Principal’s Message

Commendations to our Staff

I want to commend all the staff at Boyne Island SS for their hard work and dedication as they work through our improvement focuses. Our teachers have put in many, many hours working through the requirements to improve not only literacy and numeracy but the entire curriculum offerings whether that be inquiry based learning or a vast array of sporting, cultural or academic pursuits. Thank you Boyne Island staff for your professionalism, hard work and commitment to the children in your classes, I am very proud to work with you at our great school.

Confirmation of our improvement in student outcomes, in one measure of progress, is on the mySchool website. [http://www.myschool.edu.au/](http://www.myschool.edu.au/). It is hard to comment without wanting to contribute to the singular fascination of the National testing but I feel compelled to offer the following.

We are really passionate about ensuring students have a holistic education and that we stick true to the purposes of the National testing. To evaluate the effectiveness of our teaching programs and to monitor the learning requirements of students, not ‘teach to the test’. As a school we have stuck true to this and our steady improvements reflect changes to our pedagogy and its impact on learning. What is sometimes lost in the headline number of a school mean is what socio economic factors impact on a school of either their community or their restricted enrolment practices OR whether schools have reduced numbers of students undertaking the test. Boyne Island stands proud of its inclusion practices, its participation rates being higher than the National average and the favourable comparison we make in our achievement to not only similar schools but the National average. Buried in the mySchool website, behind the headline presentations of the means is the socio-economic and participation data which allows for inferences about enrolment or test participation practices of schools. I will email parents a summary to draw their own conclusions.

Our vision at Boyne Island is for all students to strive to be their personal best. Parent Teacher interviews were/are an opportunity to discuss how students are progressing. There are three things students need to be engaged in their learning.

- Students trust and respect their teacher
- Students work at their level
- Students have friends at school

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### Upcoming Events

**Mon**  
Student Council 11:10am

**Tues**  
WB&P Continuing Band 8:00am
Lunchtime Hall sports Yr 5-6  
Robotics Club Yr 3-6
Litter Free Lunch Day

**Wed**  
WB&P Continuing Band 8:00am
Girls soccer training 11:10am

**Thur**  
Vocal Club Yr 2-6  8:15am
Green & Healthy Meeting 11:10am

**Fri**  
Strings Ensemble 7:45am
WB&P Beginners Band 7:45am
Yr 3 Music Extension 9:30am

**MARCH**

Tues-Thur  
Cross Country training 8:15am

Thur 17th  
3J Excursion

Fri 18th  
3H3R Excursion

Sun 20th  
Wakakiri working bee-9am

Tues 22nd  
Lockdown practice

Wed 23rd  
Grandparents Morning/Concert

Wed 23rd  
Plaza Concert IM  
- Strings 8:30pm
- Band 5:45pm

Thur 24th  
Cross Country

Thurs 24th  
Easter Hat Parade –Prep

Thur 24th  
Recognition Awards  
Year 1-2 @ 12
Year 3-6 @2pm

Thur 24th  
Last Day Term 1

**APRIL**

Mon 11th  
First day Term 2

Fri 22nd  
Anzac day ceremony 10:30am

Mon 25th  
Anzac day march  
Assemble 8:15am
March 8:45am

Fri 29th  
PC Cross Country @ Ubobo

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Qparent App  
Website [www.boynislass.edu.au](http://www.boynislass.edu.au)

**STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE:**  
4979 9360

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Principal Matters

Exemption from Compulsory Schooling
The exemption process from compulsory schooling occurs where a student absence is going to occur for longer than 10 days. The following information was provided by Education Queensland.

- Parent Information –
  - It is important that your children attend school every day. Taking a day off because you want to go shopping on your birthday is not an acceptable reason to miss a day of school.
  - If your child is sick you should contact the school as soon as possible.
  - If your family has to travel away for family reasons, and expect to be away for more than 10 days you will have to apply for an exemption from Compulsory Schooling. Exemptions should be applied for and approved by the Principal BEFORE you travel away. The form is available on the school website [https://boynislass.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx](https://boynislass.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx)

It is generally not acceptable to take your children out of school for holidays. Families should plan their holidays to coincide with school holidays.

Recognition Reward
Students in Year 1 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. Planned to occur on the middle (Year 1-2) or afternoon (Yr 3-6) session of the last day, following Cross Country.

QParents
The opportunity to access and review student information direct via the EQ website is now open. Details have been sent out again 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.

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 1 to 6 do get a Uniform Slip from the Office for the occasions where their uniform is not available.

The approved Uniform Policy makes reference to Jackets purchased and ordered through the P&C or jumpers that are either black or red. Jumpers that are a mixture of colours or patterns are not part of the uniform. The Jackets are a great option for our climate and are a very durable product.

Green & Healthy
The Green and Healthy Team would like to remind everyone that we will be having a "Litter Free Lunch Day" every Tuesday this Term. Students are encouraged to bring a litter-less lunch to school (this means no poppers, plastic bags or wraps etc). This initiative helps to reduce the amount of litter around our school and creates a healthy learning environment. Students who do bring a litter-free lunch to school will receive a raffle ticket from their teacher, and will go into a lucky draw that will be drawn each Friday during parade. There are some great prizes on offer, so we encourage everyone to get on board and support this wonderful program! The class who has the highest percentage of students bringing a litter-free lunch each week, will also be awarded our "Waste-Warriors of the week" award and will get the pleasure of sharing time with our beloved mascot..."Waste-a-roo"!

Bullying Survey
Each year students in Year 4 to 6 undertake a simple survey on bullying. It determines how prevalent it is in the school and where, when and who might be involved. This year students will again be undertaking the survey on-line using an EQ web tool. Many students do not report bullying and the survey gives background information and can be used to alert teachers, students and families to any ‘Getting Along’ issues.

Our yearly reminder lesson about bullying will be focussed on the theme: I can make a difference.

This will focus on our values of respect, responsibility, safety

Last year our lesson focussed on the 3 strategies on how students can respond.

- Be Supportive
- Interrupt
- Tell Someone
- Speak Up

The year before we focussed on ‘Upstander’ behaviour that supported others.

We hope to create another video montage again this year to reinforce the message.

Boyne Island Woolworths Performance

Concert Band and String Ensemble will be performing for parents and public outside the Boyne Plaza venue. Student should arrive 30 minutes before their performance.

Where: Wednesday 23rd March 2016
Where: Boyne Plaza (Woolworths) Shopping Centre, Centenary Drive
Perform: 5:30pm - Strings Ensemble 5:45pm - Concert Band

Bringing Instrument, music, pegs
Wear: Red Instrumental Music performance shirt, long black pants or black attire from the waist down, black socks and shoes
Each student will receive a voucher that entitles them to a free soft serve from Boyne Island McDonalds, to be redeemed that evening.

Please Note -
Concert and Beginners Band will be commencing their morning sessions at 8:00am during the week. The teaching award has changed the conditions of employment for Instrumental Music teachers. String Ensemble will remain until an opportunity to speak with the instructor.
PE News

Port Curtis Representatives
Swimming – Tyler Camm & Sally Vagg
Basketball – Ria Moodley
AFL – Will Raffin & Brooke Sheridan
Hockey – Will Raffin, Tom Vagg, Bray Wilson, Harry McAusland, Keelie Machen
Rugby League - Ria Moodley, Breanna Thies, Lily Storch, Tegan Early, Rhylei Heremia

Port Curtis Trial Dates for 2016:

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Cross Country
The Carnival will be on Thursday 24th March. Students will start familiarising themselves with the course. Training is Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 8:15am for 9 to 12 year olds.

The schedule for events is below.

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Grandparents Morning/ CONCERT

A function to connect the generations with our primary students.

Wakakirri

Performance dates have changed (not 29th July like we had hoped) and it will be either Wednesday 10th or Thursday 11th August.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS – 2016 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 21st March.

The dates for the competitions in 2016 are:

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Please be reminded that we have a working bee coming up on Sunday of Week 8 (20th March) beginning at 9am. All students are expected to attend for a rehearsal, and we encourage all of you to come along and get involved with the creation of the set and costumes.
**Library News**

It's been a busy few weeks in the Library with many students creating items for our "Very Hungry Caterpillar" display. Our caterpillars are currently undergoing metamorphosis in their cocoons and we will hopefully have some butterflies emerging on our display soon! We would like to thank Miss Rashleigh for the donation of a couch for our reading corner. It looks great and is a very comfortable reading spot! Thanks also to Mr. Dingle for kindly modifying our returns box so that it fits neatly next to our computer desk. Further thanks need to go to the families who have donated magazines to our Library collection. The students are enjoying the extra reading material. Well done to all of our students for their reading enthusiasm so far this year. Special mention to Prep H, who have managed to have no overdue books in their class several weeks in a row! Keep up the great work!

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**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 and 5 that read with us twice a week. We have been learning to read smoothly, point to each word and retell the story.

Our class pets Midnight and Skye are enjoying the attention from our Prep friends. We have been learning about how to care for Midnight and Skye and other Living Things at school.

We have planted seeds in our veggie garden and are watching them grow into beans, carrots and sunflowers. Each afternoon we have been engaging in our independent learning time where we choose our learning adventure. The children have been busy making patterns during wood work, experimenting with paint and pens, working in the home corner, making and flying kites, listening to stories, building and constructing with blocks and people.

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**2M News**

2M have been busy learning about poetic features. They were given a poem and asked to reconstruct it using the same number of syllables and rhyming patterns. They did a brilliant job!

Here are just a few.

*I had a Little Puppy*
I had a little puppy,
His name was Sparky Stash.
I put him in the bathtub,
To see if he could splash.
He gulped up all the water,
And made a pot of stew.
Now he’s in his bed,
With sugar in his poo.
Push! Push- eeww.
By Kelly

*I had a Little Pony*
I had a little pony,
Her name is Dingaling,
I put her in the sunshine,
To see if she had wings.
She flew up in the air,
And flew around the sky.
And now she’s on the moon,
With moon rocks- she won’t fly.
By Madeline

*I had a Little horse*
I had a little horse,
His name was Tiny Tot
I put him in the paddock,
To see if he could trot.
He drank up all the water,
And ate a bag of wheat.
Now he’s in his horse house,
With wheat in his teeth.
By Jhett

*I had a Baby Cheetah*
I had a baby cheetah
His name was Baby Buck.
I put him in a big cage.
To see if he could ruck.
He drank up all the juice,
And ate a chocolate deck.
Now he’s on my bed,
With chocolate in his neck.
By Fraser

*I had a Baby Pony*
I had a baby pony,
Her name is Dingaling,
I put her in the sunshine,
To see if she had wings.
She flew up in the air,
And flew around the sky.
And now she’s on the moon,
With moon rocks- she won’t fly.
By Madeline

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**Uniforms**

The uniforms can be ordered any time at the office. The orders will be filled on a Friday. Cash, Cheque and Eftpos available.

All payments are to be made with the orders so they can be made available to families directly.

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**You Can Do It Certificates**

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**Coming up next term!**

Ever wondered what it would be like to work as an engineer: planning, designing and constructing amazing things?

Well now you can find out. Join the Engineering Club to enjoy a great program of projects designed by Engineers Australia.

The club will meet on Wednesday after school in Ms Haines' room for 1hr each week.

Students from Year 3-6 can see Ms Haines to apply.
We would like to take this opportunity to Thank You and your committee for allowing us to help you run the Mystuff fundraiser. In total the school community ordered 24 packs which raised a total of $120 for the school.

The PEACH™ (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program is NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS for groups running in school term 2. Enrolments closing soon - Groups commencing the week of 18 April. The program is FREE for families with a primary-school aged child and is run in the local community within a school term and after school hours. The program covers:

- **Nutrition** – lunchbox and snack ideas, reading labels and ingredients, dealing with fussy eaters, making healthier takeaway choices, making healthy eating affordable and tips on planning ahead.
- **Physical activity** – the benefits of exercise, how to be more active as a family, physical activity recommendations for children, how to reduce screen time and help with setting goals.
- **Parenting** – setting boundaries, planning for change, managing resistance to change, role modelling and how to be balanced and consistent.
- **Family focus** – the program recognises that each family is different and so our facilitators work with individuals to come up with a plan that suits them.
- The program will only be available in term 2, 2016 so register now.
- LAST OPPORTUNITY to access the FREE program - don’t delay! Ask us about PEACH™ Online.
- Free call 1800 263 519 or www.peachqld.com.au

**HOMEWORK HELP at the Boyne Library**

- Every week-day afternoon 3:30 - 4:30pm
- Computers are available for research
- Free WiFi and iPads
- Free photocopying and printing for school projects, homework and assessments
- Assistance and help from library staff

Get your whole family active and eating well!
National Youth Week  
"Be the Future"

**Friday 8 - Sunday 17 April 2016**

**Mayors Youth Breakfast**  
Friday 8 April  
Tondoon Gardens  
7:30am  
Invitation only  
Recognition of our young people's achievements

**Movie Night**  
Oddball  
Saturday 9 April  
BITS Oval  
Community Event  
Movie starts 6:30pm  
Food and drink for sale

**Resume Preparation**  
Monday 11 April  
Boyne Tannum Community Centre  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**Open Day @ Roseberry Community Services**  
Tuesday 12 April  
Flinders Pde, Gladstone  
Community Event  
4:00pm - 6:00pm  
For information phone 4972 8200

**Lights On @ Calliope Skate Park**  
Friday 15 April  
Bunting Park, Archer St  
Community Event  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Random prizes to be drawn on the night

**Mosaic Stepping Stones Workshop**  
Friday 8 April  
Garden Shed, Bunting Park, Calliope  
Ages 10 - 25 years  
10:30am - 1:30pm  
Bring snacks and drink  
Bookings Essential

**Skateboard, Scooter & BMX Comp**  
Photography Workshop  
Sunday 10 April  
Agnes Water Skate Park  
Community Event  
10:00am - 2:00pm

**Social Entrepreneur Workshop**  
Wednesday 13 April  
EQIP Gladstone  
Boles St, Gladstone  
Ages 10 - 18 years  
10:00am - 1:00pm  
Individual & team event  
Bookings Essential  
Make functional items from Recycled materials

**MakeUp Workshop**  
Friday 8 April  
Gladstone Community Advisory Service  
Ages 14 - 25 years  
9:00am - 12:00pm  
1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Bookings Essential

**Nutrition - Cooking on a Budget**  
Monday 11 April  
Government Building Cnr  
Oaka Ln & Roseberry Sts  
Ages 15 - 25 years  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
Wednesday 13 April  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Bookings Essential

**Future Workshop**  
Saturday 16 April  
Library Square  
Goondoon St, Gladstone  
Ages 10 - 18 years  
10:00am - 1:00pm  
Individual & team event  
Bookings Essential

**Presentation**  
Friday 15 April  
Miriam Vale Library  
Community Event  
9:00am - 10:00am  
Presented by Tina from Sothern's Gladstone Bookings Essential

**Family Fun Day**  
Sunday 17 April  
Yarwun Rec Grounds  
Calliope River Road  
Community Event  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
Young people aged 12-25 years will be in the running to win a scooter

Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult at all community events and workshops.

Bookings and information phone 07 4976 6300 or vernettap@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au