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.

Cross Country Training
Girls Soccer
Excursion to Peter Pan musical

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.

Instrumental Music – Boyne Plaza
There is a performance for our Instrumental Music students to showcase their talents by performing for parents and public outside the Boyne Plaza venue. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to perform in a public environment and for you to see how you child is progressing.

Where: Thursday 3rd April 2014
Where: Boyne Plaza (Woolworths) Shopping Centre, Centenary Drive

April
Thurs 3rd Grandparents Morning
Classrooms 9am – 10am
Concert in Hall 10am
Types 3rd Easter Day Parade –Prep 1:45
Thurs 3rd IM performance @ Boyne Plaza
Fri 4th Cross Country 9-11am
Fri 4th Recognition Reward
1:30 - 1:45
Fri 4th Last Day Term 1
Mon 21st Easter Monday
Tues 22nd First day Term 2
Thurs 24th Anzac Day Service 11:15am
Fri 25th Anzac Day March – Assembly 8:30am @ Boyne Plaza

May
Thurs 1st PC Football Trials
Wed 7th Mother’s Day Stail
Fri 9th Prep Mother’s Day Pancake 2:15
Fri 9th PC Cross Country @ Benaraby
Tues 13th - Thur 15th Year 3, 5&7 NAPLAN tests
Fri 23rd Student Disco 6.00-8.30pm
Wed 28th Uniform free – State of Origin
Thur 29th Under 5’s Day

June
Thur 6th Grandparents Morning
Thur 5th Field Events Afternoon – 800m
Fri 6th Athletics Carnival
Mon 9th Queens Birthday Holiday
Thur 12th PC RL 12yr girls (trial)
Wed 18th Uniform free – State of Origin
Country Coast Athletics
Fri 20th Recognition Award Activity - 4-7
Thur 26th Reports issued
Fri 27th Last day term

Recognition Reward– Year 3-7
Students in Year 3 to 7 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 4th April at 1:45pm.

This term, 76% of students received the Recognition Awards for their endeavours. That is a high mark for recipients and I know that we can still improve. The criterion that was least successfully met this Term was attendance. There has been a big improvement in the number of students completing homework. Teachers in Year 3 - 7 have discussed previously what the homework expectations are across the classes.

Homework Expectations:
- Hand in on time.
- Not accepted after the due date.
- Homework that shows a clear lack of effort will be considered incomplete.
- Students who are away are expected to hand it in the next available day.
- Can only miss two weeks in the term.

ANZAC March
Students are invited to commemorate Anzac Day by marching in the ceremony on Friday 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 10:00am.
Lexia
Lexia will be upgraded over the holidays with exciting new levels and activities.

It means we have unlimited access during and outside of school hours. (previously limited to 28 students). Students can access and continue their progress at home via computer or tablet device.

All students doing Lexia will be placed according to the new program levels. It will mean those close to finishing may be starting from a new position as determined by the grading test to determine their level. Students who previously worked diligently through the levels could have another go to be graded to progress through the new activities as consolidation.

Lexia is a core strategy for students in Prep to Year 3. It is used for students to practice at their level and to assist teachers identify any issues requiring additional targeted instruction. Year 4 is used for most students to complete or finish their progress through the program (even though it is targeted to finish in Year 5 most our students complete it by Year 4). Beyond those year levels it is used as a support or intervention strategy.

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.

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

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 3 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 will be allowed to wear a jumper that is black or red through the non-enforcement of any consequences whilst awaiting the review of the school dress code next Term.

Bullying Survey
As part of undertaking our annual survey of students regarding bullying, 4 strategies for what bystanders or witnesses to bullying can do were introduced to the whole school. The ‘BITS’ strategy seemed helpful to the students as a memory cue.

A poster has been created as a visual cue for classrooms and shortly a video of some student suggestions will be premiered at Grandparents day.

Cross Country
The Carnival will be on Friday 4th April. Students will start familiarising themselves with the course. Training is available Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:15am for 9 to 13 year olds.

Approximate starting times and course for events is included.

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.

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 93.9%.

Currently for the year there are 91 students who have had 100% attendance.

There are however, 21 students who have had an attendance rate of less than 80% of the Term. How much learning was missed during those 10 days away? It becomes problematic for the school to issue learning guarantees and support provisions to students who aren’t regularly at school.

Mother’s Day

There will be a Mother’s Day stall operating at the school hall on Wednesday 7th 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

Rory McGregor was selected in the U12 Port Curtis Hockey side.

Grandparents Morning / Concert

Thursday 3rd April
Venue – Boyne Island SS Hall

This is a chance for students to hone their performance skills; to give purpose to the practice. Plates of food can be left at the Hall in the morning.

Student of the Week

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Class News

News from 4L
This term has been an exciting learning journey; we have learnt so many new things. 4L would like to share one thing that they have learnt this term.

I have learnt how to partition 3 digit numbers. Lily
I have learnt how to use puns in poems. Rhannon
I have learnt how to use spoonerisms in poems. Chelsea
I have learnt that poems have rhyming patterns. Taylah
I have learnt how to partition 4 digit numbers. Camille
I have learnt that poems have rhyme, rhythm, verses and alliteration. Tegan
I have learnt that water can erode hillsides easily. Tom
I have learnt how to multiply by 4. Ruby
I have learnt to partition 4 digit numbers. Georgia D
I have learnt that a sugar cube can dissolve by putting vinegar on it. Jarvis
I have learnt how to multiply numbers by 10. Akissa J
I have learnt how to use alliteration in poems. Natasha
I have learnt that erosion takes dirt and rocks away. Preston
I have learnt how to multiply and divide numbers by 10. Hunter
I have learnt about part, part, whole. Luke
I have learnt about weathering in science. Georgia Y
I have learnt how to use spoonerisms and alliteration in poetry. Rennae
I have learnt to divide by 10s, 100s and 1000s. Zachary
I have learnt that water can cause erosion. Alyssa A
I have learnt to partition 5 digit numbers. Seth
I have learnt my 4 times tables by doubling and doubling again. Malcolm
I have learnt that poems contain rhyme and rhythm. Ellie

We are excited about learning more in the next three terms. 4L

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
A massive thank you to Bec, Amanda and Christine for your awesome help last Friday. Your help was extremely appreciated.

On that note VOLUNTEERS are DESPERATELY wanted for the tuckshop to run more smoothly. Please see Kate or the lovely ladies at the office.

Donation Items this fortnight: dishcloths, beetroot, baked beans, pineapple and spaghetti.

Tuckshop is open Monday and Friday only.

Focus on Fours Playgroup

We meet each Friday of the school term in the Hall, 9-11am.

Bring along your own healthy snack, water bottle, hat and $2 to cover the cost of resources.

Membership to Playgroup Queensland is required after 2 introductive weeks. For more information phone Anita 49732434.

Chaplaincy Junior Bike Challenge

The Gladstone Schools Chaplaincy Committee will be holding a Junior Bike Challenge as a fund raising event for School Chaplaincy on Saturday 10th May between 2.00 and 4.30pm. This event allows riders from grades 4 to 7 to choose the distance they think they can ride in 2 ½ hours and then challenge themselves to achieve their goal. The venue for the ride will be the Gladstone Showgrounds.

Riders fund raise by gaining sponsorship for their personal effort and can win a great prize if they become the rider who raises the most money. Riders will need both permission and support from their parents/caregiver to participate. For more information and registration forms, please phone Chappy Emma on 0400 174 086 or see her on Mondays or Tuesdays at the school.

Chappy’s Chat

Helmet Safety

Hi! What a start to 2014 it’s been! I’ve been having a great time getting round to lots of classes and students in the playground to catch up and see what’s being learnt, and everyone is very busy! A big thumbs up to the wonderful staff of BISS who are doing such a great job of keeping on top of all the changes a new year brings.

On a not so good note, I have been noticing lots of bike-riding students around town with poorly adjusted helmets, so as a cyclist myself, I wanted to share a few tips with you to keep our precious children safe on the roads.

Remember that a helmet should fit quite snugly, the padding is for comfort, and not to make a big helmet fit a small head. The front of the helmet should sit about two finger widths above the eyebrows. Straps should have no twists, and the bottom of a V should sit just below your ears. You should barely be able to fit a finger between your chin and the strap.

Ideally, you shouldn’t be able to move your helmet more than an inch in any direction.

Remember that a helmet that has lost its plastic cover no longer meets Australian Safety Standards. Take 5 minutes tonight to check your child’s helmet; it may make a life-saving difference! Happy riding!

Situation Vacant

Permanent - Part Time Cleaners Position available

9 Hrs/Week (3 days/week Wed, Thurs, Fri Morning shift)

Commencing on Monday 5th May 2014.

To apply please collect an application package from the school office:

Applications close Thursday 24th April 2014

Please contact 4979 9333 if you have any enquiries regarding this position.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mother’s Day Classic 2014 – TANNUM SANDS

WHEN: SUNDAY 11 MAY 2014
WHERE: Millennium Esplanade Playground, Tannum Sands
WHAT: 4km or 8km Walk/Run
TIME: 7.00am for 7.30am start

To REGISTER please go to www.mothersdayclassic.com

Online registrations close Wednesday 7 May, 2014.

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:
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