Principal’s Message

There have been some great activities to keep everyone busy or mindful that it is the whole child we seek to educate as part of a holistic education. Mothers’ Day featured quite heavily in some activities whilst the disco was an opportunity for some fun. Coming up, Athletics Carnival, my favourite day of the year. The timetable for this great day is included in this newsletter.

Please be patient with the teachers at the moment, they are under the “report card pressure” and have been working extremely hard to collate assessment and provide informative commentary on the report cards. It has been another challenging yet productive year implementing the schools Improvement Agenda.

Whilst we have focused on improving comprehension we have also implemented Integrated Studies. It is based on the principles of Inquiry Based Learning in connection with a real world problem students are given to solve. A driving question cuts across the content areas and relates to the real world. Because they are open-ended, they require an interdisciplinary approach to answer them. They lead to other questions and are engaging to students.

Schools very rightly focus on 2 of General capabilities of the Australian Curriculum – Literacy and Numeracy but there are another 5 capabilities critical for their success:*  

- Personal &Social Capability
- Critical & Creative Thinking
- Ethical Understanding
- Intercultural Understanding
- ICT Capability

We have to provide the curriculum opportunities to develop these areas to have students with the skills for the 21st century.

Our teachers are now widely recognised for their commitment, welcoming demeanour and collegial approach. It is great that their contributions towards excellence have been recognised as it can be a thankless task putting in the hours that others might not see. Report cards will be distributed to all students at the end of this term, Friday 24th June.

Some of the parade notices this week focused around our vision for students.

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School Council

Parent representatives, Leon Sternberg and Tanya Wood, join with P&C President, Anita McNamara and 3 staff representatives for this Term’s School Council meeting. The School Council has significant oversight of 2 documents - the Strategic Plan and Annual Report. Where are we going and how have we gone in the journey thus far.

Upcoming Events

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MAY

- Under 8’s Day 9am
- Totally Wild filming
- Bookfair
- Simultaneous Story - 23rd-26th
- Athletics Carnival - 27th

JUNE

- Uniform free – State of Origin
- Country Coast Athletics
- Uniform free– State of Origin
- Recognition Award Activity Yr1-6
- Reports issued
- Last day term

JULY

- Port Curtis Athletics Carnival

AUGUST

- PC Cricket trials

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STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE: 4979 9360

ISSUE NO 7 – MON 16TH MAY 2016
Unexplained absences
I would like to restate the need to report student absences either prior or on the day of the absence. The school sends out SMS alerts where absences are not known to the school. It is vitally important the school is informed and the text messages should only serve as a safety net to alert families.

To encourage timely reporting and recognise the majority of families who promptly fulfil their obligations to inform of absences our attendance criteria for Recognition was modified last year.

The criteria proposed
- Attendance—attends regularly –away no more than 4 days each Term (except for Medical appointments/ Doctor’s Certificate/ extracurricular/ sporting representation).
- No ‘Unexplained’ absences for the Term

The school does not want to have unreasonable expectations. Students who are sick should spend time at home to recover.

The proposal to penalise students for parents failing to meet their obligations to report absences is a troublesome question. However the direct link between attendance and achievement means that we need to encourage students to attend so that their life outcomes aren’t affected by excessive absences and for safety considerations we need timely notification of all absences. It is believed that a family holiday is reward enough if that has been the reason for extended absences.

Families with students with absences of less than 85% where reasons are unclear will soon receive a letter checking if there are any concerns affecting the attendance level.

Dogs on School Grounds
The transition between home and school is one we like to make as seamless as possible. Sometimes difficulties arise that determine we should be clear in expectations. For example, we have asked that students do not use the playgrounds or play ball games in the afternoon with exception of the P-2 playground, with a parent present, until 3:20pm. Parents and students responded magnificently and we haven’t had any further cause of concern.

One issue that we haven’t communicated about is dogs on site. With infrequent visits it wasn’t a major cause of concern but it has been escalating as a common practice. It is now causing staff concern and disrupted the operations of the school on repeated occasions. A number of dog fights, animals not being controlled, unattended animals and students not meeting some behavioural expectations when the distraction of a dog was presented.

Staff have suggested the following guidelines.
- Dogs are not to be in the school grounds during class times. (Exemptions when teacher informed and dogs are used for a curriculum purpose Eg show and tell, care of pets unit)
- For student drop-offs or collections, dogs should be on a lead and under the effective control of an adult. Entry areas to classrooms should be kept clear. Dogs should not be left alone at the entry points to the school.

We will monitor the situation to see if these guidelines address the causes of concern.

Parking Turnaround
We still await some design work to the parking areas in Pittsbay Crescent. In the interim, the turn-around within the school continues as ‘No Parking’ and has been used for drop –offs and collections.

In the afternoon there is a limit to the number of cars that can wait as traffic banks up to the gate.

Students have been advised not to walk through the traffic to the cars lined up on the far side. They should wait until cars can get to the turning circle. There is a risk to students from the cars using the driveway and the cars seeking to depart out of sequence jamming into the turning circle.

When an official drop off and collection zone is created on Pittsbay, cars will have 2 minutes to wait for students or otherwise are directed to complete a circuit of the block or wait in the carpark.

Police have been monitoring Pittsbay for drivers exceeding the parking restrictions.

Before School Arrivals
Students were reminded that if they arrive before 8:30am in the morning they are to be seated at Year 2/3 Covered area. A few students have been moving about or ignoring directions. Staff have been asked to direct them to the office should contact home become necessary to discuss more suitable arrangements.

Casual Dress Day
Student Council is running a Casual Dress Day on Wednesday 1st June. It is a footy or sporting colours theme so wear your footy jerseys, shorts and supporters gear. The cost for being out of uniform is a gold coin donation. School rules regarding Sun Smart clothing, closed shoes and a wide brim hat for outdoor play, still apply.

Recognition Scheme – Year 1 - 6
Our Recognition Scheme is due to be compiled at the end of Term 2. Students who met expectations for behaviour, attendance, homework, effort and uniform will be invited to participate in either a reward activity on the Thursday 23rd June. The Scheme is to reinforce the positive learning behaviours.

Instrumental Music Workshop - STRINGS
In week 1, Term 3 our Instrumental Music students will be invited to participate in an annual music workshop that runs for three days in Gladstone. These are a wonderful three days (13th -15th July) of learning for our instrumental music students and give our students a boost around their musical instrument and playing. The workshops conclude with a performance on the Friday evening. Letters have been distributed.

Year 6 Camp
The Year 6 Camp to Brisbane is to be conducted starting Tuesday 8th November to Friday 11th November at a total cost of $425.

Should you wish your child to participate in this Camp at the cost mentioned above, a deposit of $125 will need to be received by Friday 17th June, unless other arrangements are made. A letter has been sent home with full details.

Totally Wild
More information to come but the TV Show ‘Totally Wild’ may be filming an activity here with some our classes as part of a unit of work they have been doing. The selected classes will receive a letter and media consent prior to the filming Friday 20th May.
Special Thanks

A big thank you to Rachel Sippel, for organising the Mothers Day stall with helpers on the day Anita McNamara, Debbie Keegan and Megan Furness. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Prep Enrolments 2017

A letter explaining the Enrolment and Induction for Prep students in 2017 will be sent home shortly via local Kindergartens and childcare centres and will be available for collection from the Office. If you want to pre-register your Pre-Prep child with the Office a letter can be posted directly. The Prep Induction day will be held in Term 3. In Term 4, morning sessions are again offered to give the opportunity for staff and parents/caregivers to discuss Prep and for the child to become familiar with our surroundings.

Prep Orientation Days

Parents and Carers are welcome to bring their child/children along for further familiarisation sessions as listed below:

Prep Orientation Days

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Banking

School banking is done every Wednesday morning. Bank books are collected in the classroom and delivered to the banking ladies via class banking bags. If you are wishing to redeem your tokens please ensure you send a note in with your bank book requesting your prize. If you would like to start banking please call in to the office and pick up a pack.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

One of the most important skills we can give to our young people is a love of literacy. Books encourage an active imagination, cultivate a passion for literature and provide benefits that will assist young people throughout their life, regardless of their chosen career. That’s why students at Boyne Island State School are invited, and encouraged to take part in the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge (May 16 to September 9).

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a state-wide initiative for all Queensland school students from Prep to Year 6. Prep to Year 2 students are challenged to read or experience 20 books. Experiencing books can include listening to stories, shared reading or reading picture books. Students in Years 3 to 4 are challenged to read 20 books, while students in Years 5–6 are challenged to read 15 books at their reading level.

Every child who meets the challenge will be presented with a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier to recognise their success. Individual students who complete the task will have their name placed on a leaf to be included on our Library Treehouse.

Time to Get Reading

PE News

We have a history of great athletics carnivals. Lots of friendly support. It isn’t the Olympics. If there is an issue with officiating it gets raised appropriately.

Last year we set a record and didn’t have to shout once to keep of the track.

Please keep area at the end of the sprints clear for the officials.

Prep Induction

Wednesday 17th August
Session 1 - 9:30am - 10:30am
Session 2 - 3:30pm – 6:30pm
**4W News**

Social Skills in 4W! - This term we have been focusing on how to become more resilient!

- Remember you are good enough
- Everyone is different
- Stop comparing yourself to others
- Individuality rocks!
- Learn something new daily
- Involve yourself in what you love doing
- Enjoy the things that make you happy
- Not everyone can be 1st, 2nd or 3rd
- Care about yourself and others
- Expect that some days won’t be great

So far we know that as a class we are good at drawing, reading, sports, writing, building, numeracy, problem solving, using our manners and being a great friend. Each student in our class is different some people are fantastic drawers, others can help to resolve conflicts.

**3JT News**

We have been very busy in class and participating in many different learning activities. The children have had a guest speaker to help them with their integrated studies about industries in our environment and we are all looking forward to going on our History excursion to Stirling Park to complement this.

We are excited that the NAPLAN tests are officially over and we can now focus on Kumiko and the Dragon and The Fantastic Mr Fox.

**Library News**

Congratulations to Jasmine Hartley for being selected as the nationwide winner of the “Cats on the Run” competition. Ged Gillmore, the author of the book, commended Jasmine on her creative response when naming her witch-fighting cat, “Whiskeretteer”. Mr Gillmore also made mention of the excellent entries made by Luke Pfeiffer, Jasmine Arstall and Alannah McHugh. He also stated, “We had more entries from your school than anywhere else in Australia. I really appreciate your support of the book.” Mr Gillmore has made a $300 donation to the Gladstone Friends of the RSPCA on Jasmine’s behalf, as well as provided our school Library with a $500 gift voucher to Booktopia. Jasmine has also received a $200 gift voucher to Booktopia. What an amazing prize and wonderful work by the students of our school. Keep up the great reading and writing!

**Bookfair Bonanza**

The Bookfair is almost here! From the 23rd – 26th May our school Library will be hosting a Scholastic Bookfair. Along with a great range of books, there will also be posters, pencils, erasers and other goodies on sale. The Library will be open before and after school for purchases and also during lunch breaks (play time only). Purchases may be paid for by EFTPOS or cash at the Library. Before and after school opening times will be:

- Monday 23rd May 8 – 8:50 am and 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- Tuesday 24th May 8 – 8:50 am and 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- Wednesday 25th May 8 – 8:50 am
- Thursday 26th May 8:30 – 8:50am and 3:00 – 3:30 pm

The Bookfair not only provides an opportunity for parents, carers, students and friends to buy books, but also benefits our school Library. The more books we sell, the more free books Scholastic will enable us to select for our Library. What a wonderful way to grow our Library and continue to build our children’s love of reading. I hope to see you there!

**3JT News**

Preparations are coming along nicely for Wakakirri. Students have been busily rehearsing under the guidance of teachers Carl Berman and Amanda Gray.

Our main performance date is now confirmed as **Thursday the 11th of August.** The day after Show holiday. We rehearse at Caloundra Events Centre, Sunshine Coast from 3:30pm till 4pm and then stay on until evening presentations are over.

**You Can Do It Certificates**

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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.

**Writing for Success**

**Step 5:**
**Show, Don't Tell**

**Seven Steps Writing Tips**

Series One

**TOP TIP:**
Ask kids to ‘prove’ important things. e.g. What tells you Jake is a great friend? Answer: He ate the biscuits I cooked that tasted like wet cement. Write that scene to really convince your reader.

**ACTION ACTIVITY:**
Tell your kids how words form pictures in our minds. Slowly read these:
- Red frozen stand tall and cheerful in a vase.
- There’s a baby elephant under the tree in our garden.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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We invite you to soak up the sounds, try your luck in our raffle and enjoy the selection of canapes and mocktails on offer during intermission. This is an evening not to be missed!

Date: Friday 10th & Saturday 11th June
Time: Doors open 7:00 pm for a 7:30 pm start
Location: 19 Dalrymple Drive, Toolooa

Tickets: Adults $18, concession $12.50, family of four $60 (includes refreshments)

Tickets are available from Anthony Breed’s music store, Australian Country Living, or from http://www.gladstoneperformingartscompany.com/. Limited tickets will be on sale at the door.

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50c books
20c magazines

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# ATHLETICS PROGRAM OF EVENTS 9-12 years

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**TUCKSHOP WILL BE OPEN FROM 10am until 2.00pm.**