



# 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 Girls soccer training  
 Thurs Wind & Brass Ensemble 7:45am

### MARCH

Sun 2nd PC RL (11&12yo) trials  
 Mon 3rd Girls Soccer Vs West 4pm  
 Thur 6th PC RL (11&12yo) trials  
 Fri 7th PC RL (10o) trials  
 Mon 10th Girls Soccer Vs Tannum 4pm  
 Tues 11th PC RL (10o) trials  
 PC AFL Trials  
 Tues 11th P & C Meeting AGM 7:00pm  
 Thur 13th PC Netball  
 PC Soccer (boys)  
 Wed 19th Ride2School Day  
 Fri 21st PC RL (12yo) trials  
 Mon 24th PC Basketball Trials  
 Mon 24th Parent Interviews start  
 Thur 27th PC Hockey Trials  
 Thur 27th Combined School Musical

### APRIL

Thurs 3th Easter Hat Parade -Prep  
 Grandparents Morning  
 Fri 4th Cross Country  
 Fri 4th Last Day Term 1

**STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE:**  
**4979 9360**

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## Principal's Message

Prep Wet Day



Prep Wet day



Year 1 Excursion to Turtle Way



Girls Soccer team



Dodgeball in the Hall



Student leaders after Conference



### Clean up Australia Day

With Clean up Australia Day being held this Sunday, Boyne Island State School got involved early with a school clean up along the banks of the Boyne River and the Turtle Way bike track. 17 eager students were not afraid to get their hands dirty and were proud to say that they collected a staggering 8 bags of rubbish again this year (which is a pleasant surprise compared to past years!). Fighting off mozzies and humid conditions they put in a mighty effort and should be very proud of themselves. Every bit of effort really does go a long way to make a difference!



### Ride to School Day

In the 1970's, 80% of school children were active on the way to school. Today, only 20% experience the joy of getting fresh air on the school journey. National Ride2School Day provides an opportunity for Australian students, parents and teachers to give riding or walk to school a go, while celebrating the regular walkers and wheelers. Boyne Island will be celebrating National Ride2School day on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We encourage students and their families to leave the car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk and wheel to school.

To celebrate riding as a fun way to travel to school, we are allowing **students in Years 3 to 7 who ride on this day to use the oval and playground areas with their bike. Unfortunately scooter use inside the school grounds will not be permitted as it conflicts with the required pedestrian use.**

### Concert /Grandparents Day

This year we will be having a small concert during Grandparents morning to provide opportunity to develop the performance skills of the students. Our concerts have been great nights and we will be doing an evening performance in Term 3.

## Principal Matters

### Inappropriate content on social networking sites

It is important you monitor your child's behaviour on these sites and ensure they are being used in an appropriate manner.

While these sites are an effective way to keep in touch, it is important for young people to be Cyber Smart and think before posting material online.

Incidents of inappropriate usage outside of school can affect the relationships between students at school.

Do you know who your child is communicating with?

### Sight Word App

Education Queensland has a number of ideas and activities around assisting children with reading on their website. **Out and about sight words app** – level 1 is a fun and free app that helps learners practise their sight words when they are out and about. It's aimed at Prep to Year 2 students to help them master the first 100 sight words to which they are typically introduced. If you go to the following link you can read more about this app and download it for free.

<http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/apps/education/outandabout.html>

### P&C Meetings

The P&C holds a unique place in what it contributes to the operation of the school. Similar to a Board of a well-run company, the strategic advice provided is best when it is representative of a broad range of views. It is a great source of information about what is happening in the school and it helps convey to your child that schooling is valued and helps form that positive attitude that helps student outcomes. Finally, it actively demonstrates to our children our values – making an effort and taking responsibility. There are other ways of course to do this in the school, tuckshop, volunteering in classrooms but the P&C is a vital component to the fabric of the school. I am sure the parents who attend would be most welcoming to new faces.

The next P&C meeting is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm

### Winter Uniform

Students have been looking great this year in their uniform. With cooler weather certain to come, the biggest issue is for students to have the correct jumper (School jacket is available for purchase and smaller sizes are available. Students in Year 4 to 7 do get a Uniform Slip from the Office for the occasions when their uniform is not available.

The approved Uniform Policy makes only reference to Jackets purchased and ordered through the P&C. Students have been allowed to wear a jumper that is black, red or a simple combination of both through the non-enforcement of any consequences.

## Bullying

The latest research tells us that half of the students who are subjected to bullying don't report it (to anyone). At Boyne Island State School we are committed to providing a safe environment for your children to learn in. Here is the email we use for bullying issues - [bob@boynislass.eq.edu.au](mailto:bob@boynislass.eq.edu.au) or call directly - 4979 9333 to please let us know.

Parents play a crucial role in helping create positive school and community environments where bullying is rare and relationships are caring and respectful.

### As parents you can help your child by:

- Talking with your child about bullying

- Showing your child how to behave in a respectful way with school staff, students and other parents
- Teaching your child to look after their own safety and to think about what positive action they could take to discourage bullying if they see it happening. See attached resources.
- Encouraging and supporting your child to develop ways to help others who are being bullied
- Making it clear to your child that it's okay to tell if they know that bullying is occurring and who to ask for help
- Talking to your child about their rights and responsibilities in an online environment and the risks of being party to malicious gossip
- Approaching the school to ask for help if you think your child might be being bullied



This Term our Annual Bullying survey will be conducted with all Year 4 to 7 students. It provides insight into who might be involved and allows the school to alert identified students and their families that their assistance is required in providing the most supportive environment possible at Boyne Island State School.

### CAR PARKING

It is well recognised that car parking and access to the school at 3:00pm is problematic in that peak demand period. At 3:05pm there are vacant parks all over the place hence the promotion of the 'Delay by 5' campaign.

There is temporary parking on the bitumen parks on school grounds accessed from Malpas St to allow visitors throughout the day access to a park. Staff parking is on the grass/gravel area set aside

**The problem has been people triple parking, mounting the kerbs, and parking on the turn-around.** If there are not vacant parks people have to leave the area. **You cannot park in the turn-around and leave your vehicle.**

**Don't forget Pittsbay has a section of 2 minute parking only.**



Follow us on Facebook. Search "Boyne Island State School" and look for our logo, "Like" our page and be kept up to date with school news and events.

**QSchools App** will link you via a smartphone to the schools website information.

### Attendance

'Every Day Counts' is the campaign to highlight that the more days away from school a child has the more significantly it affects student outcomes.

### Student Resource Scheme

Photocopying –Those who haven't paid this charge will be issued with an invoice for copies made throughout the year. We feel that is a better option than denying students access to the worksheets their classmates are accessing.

### Late Arrival

If you arrive after the bell has gone at 8.50 please call into the office for a late slip. This will ensure your child does not get marked as absent and you will not receive a text message asking to explain absence.

### Student of the Week

Class	Week ending 21/2/2014		Week ending 28/2/2014	
	Name	For	Name	For
PC	Eden Atua	Confidence	Connor Wyllie	Confidence
PH	Michael Goodwin-Young	Getting Along	Rosie Answerth	Confidence
1CW	Nyah Loosmore	Organisation	Jemma Green	Confidence
1VW	Olivia Heikkinen	Confidence	Liam Keeping	Organisation
2CS	Zakodi Loats	Organisation	Tyler Camman	Confidence
2M	Rylee Wilson	Organisation	Lachlan Wren	Persistence
3J	Luke Pfeiffer	Organisation	Zeb Young	Confidence
3S	Jordan Phillips	Organisation	Joe Guerassimoff	Organisation
4L	Tegan Early	Organisation	Zachary Churchward	Persistence
4SS	Bray Wilson	Getting Along	Rhylei Heremia	Getting Along
5R	Dhivia Moodley	Confidence		
5V	Rhianna Slater	Organisation	Jack Wheeler	Organisation
6B	Trevor Nay	Getting Along	Darcy Judd	Organisation
6CR	Scarlett Rudder	Organisation	Talin Williams	Organisation
7S	Caleb Lusty	Organisation		
PE	Joseph McEldowney	Getting Along	Liam Keeping	Organisation
Music	Corey Stewart	Confidence	Chelsea Slaughter	Confidence
STAFF	Prep Teachers	Organising a great Prep Wet Day	Holly Clow	Organising the Clean Up Australia activity.

### AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS – 2014 NOMINATION FORM

Each year the Australian Schools Competitions are conducted, with participating students finding them a stimulating and rewarding experience. ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) entries need to be received at the school office with payment by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

The dates for the competitions in 2014 are:

COMPETITION Years 3 7	SITTING DATE	COST	Participating (Please Tick)
Science	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> June	\$8	
English	Trues 29 <sup>th</sup> July	\$8	
Maths	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> August	\$8	

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the indicated competitions.

### Class News

#### News from 1VW

We have been very fortunate to have an amazing group of Mums, Dads and even a Nana coming along to help us with our Literacy and numeracy groups on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

This week we had 8 helpers which was an amazing effort, thank you to those who came. In these groups we have been working on our Café Reading strategies and our helpers allow us to work on our "read to someone skills". Reading to someone allows time to practice our reading strategies, work on fluency and expression, check for understanding and hear our own voices, all at our own ability levels.

Here are some photos of our groups working on our reading to someone strategy.



### 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**

### Wanted

If anyone has any 2L or 4L ice-cream containers they don't want, the school would be very grateful if you could drop them in to the office.

### School Banking

Every child must eventually learn that Mum and Dad are not the bank! The good news is Boyne Island State School is participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to help develop these important financial literacy skills.

If your child does not have a Youthsaver account and would like to participate in the School Banking program, please contact the Admin Office who will give your child a pack to take home which includes an application form for you to complete.

On the allocated school banking day, Wednesday, students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed

for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

To support this great program, the School Banking Co-ordinator's is Kate Shanks together with some other volunteer parents. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital financial literacy skills and also help our school with fundraising.

### Tuckshop

Tuckshop is open Monday and Friday only.

### Win IPADs for the school

The Observer has a set of 10 IPADs to be won by one lucky school. The school with the most tokens per student wins, so help your kids and their school by collecting as many tokens as you can. We have a box in the office where you can drop your tokens. Competition closes March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Office

Those wishing to contribute to the P&C voluntary fundraising levy can pay anytime online or call into the school office. The second payment of the resource scheme is now due. Please see Stacey if you any queries.

### Focus on Fours Playgroup

Focus on Fours Playgroup is inviting all Pre-Prep children to come along and play every Friday 9-11am in the school hall.

Bring your own healthy morning tea, hat, change of clothes and water bottle. Focus on Fours Playgroup charges a weekly fee of \$2 per family to cover the costs of resources and requires you to be a member of Playgroup Queensland. (Each family is able to attend twice before becoming a member of Playgroup Queensland)

For further information please contact Anita 4973 2434 or come along to the BISS hall next Friday 9am. Please pass on this information to all who'd be interested in joining our group.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Gladstone Performing Arts Company Youth Theatre

GPAC Youth Theatre meets each Tuesday afternoon. Prep-Year 3 from 3:30 to 4:00, Years 4-12 from 4:15 to 5:15 at the Salvation Army Hall in Goonoon St. Annual Membership is \$30 and there is a weekly fee to help pay for expenses of \$5 a week.

Activities include singing, dancing, acting and theatre sports. The group has also started to rehearse for GPAC's Musical Revue performance in June.

Please note, that when numbers for the group increases, there will be a Year 7-12 group commence, 5:30 to 6:30 on the Tuesday.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Sarah: 0408728594.

**Learning Disabilities**  
Free Information Session

Does your child/student struggle with any of the following:

- Difficulty with reading or writing
- Problems with math skills
- Poor memory
- Problems paying attention
- Trouble following directions
- Being disorganised
- Being easily distracted
- Being in a class with other schoolwork

If you answered yes, your child/student could be struggling with a learning disability. Clinical psychologists, acceptance teachers, will be offering a free information session on learning disabilities. This information session is open to everyone, but will particularly benefit parents and teachers. The session will include information on:

- What is a learning disability
- Signs of learning disabilities
- Assessment and treatment of learning disabilities
- Where to get more information
- Seeking professional assistance

**Some facts about learning disabilities you may not know...**

- A child can have a specific disability in one area but have average or above average performance in other areas.
- A 100% assessment does not always mean learning disabilities.
- Children with learning disabilities are becoming very good at covering up their disabilities so they are not apparent to others.
- It is estimated that 10% of all young students have a learning disability, while a further 10% have a learning disability.

**Information Session Details**  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
9am  
Gladstone City Library, Goonoon Street

To register your interest in attending this free information session, please contact Wang Psychoddy on 041 4973 2365.

**The Pyjama Foundation** was founded in 2004 and is a children's charity dedicated to helping children in foster care. Currently there are more than 39,000 Australian children living in foster care, and sadly this number increases each year.

The "Long Road Walk" is to be held in Gladstone on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014. It will be a fun day with prizes to be won and a great chance for kids to get some exercise. Kids can gain sponsorship from family and friends to participate and raise money for this worthy cause. See the office if you wish to get sponsorship forms.

**Every journey begins with one step.**

Join us for one of our Long Road walks and help make the future brighter for children in care.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014**

No matter where you are, you can get involved and help

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