Principal’s Message

In 2008 when appointed as principal at Boyne Island what I most wanted to see was
a) opportunities created for students b) staff working together. We are currently planning for 2017
and I am excited by what is available to students and how aligned teachers are in their work.

In 2017, we are focussed on quality assuring our implementation of the Australian curriculum
through targeted teaching and feedback. The goal is for all students to be actively - Thinking,
Striving, Creating.

Awards Evening
It was a parent suggestion that prompted the implementation of our inaugural Awards Evening. We
have a strong academic and learning culture and could it not be acknowledged in the same way
as the Sports Evening. It is exciting to offer this year and hope it cements and acknowledges what we
value within the school.

Sports Awards 2016
Congratulations to all students recognised for a great sporting year. Great coaches, great
participation, great sportsmanship. What a year.
A) Sporting teams in every Gladstone District competition - Soccer boys and girls, Rugby League,
Hockey, Cricket, AFL, Netball, Volleyball. (Not to mention the afterschool sports programs)
B) 3 fantastic sports carnivals in athletics, cross country and swimming. Great participation and
sporting spirit.
C) 36 Port Curtis Representatives - 9.7% of the available selections. The highest of any school.
Pretty good for a school with 4% of eligible students.

Mc Happy day

Upcoming Events

Mon  Student Council 11:10am
Tues  WB&PC Club Yr 3-6
Tues  Robotics Club Yr 3-6
Wed  WB&PC Club Yr 3-6
Thur  Green & Healthy 11:10am
Thur  Lunchtime Hall sports Yr 5-6
Thur  Robotics Club 3pm
Fri  Vocal Club Yr 2-6  8:15am
Fri  Yr 3 Music Extension 9:30am
Fri  Strings Ensemble 11:00am
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Year 6 Camp
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Swimming Lessons

Qparent App
Website www.boynislass.edu.au

STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE: 4979 9360

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Boyne Island SS opened in 1953 with a provisional school at St Luke Church. In 1956 a building was moved from the Monto area, now the Environmental Centre. The school was built on the current site in 1975.

Mr Lawrie Jones Principal, June 1989 – August 1999, holds the honour as the longest serving Principal. Those who were here speak fondly of his leadership.

Mr Fletcher Mitchell May 1964 – December 1971 and Mr Adrian Draney Jan 1982 – June 1989 are other long serving Principals.

Having now served from June 2008, all things going well that come December 2018 would see one over a decade working within the same school. Whilst we have such a dedicated team, and the challenges remain, it is great to know we are building on our successes.

Lego Robotics, Wakakirri, Optiminds

Building on the success of these two programs introduced in 2015, Wakakirri is again in the plans for 2017. Robotics had its resources expanded this year and through participation at Rockhampton and Maryborough events we really appreciate what a worthwhile experience it is. Pushcarts are due to be returned at the Maryborough Technology Challenge in 2018 and Optiminds will again run after a successful year making the State Final. 2017 will be a busy time.

BOYNE ISLAND LIONS CAROL EVENING

It is that time of year again where the tinsel and lights go up in the home and our community come together to celebrate Christmas, with the annual Carol Evening.

Sunday 27th November - Bray Park
Santa Arrives/BBQ 5:30pm  Carol 6:00pm

Dress: School uniform (red school shirt and black bottoms). Children may also wear either Christmas hat, antlers, earrings or hair ties etc.

Bring: Instrumental Club only will need to bring their recorder and music. At the event students performing will receive from their teacher, a ticket for a free sausage and a drink courtesy of the Lions Club

Year 6 Continuing Woodwind/Brass Ensemble

The continuing woodwind and brass students have a special ensemble performance booked at the Boyne Island Library on Wednesday 30th November. This will take place at the annual “Christmas Tree Decoration Extravaganza”. They will be supplied afternoon tea by the library staff as a thank you for their performance. Students will need to be picked up from the library.

Stationary Drop-Off

Next year we will be conducting a Stationary Drop-off day, where all students (Prep to Year 6) can drop off their new books and stationery to their classrooms prior to school commencement. The details are as follows –

Date: Thursday January 19th 2017
Time: 1.30pm to 2.30pm

This is not compulsory; however it gives families the opportunity to drop off heavy books etc., prior to the commencement of school. It also gives the teachers the opportunity to organise their classrooms, which ensures a smooth and efficient start to the year.

Please ensure that you have checked your booklist and labelled all items.

Student Resource Scheme

Book packs will be available for collection Tuesday 6th December 8:30 – 9:30am and 2:30 – 3:30 pm and following the concert on Thursday 8th at 11am. Payment or deposit must be received before collection.

Year 6 Leadership

Year 6 Student Leadership elections are planned for Wednesday 23rd 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.

25 students have put their hand up for consideration as a student leader. 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 however it doesn’t look like that will be necessary this year. I look forward to hearing their speeches.

Recognition Awards

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 5th December: Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 6th December: Year 3 to 6

Instrumental Music

We have a deliberate strategy to improve the quality and access to Instrumental Music. We are about to spend another $6000 on a tuba and baritone horn that should complete the equipment provision for the scale of program we envision.

We will be building on the successful Year 3 Music Extension program, where students elect to undertake an extra half hour of music, and offering an extra half hour of Classroom Music to Year 2 students. This will give students a great basis to decide whether to pursue the elective in Year 3 as the pathway to the Instrumental program. Some Year 2 students may receive extra intervention if it is decided early on the IM program isn’t a pathway for them or that the extra tuition in English would be beneficial.

Band will start from the beginning of the year for new students whilst those continuing will have 2 mornings a week.

Learning to play music is a great brain training activity. We believe the practice, working with others and stretching your brain in both an abstract (reading music) and practical (playing music) is a fantastic complement for learning.

Explaining Absences

Absences to the school need to be reported to the school in a timely manner. **Please note that parents/carers must report students absent from school either prior or on day one of their absence**

Email address: admin@boynislass.eq.edu.au
Phone number: 4979 9360
QParents
Note: A note if absence is known about prior to the day

Swim Carnival

The Prep to Year 2 Swim carnival will again be split into 2 sessions this year on Tues 6th December

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.
Year 6 Brisbane Camp
A successful camp was conducted in Brisbane last week. Next year the 2017 Year 6 students need to be aware that invitations to attend are extended as either an a) Open Invite b) Conditional Invite or c) Not Invited pending demonstration of improved responsibility. A high degree of trust is required of students attending both for their safety and their impact on the public. The school is not prepared to risk taking students who are not mindful of their responsibilities towards others or are at risk of impulsive behaviour. We want to continue to offer the majority of students the opportunity, in a high trust environment, of a wonderful Camp experience.

If we just did a Camp at a private location such as a recreation Camp it wouldn’t need such a high standard of behaviour. We have been able to offer unique experiences but it is evident some students with impulsive or ignorant behaviour may place themselves or others at risk.

Evacuation Drill
There will be an upcoming Evacuation Drill. Schools are required to undertake these practices at regular intervals.
Continuous sirens = Lock down
Intermittent sirens = Lock down

Out of the Box
Some students from Year 6 are invited to the annual Extension activity provided between the local primary schools and Tannum Sands SHS on Friday 25th November.

White Ribbon Day
On Friday November 25th we will recognise White Ribbon Day. For our students, the White Ribbon message is about safe, respectful and responsible relationships. It encourages children to be conscious of how they interact with others and to speak out against unfairness and sexism with their peers.

The school community will again adorn our front fence with white ribbons to show solidarity with the message of White Ribbon Day.

Students are encouraged to wear white accessories with their school uniform to further show support. The day is not a free dress day, full school uniform is still expected, and there is not a cost to participate.

2017 School Holiday dates
List of holidays for next year is below for those who need to plan annual leave or other arrangements. Education Queensland is promoting ‘Everyday Day Counts’. It recognises that one of the strongest correlations is between student achievement and the number of days that students attend. In other words, unnecessary time away from school limits students achieving their potential.

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Giveaway
We are still looking for a loving home for 2 very spoilt Guinea Pigs from Prep H.
One very placid male called Midnight.
One lovely girl called Skye.
Both come with own cage and water bottle.
Enquiries to Tracey Hitchcock in Prep H or phone the school office on 4979 9333.

6SS News
Well it’s been a very busy year and we’re nearly at its end. Prior to camp we have busily been getting assessments underway for our English and Maths units. Students are working on a culminating piece of art for an integrated unit task, which they are enjoying.

Camp was a great success. (Read some excerpts from the writing of a few Year 6 children below.) Now it’s full steam ahead toward the end of year, completing our last units of work and preparing for Graduation.

Writing from Camp
Crash! As the balls hit the bowling pins! My favourite day was bowling. When we got to bowling we put on our bowling shoes and went to our lane. On the sixth bowl I got my first points of the game. Overall I ended up getting 27 points off ten rounds of bowling.

We were finished we went and gave the shoes back and walked back to the apartment.

By Malcolm Hayes

On Thursday we went to Parliament House. It was great! The government was present when we were there staring at the 150 year old building. We also went to the ‘Cube’, which is as square as it sounds. It is really just an interactive library.

The day before we went to SeaWorld and went on this huge roller coaster called the Storm Coaster. It was over thirty metres tall. (To put that into perspective, you could see the rest of the Gold Coast!) I was a bit nauseous at first, but heaps of fun after a bit. I’d do it again!

By Seth McNamara

My favourite part of the Year 6 camp was the Brisbane Lights Tour and the bus ride on Thursday. The day started off with a cool swim at South Bank. After a long day of waking in the hot sun everyone was tired. However, when the two buses came around to pick us up, everyone was suddenly bursting with energy.

Kayden, Taylah, Rennae and I had a great time laughing.

The bus lead us on an awesome trip to Suncorp Stadium and to the top of Mt Cootoo, where we ate a delicious dinner and looked at the city lights. After that, we took a ferry down the river. Cooper, Dallen, Taylah and I were laughing hard as the wind blew past us. When we got off the boat, we got back on the bus and the party with Taylah, Rennae and Kayden continued. We laughed again and again, and our stomachs hurt.

We had a great time and to top it all off we had cake for Kayden’s 12th birthday.

Our Year 6 camp was the best experience ever!

By Ria Moodley

Whooosh! Dakota, Alyssa and I gained speed as we rushed up the ‘Storm’ coaster and went around a bend. I shut my eyes tight and felt sick.

‘Why did I agree to go on this ride?’ I thought. With a sharp pain in my hand and wind sharply striking my hair, we rapidly went off the track and into the water.

I panicked and squeezed Dakota’s hand tightly. ‘We’re gonna die!’ I yelled.

‘No you’re not!’ Dakota assured. ‘We’ve been on this ride before. Look, it’s ended.’

Dakota paused. ‘Do you feel sick?’

‘Nah!’ I cried. I heard someone crying, and then Dakota’s voice. I realized the person crying was ME. I had a panic attack. The ride was scary! I’m not ever going on that ride again.

By Jasmine Hartley

Class News

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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.

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.

If you would like to purchase any second hand uniforms, please call Debbie Keegan on 0438225064.

Also if you have anything you would donate, there is a plastic tub in the office, please just drop your items in there.

Lost property is located on the table outside the office. Please get your children to have a look here if they have lost any items.

End of year uniform ordering and pick up:

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Office News

As of lunchtime Thursday 8th December there will be NO receipting of any forms of payment done in the office. This is the cut off time and date as end of year procedures need to be done. We apologize for any inconvenience.

TSSHS Uniforms News

Thank-you to all the parents of students currently in year 6 who have placed their orders for uniforms for next year. Your efficiency is greatly appreciated!

Unfortunately, the couriers have lost part of our order. It just so happens that the shirts that were lost are our most popular size for this year 6 cohort (16Y), leaving us short for orders that have been placed. Our supplier is madly manufacturing the replacements at this very moment. So please don't be alarmed if you DON'T receive a text by the end of this year saying your order is ready. Instead, you will be contacted in the week of 16 January -20 January 2017 once we get our 2nd delivery.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Dental Van

The dental caravan has arrived today Monday 21st November. They are using a new appointment system this year. Parents will be posted an appointment for their child's check up in the coming weeks. Parents are required to attend with their child/children. If you need to contact the caravan please phone 0417726420
With the end of the year fast approaching, this week will be our final class borrowing for the term. All books will be due back on Monday next week (28\textsuperscript{th} November), as we will be conducting a stocktake in the Library. We will endeavour to contact you, if your child has any long lost books hiding at home.

Thank you to everyone who visited our Carnival Book Fair earlier this term. Due to the tremendous support of our school community, we have received free books to the value of approximately $1000! This is an amazing boost to our Library resources and provides more great reading material for our students. Thank you again!

Congratulations to Myla Box from 1CW, who was the winner of the QSuper Premier’s Reading Challenge Competition for Prep-3 students. She created an amazing illustration of a book she had been reading, titled “Fidgety Fish” and won $500 worth of books for our Library. Thank you Myla! Keep up the great drawing and reading!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Attention:

Focus on Fours Playgroup is closed Term 1, 2017. Our Friday sessions will commence again 21 April 2017. Enjoy the break! See you after Easter.

Boyne Island State School Instrumental Group and St Francis School Choir will be performing on the day and there will be a special visit from SANTA.