



Boyne Bulletin

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Mon	Strings Ensemble 7:45am
Tues	Vocal Club Yr 2-6 8:15am
Tues	Green & Healthy 10:30am
Wed	Student Council 10:30am
Wed	School Banking
Wed	Yr 3 Instrumental Group 8:15am
Wed	Girls soccer training
Thurs	Wind & Brass Ensemble 7:45am
Fri	Lunchtime Hall sports
	Dental Van on site
	APRIL
Wed 1 st	Grandparents Morning/ Concert 9-11am
Thur 2 nd	Cross Country 9-11am
Thurs 2 nd	Easter Hat Parade - Prep
Thurs 2 nd	Recognition Awards - Yr 3-6 1:50pm
Thur 2 nd	Last Day Term 1
	APRIL
Mon 20 th	First day Term 2
Fri 24 th	Anzac day Service 10:30am
Sat 25 th	Anzac Day March - Assemble 8:30am @ Boyne Plaza
Thur 30 th	PC Football Trials
	MAY
Wed 6 th	Mother's Day Stall
Fri 8 th	Prep Mother's Day Pamper 2:15
Fri 8 th	PC Cross Country @ Ubobo
Tues 12 th	Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN tests
- Thur 14 th	
Thur 21 st	Under 8's Day
Fri 22 nd	Student Disco 6.00-8:30pm
Wed 27 th	Uniform free - State of Origin
	JUNE
Thur 4 th	Field Events Afternoon - 800m
Fri 5 th	Athletics Carnival
Mon 8 th	Queens Birthday Holiday
Wed 17 th	Uniform free - State of Origin
Fri 19 th	Country Coast Athletics
Thur 25 th	Recognition Award Activity - 4-7
Fri 26 th	Yr 3-6 Literacy Excursion
Fri 26 th	Reports issued
Fri 26 st	Last day term

Principal's Message

Cross Country in our school is well supported and one highlight for the year. Our emphasis is on students participating and doing their best regardless of where they place. Being active is a lifelong habit to be encouraged. That is what makes our carnival a highlight, the encouragement that students receive from peers and adults alike.

One pleasure of the job leading such a fine school is seeing students and teacher engaging in activities with enthusiasm. I came across our Wakakirri rehearsals at lunch time and you feel the fun and camaraderie of students working together. Our staff do a wonderful job offering such a diverse range of activities.

One activity we would like to offer after Easter is an expanded gardening club. We have created an ideal area that we would like to see students and parents developing. It will be a real world albeit informal learning space. Chappy Sandy is going to be starting the work.

Maths Extended Learning Participants



Cross Country Practice



3JT Excursion to Environmental Centre



Instrumental Music

Both Strings Ensemble and Concert band performed beautifully at the Boyne Plaza. 14% of our total school population are involved in Instrumental Music and it is a program that is highly commended.



Recognition Reward- Year 3-6

Students in Year 3 to 6 who meet the school expectations for Homework, Effort, Attendance, Behaviour and Uniform will have a Reward activity in form of wet day activities on Thursday 2nd April at 1:50pm.

This term, **79%** of students received the Recognition Awards for their endeavours. That is a new high mark for recipients and I know that we can still improve. The criterion that were least successfully met this Term were homework and attendance. To clarify homework expectations for this year,

Homework Expectations:

- Home Reading and meeting the evidence requirements of the class teacher
- Incomplete classwork being required to be sent home.
- **ANZAC March**
- Students are invited to commemorate Anzac Day by marching in the ceremony on Saturday 25th April. Students are to meet at 8:30 am at Boyne Island Shopping Centre car park. It is a good activity for students to be involved in to actively demonstrate the respect the day deserves. Students are to be in **full school uniform** and parents will follow as a group to allow students to be easily seen in their marching glory. The Student Council is conducting a School Ceremony on Thursday 24th April at 10:30am.



Qparent App

Website www.boynislass.edu.au

School Council

Our Constitution is being officially gazetted in readiness to vote in a representative of staff and parents during Term 2. More information will be presented on the roles and functions of this strategic group that will be provide oversight to the direction of the school. There will be an equal representation of staff and parents, most likely 2 and 2, to join with the Principal and P&C president. A further 2 members outside of these groups can be co-opted to bring outside skill sets to the group.

Concert /Grandparents Day

This year we will be having a small concert during Grandparents morning, Wednesday 1st April, to provide opportunity to develop the performance skills of the students. A small plate of food towards morning tea can be left at the Hall at arrival

QParents – 20% parents now signed up

The opportunity to access and review student information direct via the EQ website is now open. Details were sent out on how to sign up. Many parents have already connected. It means you can check or provide the information utilised in reporting, attendance, financial, behaviour and student details including photo.

Win an iPhone 6!

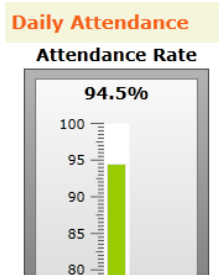
By registering for QParents you could win an iPhone 6! All you have to do is register for QParents by Sunday 19 April 2015.

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.

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. Currently the school is below the expected absence rate of 95% at 94.5% (improving on last years 93.9).



Currently for the year there are 87 students who have had 100% attendance. Fantastic. Congratulations on your good health and commitment to schooling.

There are however, 14 students who have had an attendance rate of less than 80% of the Term. It becomes problematic for the school to provide learning guarantees and support provisions to students who aren't regularly at school. There are also new processes to refer families who are not meeting the compulsory schooling requirements where there are sustained absences which are not health related or exemptions from schooling sought.

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 jacket or jumper.

The approved Uniform Policy makes only reference to

- Sports Jackets – Red purchased through the P&C
- Jumper - Red or Black
- Tracksuit pants - Black

Outside of requirements are jeans, leggings or tights and jumpers that a multi-coloured or patterned.

Please ensure purchases are within the guidelines.

mySchool website

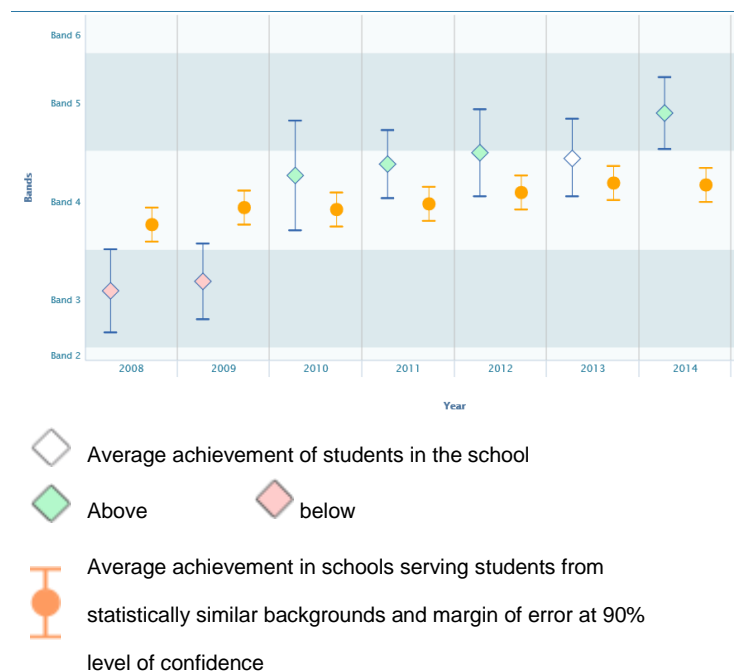
Comparing schools using just the mySchool website is limited. What is the culture of the school, what does it offer in sport, academic and cultural pursuits? What do current parents of the school believe? Will my child be treated as an individual? Does the school have great and caring teachers? What is the discipline like? I believed this back in 2008 when our results were poor and I believe it now that our results are standing out.

Our teachers aligned their work to improve student outcomes without falling into the trap of teaching to the test. A few years ago at a school review meeting our parents demanded a holistic education and took to task Education Queensland officers for having too narrow a focus of what contributed to an effective school. I am thankful for those parents who could see the big picture and hope that they have the confidence now that good teaching has produced good results without letting go of other important aspects to schooling.

To the future work of the school; will it seek to provide the skills required in the 21st century. Eg;. Communication, critical thinkers curious, creative, collaborative, self-directed, problem solvers, innovative.

<http://www.myschool.edu.au/>

Year 3 Reading 2008 - 2014



Cross Country

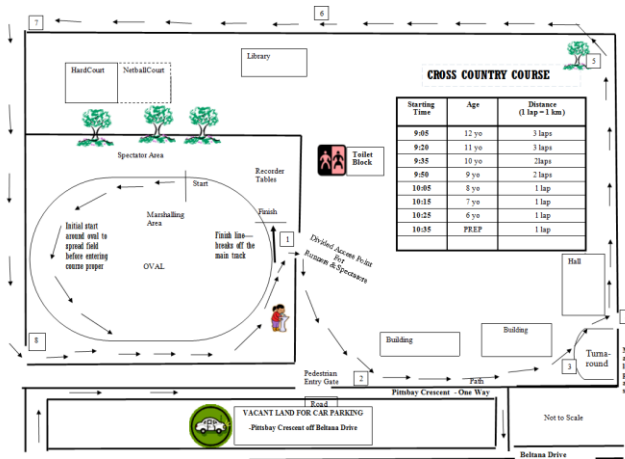
The Carnival will be on Thursday 2nd April. Students will start familiarising themselves with the course. Training starts Thursday and Friday morning at 8:15am for 9 to 12 year olds. All sponsorship money is due to the office by April 28th. All monies raised will go towards new sporting equipment for classes and the sports borrowing shed.

The draft schedule for events is below.

We hope to see parents at the Cross Country supporting and cheering on the students.

House Point Scoring

Every finisher will get a point for his or her house regardless of placing. The Top 5 receive extra points i.e. 1st - 10pts, 2nd - 8pts, 3rd - 6pts, 4th - 4pts, 5th - 2pt. The scores will be tallied and added to decide the House Champions.



Donations needed are: Beetroot, Pineapple & Sauce. Please drop these into the tuckshop. Thanks

Admin News

A direct debit payment was made to the school on the 11th March for the amount of \$113 with no name attached. If this is your payment can you please contact the office staff so the money can be allocated to the correct account.

Grandparents Morning/ CONCERT

A function to connect the generations with our primary students.

Boyne Island Grandparent (or older person with wisdom) Morning Wednesday 1st April

PROGRAM

- 9:00 **Roll Class**
Experience class activities / Demonstrations
Beginners Instrumental Band in Hall (9:00am)
- 10:10 **Concert Parade at Hall**
* Concert Band * Choir
* Recorder Band
- 10:30 **Morning Tea for Grandparents**
* Participating families are asked to bring a small plate.
* Tea and coffee supplied.
- 11:10 **Students join at morning tea**

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Class News

Prep H News

The Preps have settled into school life nicely. Each morning we get our brains active through carefully crafted physical exercises. We have a wonderful band of parent helpers and buddies from year 4 that read with us every morning. We have been learning to read smoothly, point to each word and retell the story.



Our class pet Midnight has had many sleepovers with our Prep friends. We have been learning about how to care for Midnight and other Living Things at school. We have planted seeds in our vegie garden and watched them grow into pumpkins, tomatoes, sunflowers and lettuce which we feed to Midnight.



Each afternoon we have been exploring what happens when we go fishing. We have made life jackets, fishing maps, rods and boats.

Starting Time	Age	Distance (1 lap = 1 km)
9:05	12 yo	3 laps
9:20	11 yo	3 laps
9:35	10 yo	2laps
9:50	9 yo	2 laps
10:05	8 yo	1 lap
10:15	7 yo	1 lap
10:25	6 yo	1 lap
10:35	PREP	1 lap

Litter Free Lunch

Tuesdays are the day the Green and Healthy team are promoting the use of containers to avoid packaging and waste.

Mother's Day

There will be a Mother's Day stall operating at the school hall on Wednesday 6th May. Classes will be released at appointed times for students to be able to purchase gifts (prices from \$2 to \$10). Prep 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.

PE news

Chelsea Slaughter was selected in the U12 Port Curtis Touch side. Lily Storch has been selected as a shadow player.

Hotshot Tennis

As our school is now part of the Hotshot Tennis program, all Prep students will receive a tennis racquet and t-shirt today. This is a fantastic program that will be implemented in PE lessons in term 3.

Tuckshop News

Thank you to all the wonderful ladies that have given up their time to help in the tuckshop. It is most appreciated.

The girls and some boys have been busy at the Hairdressers. The receptionist has been taking appointments for haircuts, washes and blow dries. The models have had their hair straightened and styled with ribbons and clips.



4CR News

Crack! Our group was getting sticks and leaves to make a tee pee for the campfire. After Mrs Arstall lit our fire the orange burning flames turned from small to big. Michael, our leader from the centre, called over groups to get a stick and a piece of powdery dough. We twisted the dough over the stick and twisted it over the fire until it was completely golden brown. Matilda, Zack, Harry and Wraith cooked cheerio's over the Chimnears. When our damper was golden we took it over to Michael and after he took it off the stick he put a pool of sauce at the bottom and we stuck a cheerio in. After our delicious treat we all wanted more!!

By Jasmine and Kaylee 4CR

4CR and 4B students enjoyed going through the mangroves at Lions Park. We learnt about the three types of mangroves. It was very muddy but that was probably the fun part for the students. This was part of the excursion at the B.I.E.E.C - Environmental Educational Centre. We also learnt that people on boats litter over the side, causing pollution. It does not only hurt the environment, but also the marine animals. We picked up lots of litter that could kill crabs, turtles and other small sea creatures that might eat the litter. I hope we have another excursion soon!

By Adam and Louis 4CR

Café Writing

In CAFÉ writing, across all grades, our students have been working on developing their writing stamina. Look at what Eden and Mia from 1CW wrote after reading Rascal in Trouble by Paul Jennings. Great writing stamina!

Rascal is a dragon. He has three colours on him - blue, orange and green too. He felt cold as well. The children told Rascal to beg. Dad would not let him in until he begged. He said this to the children. The children were sad. Rascal ran into the house and then locked the door. Dad said to get out of the house. The children let him out for the night.

By Eden Atua

I remember when I was three. I went in my very, very dark cave. I saw a dragon wing in my ginormous dark cave. I was scared because it was very, very dark. I took a flash light but I was still scared. I screamed my head off. Mum said "What was that?" She said, "Where are you?" I said "I'm in the big, dark cave." I ran very fast to mum. My heart was beating very fast because I was very worried.

By Mia Day

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.**

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. 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.

Parade Certificates

Week ending 20/3/2015

Week ending 27/3/2015

Class	Name	For	Name	For
PC	Caitlin Wyatt	Confidence	Myla Box	Getting Along
PH	Lilly Learmonth	Confidence	Oscar Sendall	Confidence
1CW	Charlee Sutton	Persistence	Evie McNamara	Persistence
1VW	Tristan Mountjoy	Getting Along	Cayden Murray	Persistence
2CS	Madison McAusland	Organisation	Logan Watson	Confidence
2M	Lucas Butler	Persistence	Declan McHugh	Persistence
2R	Ashleigh Cant	Confidence	Lilly Alaban	Getting Along
3H	Alexie Slaughter	Confidence	Charli O'Neill	Persistence
3J	Frankie Dingle	Confidence	Meleuca Potter	Persistence
4B	Tiffany Everett	Getting Along	Katelyn McKenzie	Organisation
4CR	Wraith Keegan	Persistence	Olivia Ward	Organisation
5G	Bray Wilson	Persistence	Sophie Booth	Resilience
5V	Ellie Rose	Confidence	Olivia Sippel	Organisation
6SS	Kade MacPherson	Organisation	Gabbee Green	Organisation
6W	Aleisha Paul	Resilience	Rory Gardner	Resilience
Music	Thomas Smith	Organisation	Cornel Van Der Westhuizen	Organisation
Writing	Noah Hayes	Persistence	Starlette O'Connell	Persistence
PE	Noah Hodge	Organisation	Adelaide Bishop	Persistence
STAFF	Mrs Dingle	Preparing bands and choirs for performances	Miss Berman	Organising student council activities

QParents

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child's school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer. QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour details
- Academic report cards
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. We have sent out invitations for parents to register for QParents. More information about QParents can be found at <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

Student Council News

Money raised (\$368.15) will be donated to Thangool State School to help repair damages caused by Cyclone Marcia.

Anzac Day Merchandise

Anzac Day merchandise will be available on school days from the 30th March to the 24th April. Student Council members will be selling the products outside the office from 8.30am to 9:00am.

Chappy Chat



It's hard to believe we're at the end of term already! It certainly has been a busy time for all – teachers, students and families. One thing we all look forward to is a break over the Easter holidays. Easter – it's not only a time to celebrate with family, friends and chocolate, but

also be reminded that it's a time of renewal and hope. Whatever your plans over the next couple of weeks, can I encourage you to take a little time out to reflect? Consider that although life can be difficult at times it can still be wonderful, remembering the many blessings we have – even the little things.

My hope is that all staff, families and students have a very safe and refreshing break over the holidays. May you also be able to pause and reflect on the true meaning of Easter as we celebrate new life. Know that you are special, valuable and there's no-one quite like you!

As school Chaplain, I look forward to continue supporting and serving the school community. If I can be of assistance to you or your family, please email me on sandyb@chappy.org.au
Happy Easter!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mothers Day Classic 2015 – TANNUM SANDS

WHEN: **SUNDAY 10 MAY 2015**
WHERE: Millennium Esplanade Playground, Tannum Sands
WHAT: 4km or 8km Walk/Run
TIME: 7.00am for 7.30am start
To REGISTER please go to ww.mothersdayclassic.com
Online entries close: **11.59pm Wednesday 6 May 2015 (EST)**

Join us for a great start to your Mother's Day with a:
BBQ BREAKFAST
RAFFLES
CAKE AND CHOCOLATE STALL
COFFEE VAN
All proceeds go to NBCF

If you have any queries please contact us on the following numbers: Leesa Dwan 0418 155 686 or Veronica Shaw 0408 871 995



3 DAY CANOE PADDLE ON LAKE CANIA

11-13 April 2015
BOYNE VALLEY CANOE CLUB

Camping on Lake Cania

NEWCOMERS WELCOME!



Cost: non members
adults \$30 children \$15
members
adults \$15 children \$7.50

For more information contact:

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Find us on Facebook: Boyne Valley Adventure Club

Join in and be a part of the Festival Fun!



Junior Queen Quest

The Junior Queen Quests offer all entrants the chance to build confidence, show off their personalities and gain invaluable experience in a formal judging and presentation ceremony – not to mention have loads of fun, make new friends, and the possibility of winning some awesome prizes!

Santos GLNG & 4CC Talent Quest

Do you have a special talent? Applications are now open for singers, dancers, bands, jugglers and everything in between to take part in the 2015 Santos GLNG & 4CC's Talent Quest.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for the Junior and Senior categories will also have an opportunity to take to the stage again with a performance on the Festival Food Court stage on Friday 3rd April.

With over \$2,000 in prize money up for grabs, it's time to get your application form in!



For more information please contact *Abi* or *Jen* in the office on 4972 5111 or go to our website, www.gladstonefestival.com/harbourfestival