Principal’s Message

Year 6 Leadership
Students interested in a leadership position for 2015 are undertaking a nomination and selection process. The best indicator of how a student will go in these future roles is to look at how they have acted in the past. Boyne Island has various leadership activities that students can do leading up to the more formal leadership positions, eg Year 5 Flag raising, Sports room or Library monitors, Green and Healthy committee, Class representative for Student council, Honours. Students will complete a 2 day program including the low and high ropes course. The older students within the school play a very important role in setting a culture within the school. The younger students look up to and follow the examples set by the older students.

Student Booklist or Student Resource Scheme
The school operates a Student Resource Scheme where texts and other equipment are provided on hire to the students. Further to this a Bulk Purchase of Student Materials is implemented to co-ordinate the bulk supply on behalf of families. It is intended to offer both schemes again for 2015.
There is a slight change this year to simplify and make the scheme as cheap as possible. Some of the equipment that can be used from year to year will be left to families to supply ie. scissors, sharpeners. The school will take the responsibility for managing the supply of some of the critical consumable items like pencils for the entire year, so families will not need to resupply for these items.

It is a tremendous scheme, keeping costs and effort down for families and ensuring students have access to the equipment that is required.

Families must signal their intention to participate in the schemes by Friday 7th November.
Information will be sent home shortly. This year with a better understanding of the scheme there will be only one order placed with only a set number of spare materials kept for incoming families. i.e; No late orders accepted.

Honours Program
We have been thrilled by the students who pursue their Honours work and cannot wait to see the results of their work at the Presentation Evening. Tasks set for 2013 were of a higher quality, interest and challenge and with the National Curriculum it has become more of an independent task for students. Those who complete Honours really demonstrate persistence and organisation and a great work ethic.

Out of the Box
Students from Year 6&7 will be invited to the annual Extension activity provided between the local primary schools and Tannum Sands SHS. The date has been changed to Monday 8th December.
Sports Awards Evening
This year I continue to be proud of the fact that the school has entered a sporting team into every Gladstone District Competition except Rugby League. The competitions have been particularly good for students to try a totally new sport and some of our best performances have been the students with the confidence to try something totally new. This may have been in more unfamiliar sports of softball, AFL and volleyball or someone trying for the first time the more traditional cricket, touch soccer or netball. The Sport Awards Evening has been scheduled for Tuesday 18th November.

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.

IM recruitment
Testing for those who applied has been conducted. Our programs remain very strong which is fantastic. Letters with offer of a placement are due to go out soon prior to the Parent Information Session for incoming students on Thursday 27th November at the Clinton SS Hall.

Housekeeping
- Please keep the school updated with any changes to student contact or medical details.
- Student absences require an explanation via either a note or message on the student absence phone line 4979 9360 on the morning or day before absence.
- Lexia and Mathletics are available to be completed online at home.
- All letters are sent home electronically to email contacts. If you are not receiving a letter, provide contact details to the office if desired.
- Students arriving before 8:30am are to wait seated at the waiting area or in the hall.

Uniform Thanks
I appreciate families supporting uniform this year. For winter, families not desiring the official jacket, jumpers were black or red. Please keep that in mind for next year when making purchases. It has been pleasing not having to remind students about uniform aside from small indiscretions regarding bracelets and nail polish. For students in Year 3 to 7 when circumstances mean uniform is not available a ‘Uniform Slip’ is issued at the office.

Evacuation Drill
There will be an upcoming Lockdown Drill. Schools are required to undertake these practices at regular intervals. Continuous siren = evacuation Intermittent sirens = Lock down

Class Formation
TeacherAllocations have not yet been fully determined for next year. When known an email will be sent notifying of the staffing for next year.

Teachers have met to place students into draft classes. Parents who supplied student or educational factors have had that considered; along with the teachers own knowledge of students. Teachers have now finished their input into the class formation process. From this point, administration reviews and makes adjustments as student numbers fluctuate. Class allocations are released on Friday 5th December.

World Teacher Day – Friday 31st October 2014
Teachers are continually renewing their knowledge and skills to ensure their profession remains vital and effective. World Teachers Day celebrates the role teachers’ play in a constantly changing world. Celebrate with us as we acknowledge the valuable contribution of teachers to our communities.

Year 6&7 Brisbane Camp
Students are starting to get excited and will be exposed to many forms of public transport and the responsibilities associated with being an independent traveller. I am confident students will have an enjoyable time at some of the fun things that are planned but also exposed to some great learning opportunities. Attending the Camp will be Mr Hurst, Mr Sauer, Ms Berman, Mrs Raffin and 1 other adult.

A briefing session will be held on Wednesday 5th November at 2:15pm for all students and interested parents.

ICAS Competitions
Congratulations to all of the students who sat the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) in the subject of SCIENCE, MATHS & ENGLISH. In particular, congratulations to those who were awarded certificates of High Distinction, Distinction and Credit.

Science Distinction
Harrison Gerrard
Ethan Skelton

Science Credit
Preston Loosmore
Luke Pfeiffer
Will Raffin
Sally Vagg
Zoe Hurst
Sam Shaw

Math Distinction
Sally Vagg
Sam Shaw

Math Credit
Harrison Gerrard
Alannah McHugh
Luke Pfeiffer
Jordan Phillips
Will Raffin
Ethan Skelton
Seth McNamara
Lily Storch
Campbell McAusland
Riley Clow
Zoe Hurst

English High Distinction
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English Distinction
Jordan Phillips

English Credit
Alannah McHugh
Caitlyn Judd
Sally Vagg
Swimming
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By Jacob Donges

Focus on Fours Playgroup
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There will be no playgroup this Friday (31st October) due to Prep orientation.

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.

Prep Enrolments 2014

Prep Orientation Days
Parents and Carers are welcome to bring their child/children along for further familiarisation sessions as listed below:
Prep Orientation Days
   Friday 31st October    9:00 am - 10:30 am
   Thursday 13th November 9:00 am - 10:30 am
   Monday 24th November   9:00am - 10:30 am

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

Sausage Sizzle
A huge thanks to everyone who supported the Fundraiser for Aleisha Paul. We raised approximately $700 which will help Aleisha get to the Nationals (in Tasmania) for Athletics.

Another Sausage sizzle day has been planned for Wednesday 5th November. Forms will be sent home late in the week.

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Vacancy

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL P&C
Tuckshop Convenor
Part-Time, 12 hrs/week

A vacancy exists for a permanent part-time Tuckshop Convenor, for 12 hours per week with a salary of $23.94 per hour. Position to start 30th January 2015 and days of operation are Monday and Friday. Application packages can be collected from the school office or by phoning (07) 4979 9333.

Applications close on 10th November 2014

Applications can be returned marked “Confidential” to -
The Principal, Boyne Island State School
PO Box 3266, Tannum Sands, Qld 4680
Email: the.principal@boynelss.as.edu.au

Applicants to write a short response or letter (addressing selection criteria) (maximum of 1-2 pages) on how your experience (paid or voluntary) abilities and knowledge apply to the position, include a resume with 2 current referees.

There is a non-smoking policy within the School.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a ‘Working with Children Check’.
At Boyne Island State School we are proud to be associated with the above businesses. These advertisers support us, please support them.