Principal’s Message

Teaching and Learning Audit

The Teaching and Learning Audit is completed in every Education Queensland school to provide quality feedback on how the school is performing and to inform school planning processes. During the Audit, an independent experienced school principal visits the school to collect a range of data and information about school practices, programs and procedures in the areas of teaching and learning.

The eight page profile is now available to parents and caregivers on the school web site. There has been significant progress made since the previous Teaching and Learning Audit in 2010. Data analysis across the school is showing that students are making good progress and overall reading performance has improved over a number of years. A strong collegial culture has been established and parents, school leaders and teachers are working together in mutually supportive ways and students reported a strong sense of pride within the school community.

The auditor commented that Boyne Island should no longer be known just as a small school but as a school with quality staff doing great things. I couldn’t agree more. I look forward to continuing our work together as we head towards being an outstanding school in every way.

Optiminds

Good luck to the team attending the competition on Sunday 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 14th year straight that Boyne Island has sent a team.

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

European Handball

Visual reminders of School values

Students celebrating 100yrs of Australian Science

Combined School Musical

Two students, Faith Bates and Nicholas Cobb were successful in auditioning for the Peter Pan musical in 2014.

Capricornia Athletics Carnival

Two students who competed at the Capricornia Athletics carnival will now be attending the State Carnival having been successful in being placed second in their events.

Angus McDonald – Discus

Michaela Hancock – AWD

Long jump/Shot put/Discus
Recognition Awards – Year 4-7
Students will again be recognised at the end of this Term who have met the expectations for attendance, behaviour, uniform, effort and homework completion.

Uniform Code - Footwear
Students have been looking great this year in their uniform. The approved Uniform Policy indicates that Footwear should be Suitable closed in shoes (for general play, physical education and sporting activities) such as ‘joggers or walkers’ and does not include;
- Sandals
- Thongs
- Loose fitting ‘fashionable’ shoes or boots as a safety issue.

Advance notice was issued about returning to the policy earlier in the year so that any subsequent purchases of school footwear would aim to be within the Uniform Code. ‘Fashion’ shoes have become too prevalent and are impacting on lessons when students are asked to engage in any moderate physical activity. The P&C have discussed the Uniform Monitoring process for students in Year 4 to 7 to include footwear starting from Monday 26th September.

Plan for Responsible Student Behaviour
The following is the information that is recommended, to provide to students, to inform their responses to bullying. People will often say to ignore which can actually convey helplessness, which feeds the power difference that underlines bullying when Acting Unimpressed with positive and confident body language is what is meant.

Someone I know is being bullied
- Distracting – change topic
- Balancing – positive comment
- Reasoning – bring attention to bullying
- Supporting – positive words or gestures
- Get Help – tell an adult

I am being bullied. What Can I Do?
- Stay Positive – Be Confident
- Try some things yourself – Firm voice - tell the person ‘I don’t like that please stop’ Neutral Voice – ‘That’s what you think’
- Act Unimpressed – turn back or turn away
- Write Down – where when
- Tell someone - (research says victims don’t report)

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

Every Day Counts
Research indicates one of the biggest determinants of success at school is the number of days attended. Our congratulations to families who urge reluctant attendees, you are instilling a habit or a persistence that shapes a person’s values. Our Guidance Officer, Mrs O’Sullivan, or Deputy Principal Ms Murdoch are available for assistance or advice, if required.

Fathers’ Day Stall
There will be a Fathers’ Day stall operating at the school hall on Wednesday 28th August. 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.

SCHOOL CONCERT
Thursday 13th September - 6:30pm
Venue – Boyne Island SS Hall
This is a chance for students to hone their performance skills and also for parents who may usually miss performances that occurred during work hours. The students involved in the following items are encouraged to perform.

Welcome - School Captains
Brass Woodwind and Percussion Concert Band
Junior Recorder Band
Strings
Glee Club

Strings
All performers should wear school uniform whilst Instrumental students should bring their music, instrument and wear black pants and shoes.

String Spectacular
With no Eisteddfod in Term 3 the Instrumental String Students are performing at a String Spectacular at Tannum Sands SS on Sunday 8th September.

Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students
Our policy document, that governs behaviour approaches in the school, was reviewed last year. The current version is on the school website. At its core are the values of respect, responsibility and being safe. Some visual reminders have been stencilled on the concrete around the school.

2014 Geography Curriculum
Science, Mathematics and English were new Australian Curriculums introduced in 2012. In 2013 History has been implemented and Geography in 2014 will be implemented as the next stage of the roll out towards a National Curriculum.

Discipline audit
During 2013 and 2014, all Queensland state schools will be audited against five domains contained in the Discipline Audit Instrument. The audits will provide school leaders with an opportunity to engage in conversation about the strength of the school in building discipline, and where there are opportunities for improvement. Principals will share information from the audit with their school communities and include recommendations from the report in the school’s planning.

There are 5 domains of the Audit are:
- Principal Leadership
- Parent and Community Engagement
- Data Informed Decision making
- Clear Consistent Expectations for Behaviour including Consequences
- Explicit Teaching of Appropriate Behaviour

New Website
https://boynislass.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

QSchools App
You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet. The QSchools app is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.

Prep Enrolments 2014
An email loop has been set up to communicate with families who have started the enrolment process for 2014. The order of receipt of enrolment will be kept in case it is required to inform class formation. Final student numbers will determine whether straight Prep or composite classes will be formed. If required,
preference for the composite class will be sought from the enrolment questionnaire of those enrolled first until either the composite class or straight class is formed. Later enrolments will go to the class with spaces available pending no suitability barriers. We use opportunities at the Prep Orientation days to discuss how the class formation process is going.

Prep Orientation Days
Parents and Carers are welcome to bring their child/children along for further familiarisation sessions as listed below: Prep Orientation Days

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Playgroup “Focus on Fours”
Every Friday morning from 9.00am – 11.00am

iWALK,iBIKE,iBUS – iPOD

The winner of the next two iPODs were Tyler Camman 1F and Trent Rowe 1CC. Three draws remain for a student iPod on the 30th August and 6th, 13th September. The child’s class will also receive access to a set of 6 iPads for the week.

Collect a ticket page from the Office or use the emailed version. N.B. "Walk" can be park or drop away from traffic areas then walk e.g. Tarcoola Drive, Bray Park or Kalori.

Parent signs on Ticket Booklet to validate each trip. When students complete their 21 trips they submit the ticket booklet and then it goes into a draw for an iPod (Each journey counts this year, TO and FROM school). Students can complete multiple booklets during the Term. The Booklet has been emailed to family contacts or is available from the Office.

Honours
The Honours Program is progressing and students are attempting 5 independent tasks in a Learning Area that they attained at least a B achievement on their report card.

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 13th 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. 13/9/2013
Current year level teachers meet to form proposed class groupings (including peer factors). 17/9/2013
Teachers finalised for 2014 review class groupings. Make recommendations based on educational factors. 8/10/2012
Email announcing teachers for 2014 & Booklists sent to all parents 15/10/2013
Administration (Deputy and Principal) review of student placements. (Book pack orders to be received) 8/11/2011

Class placements & room allocations released 6/12/2012

Year 7 camp
Train tickets have now been booked for the 42 students and 4 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 22nd to Friday 25th October. Letters reminding parents about payment progress will be sent out this week.

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.

Student Council News

The student council have been running lunchtime activities for the P-2 students. The new representatives to student council for semester two are:
Grace Johnstone – 6B
Zoe Hurst – 5P
Samuel Pitt – 5V

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.

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.

ICAS Competitions

Congratulations to the 15 students who sat the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) in the subject of SCIENCE. In particular, congratulations to Zoe Hurst and Sam Shaw who were awarded certificates of Distinction and to Tom Kettle and Talia Clow who were awarded certificates of Credit.

PE NEWS

Boys Soccer
The school team has made it to the semi-finals after finishing first in their pool. This Wednesday they will play against Clinton at 4.00pm at Central fields. Should they win this game they will go to the grand- final.

AFL
The Inter-school AFL competition starts this Monday with games being played at St Francis oval. Boyne has entered a mixed team and will play their first game against Tannum Sands at 4.50pm.
Swimming

The cost of the program will be either $14 or $18. Transport arrangements are by bus each week. This year all students must wear a swimming cap. Caps are available from the office in House colours for $5 each. A copy of the times and days children will be swimming is shown below.

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The children will need to bring the following on each day of swimming:

- Sunscreen, Swimming togs, Swimming cap, plastic bag for wet togs & towel
- Swimming Sun shirt (short or long sleeve) Please note this is now a compulsory part of school swimming. Ensure that the shirt is a lightweight sun shirt for swimming as anything else will only hinder their ability to swim.
- Thongs should be worn to and from the pool. Shoes and socks must be worn when at school.

Students will be given time to get changed at school prior to lessons and will change after lessons at the pool. Please ensure children do not wear their swimmers to school.

Please complete the consent form (return to class teacher) and indicate whether you would like to help regularly. We particularly need helpers in Year P-3.

3/4J News

What a fantastic couple of weeks we’ve had. We’ve been very busy in class and participating in several experiments during Science Week. The children have displayed wonderful manners and behaviour and have made their school and teacher very proud of them.

We were lucky enough to be invited to join the prep classes to investigate some activities set up by the University. We studied optical illusions, pullies, floatation and sound.

Our science unit is well underway. This week we investigated if it was better to put the milk in before or after the hot water. After some careful scientific experiments we discovered that it is better to put the milk in after the hot water, especially if you have to take a phone call before you get to drink your coffee.

7S News

Ned’s Heroic Robbery

Have you ever done the wrong thing for the right reason? Have you ever hurt a stranger to save a friend? Some judgemental people say what Ned did that day was evil. That he robbed the Jerilderie bank for his own devilish purposes. These misinformed simpletons couldn’t be further from the truth. Ned Kelly had loving and loyal reasons for his actions that day. He might have done the wrong thing but he certainly did it for the right reasons. He was defiantly a hero.

Ned Kelly, who was only wanted to free his poor innocent mother from the dark and lonely confinement of prison, had no choice but to acquire the money for her bail through what some might call illegal means. Due to the unfortunate warrant and the three lives he was forced to take at Stringybark Creek, Ned was unable to work legally or obtain the much needed money any other way. Ned was heroic enough to risk his life robbing banks in order to save his mother from unjust persecution. If Ned was guilty of anything it was humility as he always put others before himself. Ned was certainly a hero.

During the heroic robbery, Ned took the time to free the town’s people from the oppressive clutches of the bank by burning all the mortgages and ownership papers within the safe. Ned always said that the banks were the poor’s worst enemy and undoubtedly dealt them a painful blow that fine day. Ned could have easily taken the money and left the towns poor with impossible debts to repay, however, Ned was not that type of man. He chose to help the common man in a selfless act of protest. The robbery of the Jerilderie Bank was clearly a heroic act.

Ned’s robbery of the Jerilderie Bank highlighted his selflessness and generosity towards his fellow man. Instead of greedily squandering the money on himself, Ned treated his well-kept captives to refreshments and entertainment at the Royal Mail Hotel before leaving them as carefree as they were prior to the event. It was widely whispered that his captives enjoyed the experience thoroughly. If Ned was a murderous villain, he surely would not have pulled off such a peaceful robbery.

In conclusion, the robbery of the Jerilderie Bank was undeniably a heroic act. Some may argue that it was evil or wrong. That Ned stole the money for his own selfish reasons. However, the evidence in this text clearly shows that Ned did the wrong thing for the Right reason. He had one purpose behind taking the money and that was to free the innocent mother from her stagnant life of imprisonment. Ned’s robbery was professionally planned and purposeful. It certainly was not the act of a blood thirsty villain or some literate thug. The robbery of the Jerilderie Bank will therefore always be remembered as a heroic act.

Class example: Published by Natasha Ritter

UNIFORM SHOP

Small and medium size hats are currently unavailable. Please take care of your school hat and ensure it is clearly marked with your name. We will advise when hats are in stock. Expected delivery is mid-November.

Focus on Fours Playgroup

With this term almost at an end we urge parents with children starting Prep next year to consider the benefits your child will receive when they come along to our group.

Mrs Hitchcock has been visiting us every Friday for half an hour to help our Pre-Prep children get ready for school. We have been doing fine and gross motor developmental activities with our Prep friends, social developmental activities and practising sitting still and listening for a short amount of time. Each morning tea break we practise eating from our lunchboxes the foods our parents might pack next year and being patient when our bellies tell us it’s snack time. (At school we need to wait till the break time to eat – this is very new for some of us). Learning to follow a routine is an important part of getting ready for school.

Next term, we will be going up to the Prep H classroom for half an hour every Friday and Mrs Hitchcock will help us relax into the classroom environment. Along with singing songs and making friends with the Prep children, we will be doing fun activities like rainbow writing, counting and letter recognition. As a group we will be using the junior toilets, visiting the library and Tuckshop and familiarising our children with the environment so next year isn’t so ‘unknown’ to the children and parents.

All 2014 Prep families are welcome to attend. We meet every Friday 9-11am in the school hall. Bring a healthy lunch, hat and drink bottle. We ask for $2 to cover the cost of our resources and for you to be a member/join Playgroup Queensland. http://playgroupqueensland.com.au/. Please share this information with all those it applies to.

Any interested 2015 families are welcome to come along and
meet with some lovely parents and children who are keen for this program to continue next year. We have a little group already forming!! For more information please contact Anita 4973 2434

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.

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<td>Cooper Burrows - participating well in activities and reading with great confidence.</td>
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<td>Justin Trezise - being organised and ready to learn.</td>
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<td>James Jones - showing persistence learning sounds and sight words.</td>
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<td><strong>1F</strong></td>
<td>Kate McColl - learning to persist in order to achieve her best learning outcomes.</td>
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<td>Luke Pfeiffer - always striving to achieve his personal best in all areas.</td>
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<td>Bonnie Quinlan-Lovelock - displaying great expression when reading.</td>
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<td>Georgia Dingle - displaying a good attitude to all aspects of her school life and persisting with work, even when it is challenging.</td>
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<td>Rhylei Heremia - working hard on improving her mental calculation skills.</td>
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<td>Taylah Possee - making a great start on arriving at Boyne and displaying a good attitude to all aspects of her school life.</td>
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<td>Daniel Jefferies - displaying a focused approach to his writing and using precise vocabulary and extended noun groups well to enhance his story telling.</td>
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<td>Judith Shepherd - displaying a good attitude to all aspects of her school life and persisting with work, even when it is challenging.</td>
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<td>Mrs Varcoe for co-ordinating the Optiminds team</td>
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P&C News

President Anita McNamara and Treasure Alison Murdoch met with Hon John-Paul Langbroek, the Minister for Education, Training and Employment, and his panel, at the Community Cabinet meetings in Gladstone on Sunday 25th August to discuss the parking issues associated with our school. Every year the parking problems are discussed at P&C meetings and it will be great to find a solution to this ongoing problem. Possibly, if you checked the P&C minutes from the past 10 years you would find this subject continually mentioned by concerned parents and staff. Previous contact with local council and the Dept. of Education has only highlighted the problem but not led to an agreed solution. We are hoping that by bringing it to the attention of the Minister, a real and immediate resolution will occur. Now he is aware of the problem he is keen to find a solution. Safety is a top priority of his, he informed us.

Any feedback we receive will take a few months to occur as the various Departments involved will need to discuss the matter and agree on the final solution. These things take time but we are hopeful to collect and table the result, at a P&C meeting, before the end of the year.

The P&C Association is proving to still be an important part of the school body and speaking with the Minister is just one of the ways we are assisting the school with its continued excellence.

We are always interested in your ideas and opinions on ways to better the school community and welcome you to table them at our evening meeting.

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday, 7pm, in the BISS staffroom. All welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Position Vacant

Casual vacancy in Tannum Sands State High School canteen, for more details please contact Jacki Westlake on 4979 9735.

Position Vacant – Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper - Casual

Up to 15 hours per week. School Term time (during school hours, days negotiable) plus additional 2 weeks-15hrs per week, during Christmas Holiday Period.

- Efficient use of Reckon Accounts (formerly Quickbooks), Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel programs essential
- Excellent communication skills
- Previous experience in bookkeeping essential
- Previous experience in an early learning centre an advantage

For Job Description email: managementcommittee@tannumsandskindergarten.com.au

Or pick up from the Kindergarten Mon – Fri between 8.30am – 3.00pm

Closing date: Friday 30th August 2013

Boyne Tannum Little Athletics

Sign Up days are to be held on:
Sunday 8th September, 10am - 2pm and Saturday 14th September 8:30am - 12:30pm.
Both to be held outside Coles in Tannum Sands.

For any further information please email btla@hotmail.com or check out our group on Facebook.
Revolution Gym Sports
Offers the following classes:
Kindergym, Gym Mix, Trampoline, Rope Skipping, Cheerleading, Men’s and Women’s Gymnastics, Acrobatic Gymnastics.
For further information and to book your free lesson please phone 0400156050 or e-mail revolution@gymsports.org.au

Cricket Sign On.
Sign on this year for the BITS Cricket Club is Thursday 19th 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-year4 (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 Graeme Hick as they will be attending our fantastic free for the community ‘Industry of Gladstone’ Cricket Carnival that occurs the following weekend. For further details please contact Nev Judd on 0459091196 or email bitscc@yahoo.com.au. For milo inquires check out our web page on mycricket- search for a milo centre and then follow the links.

Wanted– Grant Writer
Do you know someone with time, patience and energy to apply for grants on behalf of our school? All your children at school now and you have a little extra time during the day? Perhaps a Grandparent with time and computer knowledge? Or a neighbour wanting to help out the local community? We would benefit greatly from your help!! Having previous grant writing experience would be ideal but if you are willing to learn through experience we aren’t picky. There is plenty of money for projects out there just waiting for us to ask for it!! Contact Anita (P&C President) on 4973 2434 for more information.

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