



# 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 are
Wed	Choir 11:15 are
Wed	School Banking Day
Thurs	Wind & Brass Ensemble 7:45am
Thur	Green & Healthy 11:15am
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Prep orientation 9:00 – 10:30am
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Free Day
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Arts Council
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 leadership
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Student Leader Nominations
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Leader Speeches <b>Sports Award Evening</b>
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Instrumental Music 2013 Parent /Carer Session
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reports & Class allocations
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Yr 4-7 Swim Carnival</b>
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>P-3 Swim Celebration</b>
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Concert 9:15 am and Break Up Day
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup>	Recognition Reward Activity Year 4-7

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## Principal's Message

### Year 5&6 Leadership

Students interested in a leadership position for 2014 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, Year 6 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 and Student Resource Scheme

This year a Student Resource Scheme was implemented where texts and other equipment were provided on hire to the students. Further to this a Bulk Purchase of Student Materials was implemented to co-ordinate the bulk supply on behalf of families. It is intended to offer both schemes again for 2013. **Families must signal their intention to participate in the schemes by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.** 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.**

### Year 7 Camp

The four days in Brisbane involving many trains, buses, ferries and heaps of walking was a tiring but memorable experience. It was pleasing, while interacting with the public in Brisbane, to frequently be told how well the students presented themselves. I must publically commend the behaviour of the group on Camp, they were fantastic. Year 5&6's will be advised that the right to be invited to Camp has to earned.

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

*Year 7 Camp @ Dreamworld*



*Year 7's cooling off at Southbank*



*'Write-On' Unify project*



### 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

Eight students from Year 6&7 have been invited to the annual Extension activity provided between the local primary schools and Tannum Sands SHS.

## 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 soccer or netball. The Sport Awards Evening has been scheduled for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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, effort and homework completion.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> November at the Clinton SS Hall.

### Student leaders - 2014

As next year is our last year where we have students in Year 7, our student leadership process will include students from our current Year 5 and Year 6 cohorts. Students will be advised in the coming weeks of the nomination process for these student leadership positions and important dates for interview, shortlisting and speeches.

### High School Enrolment

Enrolment forms for students who did not make the Enrolment Night at the High School were issued to students. We have been instructed by the High School, not to collect them on their behalf but to request parents to deliver them directly to the High School Office.

### Staffing

We welcome Mrs Gillian McAusland, who has been transferred from Gladstone West, as a Year 2 teacher next year.

### Mathletics

Mathletics is to help students enjoy maths and improve their results. Mathletics covers Kindergarten to Year 12 curriculum. For Mathletics, Home Users are synchronized with the school database. Students use their username and password from school.

The home school partnership will be strengthened by the access to this program. The website is located at: <http://www.mathletics.com.au/>

### New Website

<https://boynissclass.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

#### 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 1 <sup>st</sup> November	9:00 am - 10:30 am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00 am - 10:30 am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00 am - 10:30 am

#### Playgroup "Focus on Fours"

Every Friday morning from 9.00am – 11.00am

### 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 5 years old.

As technology evolves so too must our planning. With the improvement in wireless technology our reliance on desktop machines can be reduced. In our situation, that means retaining our 2 computer labs for whole class activities but introducing laptops and wireless for the flexibility within classrooms.

We have had 12 laptops and 6 iPads to trial this approach. Of course we will continue to maximise our investment in the 'cables and boxes' but transition through our replacement schedule to the next level of technology.

Likewise, the boom in digital resources on the Internet and the increasing connection to learning means we upgraded and doubled our Internet download speeds to 3000bps last year and have applied to have that increased to a 4000bps fibre option.

### Uniform Thanks

I appreciate families supporting uniform this year. For winter, families not desiring the official jacket, jumpers were black, red or a simple combination of both colours. 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 4 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.

### Uniform Free Day

Students can make a donation not to wear uniform on Friday 8/11. Clothing must be Sun safe and appropriate enclosed footwear must be worn,

### 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.

### 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**

### Arts Council

#### *Marcus and the Manic Music Makers*

On **Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November**, Artslink Queensland and Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre will present *Marcus and the manic Music Makers* at our school.

*Marcus and the Manic Music Makers* is a comic fantasy adventure, exploring the magic of music's past masters. Combining masks and puppetry with unusual physical and vocal techniques, Marcus' eccentric journey is brought to vibrant theatrical life. The students will take an imaginative leap into musical mayhem in this Physical Theatre production.

**COST:** \$6 per student. Payment is to be made direct to the office or via the teacher in the envelopes provided.

*Artslink Queensland is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation, dedicated to bringing the arts to Queensland students.*

### Green and Healthy News



The Green and Healthy Team are very happy to report that our Aussie Animal Collector Card Swap Day was a huge success! Over 100 students attended the day, and every single one of them walked away with any extra cards they needed for their collection. It was

amazing to see that 1000's of spare cards were donated to the school, which were sorted into specific habitats and then numbers. This made it much easier to distribute cards to students on the day. A very big thank-you needs to go to all of the wonderful families who donated cards to the school. Your generosity helped to put some "big smiles" on little faces! Thanks also need to go to the amazing staff, students and parents who assisted on the day. Your support was greatly appreciated! It just goes to show that many hands really do make light work!

### Glee Club Eisteddfod Performance



Ms Clow would like to congratulate our Glee Club for their amazing performance at the Eisteddfod on Tuesday. They were up against some very tough competition from some of

the larger schools in our district, and did a wonderful job of performing "The Cup song". These girls should be very proud of their efforts representing Boyne Island State School, as they now have the experience of being part of the Eisteddfod with them for the rest of their lives!

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

	18/10/13	25/10/13
<b>PC</b>	Isabella Giacomantonio - trying hard to use her Getting Along skills and being thoughtful of others.	Elena Ryall - working hard with her reading and participating well in activities.
<b>PH</b>	Emma Clancy - confidently completing writing tasks at Prep.	Christian Hartley - confidently writing your sounds during writing time.
<b>1CC</b>	Landal Bourke - showing improvement in his writing by stretching carefully.	Anthea Sternberg - Writing great 'command sentences' using interesting verb choices.
<b>1F</b>	Frankie Dingle - working hard to become a great reader and writer.	Lachlan Wren - striving to improve the quality of his writing.
<b>2CS</b>	Gabe Payne - being an interested and enthusiastic class member who is gaining confidence in all learning areas.	Bryn Heremia - displaying increased confidence in her ability to use reading strategies.
<b>2VS</b>	Jack Knight - a big improvement in reading his Homework Reader.	Cole Raithby - being a helpful class member who has been assisting others with their reading.
<b>3S</b>	Jack Dods - always striving to do his personal best	Reefe Andrew - consistently working to the best of his ability and getting along with others
<b>34J</b>	Georgia Young - being a kind and considerate class member who always shows respect towards others.	Xi Duroux - striving hard to improve his reading and jumping five reading levels.
<b>4SS</b>	Gabbee Green - displaying an excellent attitude to her learning and school life in general.	Dhivia Moodley - displaying an excellent attitude to her learning and school life in general.
<b>5P</b>	Rhys Early - being caring, considerate and going out of his way to include our newest class mate in all activities.	Talin Williams - demonstrating improved focus and concentration during class time.
<b>5V</b>	Dylan Jacobi - displaying excellent group skills during Science.	Madison Lester - demonstrating improved focus and concentration during math activities.
<b>6B</b>	-	-
<b>7CR</b>	Flynn Beshaw - contributing interesting ideas to class discussions.	Harry Connell - for an improved effort to complete his work neatly.
<b>7S</b>	-	-
<b>MUSIC</b>	-	-
<b>PE</b>	Harry Connell - working extremely hard at swimming lessons and being very respectful.	-
<b>STAFF</b>	Ms Clow and Ms Pope for arranging the Eisteddfod entries.	Non-teaching staff for making the teachers feel special on World Teachers day.

## Focus on Fours Playgroup

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



The Boyne Library is holding 'The 12th Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Extravaganza' again this year on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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!!



Gladstone Regional Council's popular youth holiday program, SUN fest, is back in 2014. More than 40 fun and exciting activities have been organised for January 7-16. Programs are available at Council's website, administration centres and schools throughout the region from November 4. Tickets go on sale from Wednesday, December 4, at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre. Don't miss out, grab a program today!

## Caring for Kids in Our Community

There is an ongoing need for foster carers in Gladstone. Keeping children in our local community assists to reduce the trauma they experience when separated from their families, and also helps increase the chances of the family being reunited. The more foster carers Anglicare's Foster, Kinship and Intensive Care Program is able to recruit the better outcomes for children and young people who require out-of-home-care.

Anglicare requires a diverse range of foster carers to meet the diverse range of needs of children in care, in order to match the needs of the children to carers'. Foster carers need a strong commitment to children. They need the ability to be flexible, patient and understanding. A good sense of humour is certainly beneficial. A supportive network of family and friends is also important.

We encourage you to call and speak with a member of our foster care team on 4972 8220.

## Christmas School Holidays Gym Camp



9am to 4pm  
16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013  
20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014  
\$40/child/day

(includes morning and afternoon tea)  
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- Primary School Aged Children only
- Limited Numbers (20 children/day)
- No Gymnastics Experience necessary

Bookings can be made by contacting Kara on 0400 165 060 or email [revolution@gymnastics.org.au](mailto:revolution@gymnastics.org.au)

## Boyne Island Golf Club

The 4 week Ladies Clinic will commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. The clinic will involve two training sessions and two 9 holes of golf. The clinic will be quite social as mid – way through there will be coffee and biscuits provided as well as prizes given on the last week being game day. Any skill level is welcome.

The cost will be \$214 for social players and \$187 for members and lifestyle members. If you invite a friend you will also get your cost at half price.

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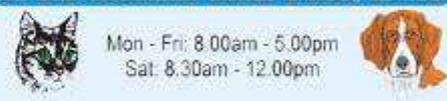
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