enough to receive federal funding through the schools chaplaincy program, which combined with generous funding from the community, is enough to fund my position for 2 days a week.

You may remember a High Court case mid-2012 that challenged the legitimacy of Federal funding being used to support school chaplaincy programs. While the government acted swiftly to rectify the issues raised, chaplaincy is back in the High Court spotlight. The same man has now launched a new challenge to the funding program, claiming that it is unlawful, despite having unanimous, bi-partisan support from a sitting parliament. Even if the legislation is found to be lawful, they are arguing that the School Chaplaincy program should not be one of the services covered by the new law. In addition to this, the new government is still working on renewing the current funding program once it finishes in December 2014. In light of all of this, we need your help to ensure that no matter the outcome, parliament knows how much our communities value their chappies. We are asking you to see your school chaplain or visit backourchappies.com.au and sign the statement of support, which will be presented to parliament. The website also has additional information about the challenge and the work of chaplains. As well as this, you can sign a backpack in the school foyer that will be collected from schools all over Queensland and delivered to Canberra early next year. Last time Scripture Union received 85 000 statements of support, this time we are aiming for 100 000, with 30 000 already received!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Boyne Island State School community for supporting me in my first year at our school. It has been a jam-packed year full of activities, chats with students, teachers and parents, learning about the Boyne community, and helping students to reach their potential. Next year is looking to be even more jam-packed and I'm looking forward to it!

Chappy Emma.

Focus on Fours Playgroup

Focus on Fours Playgroup children are graduating from Playgroup this Friday. It's been an exciting year watching them grow up and get ready for school next year. We will be celebrating our final playgroup day with the Prep H children by making Christmas bonbons and cards. Each Pre-Prep Playgroup child will receive a certificated to show their achievement.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been developing our fine motor skills by making Christmas craft activities; increasing our social skills with team games and turn-taking; learning early maths skills with patterning and singing songs with counting involved. Each Friday we have been spending half an hour in the PH classroom helping our little children integrate more successfully into Prep.

A big thank you to all the parents who turn up every week to help run our program. This has been another successful year which we hope smooths the transition into school.

Focus on Fours Playgroup will be on again, in the school hall, every Friday 9-11 of the school term next year and is aimed at the 2015 Prep children age group. We require you to be a member of Playgroup Queensland, bring a healthy snack, hat and drink bottle and \$2 to cover the cost of resources. Any enquiries phone Anita 4973 2434.

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Boyne Library is holding 'The 12th Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Extravaganza' again this year on Wednesday 4th December, 2013

Celebrations start at 3.30pm and include songs, craft, afternoon tea and a visit from Santa. The Extravaganza is held in the Port Curtis Room at the Boyne Tannum Community Centre and admission is free. Come along and join in the fun!!

As part of 2014 Australia Day celebrations, Gladstone Regional Council is calling for primary school entries in the Celebrate Australia Primary School Art Competition.

To enter, students simply have to draw, paint, or collage an aspect of Australia they believe is iconic on a sheet of A4 paper and submit a completed entry form (available at the school office). Entries close 4pm Friday 20th December. There are two categories: Prep - Year 3 and Year 4 - Year 7



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