



Boyne Bulletin

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Upcoming

Events

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| 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 |
| Thurs | BW&P Concert Band 7:45am |

NOVEMBER

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| Tues 10 th | P&C Meeting 9.30am |
| Tues 10 th | Sports Award Evening 5:30 |
| Wed 11 th -Fri 13 th | Year 5 leadership |
| Thur 12 th | Prep orientation 9:00 – 10:30am |
| Thur 12 th | Year 6&7 Camp Briefing 2pm |
| Thurs 12 th | Instrumental Music Parent /Carer Session 5:30pm Boyne Island Hall |
| Thur 12 th | School Council Meeting 6pm |
| Mon 16 th | Student Leader Nominations |
| Tues 17 th -Fri 20 th | Year 6&7 Camp |
| Wed 25 th | School Leader Speeches 9am |
| Wed 25 th | White Ribbon Day |
| Wed 25 th | Honours Presentation 9:45am |

DECEMBER

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| Fri 4 th | Reports & Class allocations |
| Mon 7 th | Yr 3-6 Swim Carnival |
| Tues 8 th | P-2 Swim Celebration |
| Wed 9 th | Year 6 Graduation |

Principal's Message

World Teachers Day has come and gone and it's hard to truly convey the appreciation of the effort our dedicated staff put into providing opportunities for the students. I have sometimes indicated it is those who come to us from other schools/areas that have that understanding of how special our staff are. Here is an example from a Literacy consultant we are having work with staff in the coming weeks.

*"Just to let you know that I emailed all the teachers in whose classes I'll be working. I just made suggestions and asked about the most suitable types of lessons. I have to tell you that never before in my communications with teachers in schools have I had such quick responses and on a weekend as well. I've had three responses already. I am amazed! Your teachers must be the most conscientious in all of Central Queensland. I've worked in many schools in your region and have never experienced this.
I'm really looking forward to preparing the lessons and working with them.
Kind regards.*

High praise and not an isolated example.

School Improvement

The school has worked diligently the last few years at getting pedagogies for Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy consistent and aligned across the school. We look to refine and build upon those processes. For 2016, we are looking to be explicit about how we teach Comprehension.

I have also flagged the importance of developing the mental models we hold up to the students as a framework to their thinking. A good vision allows us to define what we consider most important, it guides our actions. Guest speaker at the TSSHS awards night described kindness, courage, dreaming. There are heaps of other valuable characteristics that are worthy – integrity, honesty etc. I am currently road testing the actions of **Thinking, Striving, Creating**. I want to be able to reflect the actions that will get students to the destinations they seek. Eg health, happiness, friendships, jobs etc. It is a process where thinking is critical, that it has to be backed up by effort towards a goal and we have influence over what occurs or is created. I want to explore a framework. I am not suggesting that the proposed three are the definitive best but that as a school community we seek to provide the clarity about what we value.

Hook into Hockey



Count Us In



Softball



Fishing activity



McHappy day performance



Students involved Beach Clean Up



Qparent App

Website www.boynislass.edu.au

STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE:
4979 9360

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Principal Matters

Independent Public School

Coming up to end of the first year as an Independent Public School it is worth reflecting what has occurred. For Monty Python fans, I would reference "what have the Romans ever done for us"

- \$100 000 funding. \$30 000 towards creating a 15th class and \$70 000 about to be spent on facility and curriculum upgrades.
- Recruitment and staffing – Our workforce plan is able to be tailored to our need. We recruited a Guidance Officer, Melanie Radloff, directly to our school leadership team.
- School Council – In its infancy but overseeing our strategic direction. For example, into strengthening our Music programs and the skills required by students for the 21st century.
- Permission to innovate. There is a system acknowledgement that things are going well within our school. We can develop our literacy and numeracy programs, how we deliver support across the whole classroom, our inclusion and planning for the needs of all students, examining how and why we do things eg. Homework and the extent to how the curriculum is organised with the parameters of the Australian Curriculum.

We have also kept the strong links and resources available as part of a strong state schooling sector.

P&C Meetings

To try and make P&C meetings more accessible, the P&C are trying a couple of various times to get a broader representation of parents. The meetings provide an insight into the school and help inform, support and provide feedback into the school operations.

Tuesday 10th November – 9:30am

Student Booklist and Student Resource Scheme

Over 63% of families have applied to be part of the Student Resource Scheme. The Bulk orders are going to be placed so the complete packs are ready before the end of the year.

This year there will be only one order placed with only a set number of spare materials kept aside for incoming families. Anyone who missed the deadline needs to **ACT NOW**

2016 activities Lego Robotics and Wakakirri

We are getting ready for next year and building on the success of these two programs introduced in 2015. Wakakirri is starting to call out to Year 3 to 5 students to nominate for next year. Robotics is also planning to expand its resources. We are spending \$2500 to acquire another 5 robots and the expansion kit. Thanks to P&C for their initial donation of \$800, it demonstrated how worthwhile the experience was. Pushcarts are due to be returned at the Maryborough Technology Challenge and Optiminds. Term 3 in 2016 will be a busy time.

Mc Happy day

"Dear Michael and Debbie, I would just like to thank you again and Boyne Island State School for your amazing support and participation in Boyne Island's McHappy Day 2015 community event.

The children sang and played so beautifully and represented the school so well. They all just did such a terrific job. A true credit to the school, the teaching staff and parents involved. Nathan & I would also like to make special thanks to your student council for the purchase of \$250 worth of helping hands. What an amazing effort and generous donation.

(Kids helping other kids, it is a beautiful thing to see happen).

Thanks from McDonald's Boyne Island.

Year 6 Leadership

Year 6 Student Leadership elections are planned for Wednesday 25th November, 9:00am. All year 5 children will be invited to nominate for leadership positions. Those doing so will be required to deliver a speech at this time. Parents of children giving speeches are invited to attend. The House Captains nominees will deliver speeches at the same time.

It does take some bravery to nominate and put yourself in front of your peers. The best indicator of how someone will go in the future is how they have gone in the past. If necessary, positions have been declared vacant to give students further opportunities in the New Year to demonstrate capability. I look forward to seeing who nominates and hearing their speeches.

A couple of revisions for this year.

- The class teacher and one other must support the application
- Written criteria are more specific
- Those interested in House Captain may change Houses to increase their opportunity to lead
- Cultural captains – for Choir and Instrumental Music are being created. Selected by students and staff involved in those programs

Recognition Awards – Year 3-6

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.

Monday 7th December: Year 1 and 2

Tuesday 8th December: Year 3 to 6

School Opinion Survey

Each year the school seeks feedback from stakeholders to inform its operations. Support is high which is pleasing but the real benefit from feedback, aside from celebrating successes, is to inform future actions. Below were the areas that were supported 100% in 26 out of 35 items.

Parents 100% agreement

This is a good school.
Teachers at this school are interested in my child's wellbeing.
This school celebrates student achievements.
I would recommend this school to others.
I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns.
Staff at this school are approachable.
Staff at this school are responsive to my enquiries.
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best.
This school gives my child opportunities to do interesting things.
This school is well organised.
This school has a strong sense of community.
My child feels safe at this school.
This school looks for ways to improve.
My child likes being at this school.
Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn.
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.
Teachers at this school provide my child with useful feedback about his or her school work.
This school encourages me to take an active role in my child's education.
I understand how my child is assessed at this school.
I understand how computers and other technologies are used at this school to enhance my child's learning.
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.
My child is getting a good education at this school.
This school works with me to support my child's learning.
This school is environmentally friendly.
This school takes parents' opinions seriously.

IM recruitment

Testing for those who applied has been conducted. Our programs remain very strong which is fantastic. Letters with offer of a placement have gone home. Parent Information Session for incoming students is on Thursday 12th November at the Boyne Island SS Hall at 5:30pm.

QParents –

QParents provides parents with on-line access to parts of the school information records pertaining to their student. It benefits families to be able to view or update the information relating their child such as contact details, attendance details, and behaviour records. It will complement the existing digital communication methods currently utilised.

Attendance

Although we have a majority (80.6%) of our school with high (90% or greater) attendance it is a concern that we also have 8% (31 students) with less than 85% attendance. Some of these are short term illnesses. It is where a pattern, particularly over successive years, that causes an alert within the systems. Schooling needs to be a priority otherwise students cannot achieve the success they are capable of.

Referral to external agencies is required to be made by the school if contacts and attempts to improve attendance do not address an issue. EVERYDAY COUNTS.

At the other end of the spectrum 37 students appear to have 100% attendance.

| If your child misses | Which is | And over 13 years of schooling that's | Which means the best your child may achieve is | Percentage |
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| 3 days a month | 6 weeks a year | 2 years | Equal to finishing in year 10 | 85% |

Swim Carnival

The Prep to Year 2 Swim carnival will again be split into 2 sessions this year.

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| Prep | 9:15 – 11:00 |
| Years 1 to 2 | 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 1's & 2's will have some races but not as heavily featured as those in the Year 3 to 6 Carnival. The delayed start is to avoid traffic snarls at the pool.

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.
- Raz Kids, 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 2/3 covered area.

Evacuation Drill

There will be an upcoming Evacuation Drill. Schools are required to undertake these practices at regular intervals.

Continuous siren = Evacuation

Intermittent sirens = Lock down

Year 6 Brisbane Camp

A briefing session will be held on Thursday 12th November at 2:00pm for all students and interested parents.

Sports Awards Night for 2015

The Sports Awards Night for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 10th November. The night, which will be held in the Hall, will commence at 5.30pm and should conclude at approximately 6.30pm. This night is a chance to recognize the effort and dedication that many students at Boyne Island State School display in the sporting arena. Many of these students have given up their lunch times and after school to play in a school sporting team. We will also recognize those students who have been selected in Port Curtis and Capricornia Teams for their chosen sports. Sports Person of the Year will be announced on the night. This trophy will be open to students in year 4-6 who have stand out achievements in school sport for the year. Invitations will be sent shortly and it would be appreciated if these could be returned to the School Office. Children must only attend under supervision of parents.

Class News

1VW News

1VW have been learning how to write procedures. We have been learning to write commands using a verb at the start of the sentence. Here are a few procedures on how to make a disgusting sandwich.

How to make a disgusting Sandwich by Zali.

What you need:

- Slimy vegemite
- Bloody ham
- Scary rubber snake
- Sharp knife
- Yummy bread

What you do:

1. Cut the yummy bread into pieces.
2. Place the scary rubber snake on the bread.
3. Spread the slimy vegemite on the bread with a sharp knife.
4. Put the bloody ham on the bread and close it up.
5. Place the disgusting sandwich on a beautiful plate.
6. Place it in the basket.

How to make a disgusting sandwich by Madeline.

What you need:

- Soggy bread
- Rubber snake
- Poison
- Cheese

What you do:

1. Spray the yucky poison on the bread.
2. Place the squishy rubber snake on the sandwich.
3. Rub the yellow cheese on the rubber snake.
4. Put the other piece of bread on you disgusting sandwich.
5. Lift you sandwich up and put it in the hanging basket.
6. Sent it over to the lighthouse.

How to make a disgusting sandwich by Kiara

What you need:

- Toxic in a cup
- Bread
- Cat food
- Cane toad
- Knife

What you do:

1. Chop the slimy Cane-toads with a razor sharp knife.
2. Pour the cup of green toxic on the bread.
3. Plop the cat food on the gooey bread.
4. Place the Cane toad on the Bread.
5. Close the sandwich.

Parade Certificates

| | Week Ending 30/10/15 | | Week Ending 06/11/15 | |
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| PC | Fletcher Dingle | Organisation | Myla Box | Confidence |
| PH | | | Keya Patel | Persistence |
| 1CW | Keira Furness | Confidence | Eden Atua | Confidence |
| 1VW | Zoe Morgan | Getting Along | Kaden Dempster | Persistence |
| 2CS | Stephanie Guerassimoff | Getting Along | Jemma Green | Organisation |
| 2M | Reign Zapico | Persistence | Emma Clancy | Confidence |
| 2R | Mackenzie Hughes | Persistence | Kobi Jeppesen | Organisation |
| 3H | Taj Myers-Reid | Organisation | Julian Parnell | Confidence |
| 3J | Aimee Cannon | Persistence | Crystal Wyllie | Getting Along |
| 4B | Balun Sarra | Organisation | Elsie Houghton | Persistence |
| 4CR | Bryn Heremia | Confidence | Louis Bright | Getting Along |
| 5G | Ryan Booth | Persistence | Tate Swann | Confidence |
| 5V | | | Brooke Sheridan | Organisation |
| 6SS | Brianna Leeson | Getting Along | Chelsea Slaughter | Getting Along |
| 6W | Daniel O'Neill | Getting Along | Alex Connell Jake Hardwick | Persistence Persistence |
| Music | Wraith Nicholson | Confidence | Anika Schofield | Persistence |
| PE | Lucas Butler | Persistence | Ezyekiel Harmer | Persistence |
| Staff | Mrs McHugh | For supporting the Café Writing | Mrs Hitchcock & Miss Clissold | For organising prep orientation days |

Prep Enrolments - 2016

Prep Orientation Days

Thursday 12th November 9:00 am - 10:30 am
Monday 23rd November 9:00 am - 10:30 am

| Child born | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
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| 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
| 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
| 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 | Prep | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 |
| 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 | Kindy | Prep | Year 1 | Year 2 |
| 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 | | Kindy | Prep | Year 1 |
| 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 | | | Kindy | Prep |

Uniform Shop

Uniform orders are being filled on Fridays or Mondays. If the order has been paid it can be delivered to the classroom saving parents a trip to the office.

Focus on Fours Playgroup

We will be joining the Prep H children in their classroom at 10:30 each Friday of term 4. This is part of our preparing for Prep program and is extremely beneficial for pre-prep children and their families.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays only in term 4.

We now have a "Boyne Island School Tuckshop" Facebook page to keep you updated on deals and menu prices.

P & C News

The P&C, along with the support of a local Gladstone company, My Stuff, are looking to assist families with their back-to-school requirements. This year, we are running a personalized sticker fundraising drive. Each order that includes a Value Pack or Back-to-school Pack will earn the P&C \$5, which will be spent on school resources for your children.

Order forms have been distributed to the oldest in the family. Return order forms due by Thursday 20th November. Your stickers will then be available for collection during the last week of school. Envelopes for cash orders are available at the office.

Thank you for your support.
P&C Committee 2015

Office News

A couple of things have been handed in to the office recently.

If you are missing a Ford car key and house key connected on a red element lanyard please call in and collect from the office.

Also an amount of money was handed in on Thursday 5th. It was found around the year 2 class area. If you have lost some, please come and see Stacey or Janine.