



Boyne Bulletin

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Mon	Strings Ensemble 7:45am
Mon	Choir 10:30am
Tues	Green & Healthy 10:30am
Tues	Student Council 10:30am
Wed	Recorder Band 10:30am
Wed	School Banking
Thurs	Wind & Brass Ensemble 7:45am

OCTOBER

Fri 31 st	World Teachers day
Fri 31 st	Prep orientation 9:00 – 10:30am

NOVEMBER

Wed 5 th	Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Wed 5 th	Year 6&7 Camp Briefing 2pm
Wed 5 th -Thur 6 th	Year 5 leadership
Fri 7 th	Student Resource Scheme due
Tues 11 th -Fri 14 th	Year 6&7 Camp
Mon 17 th	Student Leader Nominations
Tues 18 th	Sports Award Evening (Date change - avoid volleyball)
Wed 26 th	School Leader Speeches
Thurs 27 th	Instrumental Music 2015 Parent /Carer Session
Fri 28 th	Uniform Free Day

DECEMBER

Mon 1 st	Yr 4-7 Swim Carnival
Tues 2 nd	P-3 Swim Celebration
Fri 5 th	Reports & Class allocations

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.**

Green & Healthy members conducting lunchtime energy audit.



Our new garden area



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.



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QSchools App links to the schools website information.

STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE:
4979 9360

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Principal Matters

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 on-line 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 Year 6/7 covered area.

ICT resources

To maintain quality computing resources a replacement schedule is in place. We have 120 computers on our replacement schedule with none of those more than 6 years old. Students have been excited to see the latest batch of 30 computers arrive to maintain our quality.

We have 24 laptops, 6 tablets and 6 iPads to access within rooms in learning groups. We will continue to maximise our investment in the 'cables and boxes' but transition through our replacement schedule to the next level of technology.

The boom in digital resources on the Internet and the increasing connection to learning means we upgraded our Internet download speeds to 4000bps this year. Investigations into students 'Bringing Their Own Devices' is occurring given the availability of mathletics, Lexia and the soon to be available RAZReading (On-line books)

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.

Uniform to and from school needs to be worn, namely a broad brimmed hat eg, bucket hat. The practice of some students switching to caps isn't in keeping with the sun safety policy. Shoes are to be 'jogger' style with grip, flexible sole and support.

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

Teacher Allocations 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 particularly, 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

Zoe Hurst

English Distinction

Jordan Phillips

English Credit

Alannah McHugh
Caitlyn Judd
Sally Vagg

Swimming

The cost of the program will be either \$18 or \$20. 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.

Day	Times	Classes
Monday Starting week 2 (\$18)	8.55am – 9.50am	6B & 6CR
	10.10am – 11.05am	4L & 4SS
	11.55am – 12.50pm	7S
	1.50pm – 2.45pm	5R & 5V
Tuesday Starting week1 (\$20)	8.55am – 9.50am	3J & 1CW
	10.10am – 11.05am	3S & 1VW
	11.55am – 12.50pm	PC & 2CS
	1.50pm – 2.45pm	PH & 2M

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**Year 1CW News**

The year one's have been learning about different types of writing and have explored imaginative texts, information texts and persuasive texts. We have discovered that imaginative texts usually have a beginning, middle and end structure and can have dialogue or speaking between characters. We have been writing information texts in the form of procedures or instructions. The children have been making playdough animals and banana splits and writing the procedure using 'command sentences'. Later in the term we will be investigating persuasive texts which convince or persuade the reader to do or believe in something.

How to Make A Playdough Cat

What You Need:
Playdough

How To Make It:

1. Roll two balls.
2. Stack the two balls.
3. Make some eyes and whiskers.
4. Put a tail on.
5. Pinch two ears.
6. Put a nose on.
7. Poke a mouth.

By Jacob Donges

How To Make A Playdough Cat

What you need:
Playdough

How to Make It:

1. Roll a big ball and roll a small ball.
2. Join the small ball with the big ball.
3. Poke two eyes and poke a nose.
4. Make a mouth and roll some whiskers and then put them on the cat.
5. Roll a snake and put it on the bottom of the cat for the tail.
6. Pull two ears.

By Harley McSweeney

How To Make A Playdough Cat

What you need:
Playdough

How To Make It:

1. Roll a small ball.
2. Roll a sausage.
3. Make 4 legs and a tail.
4. Join the balls together.
5. Make eyes, whiskers and the face.
6. It's done.

By Jemma Green

How to Make A Cheese Sandwich

What you need:

- Bread
- Cheese
- Knife
- Butter
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How to Make It:

1. Spread the butter on one piece of bread.
2. Put one piece of cheese on the bread.
3. Place the other piece of bread on top.
4. Cut in half.
5. Eat and enjoy!
- 6.

By Charli Johnstone

News from 5V

Term 4 is a busy term for Year 5 as we prepare for the challenges of becoming School Leaders in 2015. Our 2 day Leadership excursion is quickly approaching and a quick reminder to return the notes as soon as possible.

In Science this term we are learning about our solar system and the vast distances of space, we are all considering our future career goals as space explorers but are yet to learn how astronauts manage food and personal hygiene in space. This may change a few minds! Mrs Varcoe tells us that she has already signed us all up for the first Mars expedition any way!

Our English text has been a 'tear jerker' (well, it made Mrs V cry anyway) and we are looking forward to watching the film adaptation of Storm Boy to compare the two texts.

Focus on Fours Playgroup

Last term, the Focus on Fours playgroup parents and children completed the State Government funded 'Have Fun Be Healthy' program through Playgroup Queensland. We all had a great time and enjoyed the experience. As a bonus, we got to keep a very large resource bag filled with gross motor games and activities. We look forward to using it as often as we can.

This term we are working on developing strong fine motor skills, getting us ready for our pencil grips next year. Each Friday we spend half an hour in the Prep H classroom, with Mrs Hitchcock, helping our children adapt to school easier. This program is now in its 4th successful year.

Last Friday we made Playdough apples and cherries to strengthen our fingers, played with our new Alphabet Fishing Game, which helped us develop better hand-eye coordination and letter recognition, and went to the computer lab with the Prep class. All activities involved social interaction, turn-taking and sharing.

An experienced yoga instructor came along to teach us some techniques a couple of weeks ago. We really enjoyed the experience and look forward to her returning for another session with us on the 21st November.

Along with the yoga session, in November, we will be having a visit from the friendly dental staff from Fanelli Dental and hope to hear more about oral hygiene.

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 31 st October	9:00 am - 10:30 am
Thursday 13 th November	9:00 am - 10:30 am
Monday 24 th 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.



Students of the Week

Class	Week Ending 17/10/2014		Week Ending 24/10/2014	
PC	Clare Hess	Getting Along	Bonney Saylor	Confidence
PH	Fraser Judd	Organisation	Taj Kelly	Confidence
ICW	Starlette O'Connell	Persistence	Jordi Burgmann	Getting Along
1VW	William Dwane	Confidence	Ethan Marshall	Confidence
2CS	Ella Burgmann	Getting Along	Leif Boucher	Confidence
2M	Faith Emzin	Confidence		
3J			Zacharia Bishop	Persistence
3S	Deakon Peterson	Organisation	Jacob Heikkinen	Persistence
4L	Georgia Dingle	Getting Along	Zachary Churchward	Organisation
4SS	Kayden White	Getting Along	Xi Duroux	Persistence
5R	Gabbee Green	Confidence	Brodie Hayes	Confidence
5V			Dante Newman	Getting Along
6B	Shaylah Andrews	Resilience	Paige Gibbins	Getting Along
6CR			Ben Murdoch	Organisation
7S	Joshua Ricketts	Organisation	Reuben Mann	Organisation
Music	Joe Guerassimoff	Confidence	Oliver Hess	Confidence
PE	Noah Hayes	Confidence	Zacharia Bishop	Confidence
Staff	Mrs Varcoe & Mrs Stewart	For coaching the softball team	Mrs Hitchcock, Mrs Raffin & Mrs O'Sullivan	For assisting staff with professional reflection

Vacancy

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

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@boynislass.eq.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 two current referees.

There is a non-smoking policy within the School.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a 'Working with Children Check'.

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