**Principal’s Message**

**Athletics carnival**

It is a very special athletics carnival that Boyne Island hosts. The whole school is involved with it conducted over what is a very busy day. The students have to be commended for their spirit and behaviour at the Athletics carnival. Participation rates were phenomenal, all students participating in events and not just sitting back. Some students will now compete at the Country Coast Carnival on Friday 10th June at St Francis. Boyne Island will then be hosting the 10-12yo Port Curtis carnival on Friday 22nd July.

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**AGGREGATE TROPHY – Wombats – 792**  (Possums 667, Goannas 632)

There is a correlation between students who are absent also being students who have shown a lack of enthusiasm for athletics in PE classes. Same as those who baulk at formal learning tend to have higher absences. We cannot all be expected to have the same interests so congratulations to those students who show up and have a go at whatever they find hard or dislike. Resilience is being able to do the things we might not like but have to do just through taking a positive attitude.

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**Upcoming Events**

**JUNE**

- Wed 1st Uniform free – State of Origin
- Thur 9th Fanfare
- Fri 10th Country Coast Athletics
- Wed 22nd Uniform free – State of Origin
- Thur 23rd Recognition Award Activity Yr 1-6
- Fri 24th Reports issued
- Fri 24th Last day term

**JULY**

- Fri 22nd Port Curtis Athletics Carnival

**AUGUST**

- Fri 12th PC Cricket trials
**Principal Matters**

**Optiminds**
An extra-curricular activity offered in Term 3 is Optiminds. Teams of 6 prepare for a rehearsed challenge and an on-demand response to a problem in science or literature. Mrs Varcoe and Mrs Walsh co-ordinate the team for the competition held in Rockhampton on Sunday 21st August. Students are being invited to join the team shortly.

**Moove It Groove it**
The 'Moove It Groove It' program is offered before school to provide an activity that motivates a range of students to get active. 8.00am – 8.30am.

Mon, Wed & Friday – Walking on oval  
Tuesday – Zumba in Hall  
Thursday – Dance in Hall

**Lexia, Mathletics & Raz Reading**
Students in Prep to Year 4 work on each of the available software programs at least once a week. Students can continue their progress on-line at home. There is no limit to the number of students who can be on-line at any given time. Download instructions and required codes are available from the Office.

**Year 5 Mt Larcom Hike = Extra Curriculum activity**
The format of the Mt Larcom hike is changing. Sadly we no longer can assume the risk for the activity as a variation to our school routine. Whilst it has small frequency of risk the consequences could be quite severe. A twisted ankle or significant fall could stretch the ability of staff to respond without external assistance, given you are an hour away up a walking track. It was at the point where we would have needed to exclude students from participating therefore ruling it out as a curriculum activity. It is too much responsibility to put onto staff as a school day activity.

We would like to offer it as an extra-curricular activity for families. The school would take a co-ordinating role advertising a date, Sunday 14th August, where interested families can join together and take part in a walk up the mountain. A school staff member would be present as a guide with our usual safety precautions. It is a great local activity to do and would be recommended for Year 5’s as a worthwhile extra-curriculum activity.

**School Council**
Staff representatives, Gillian McAusland and Keryn Hardwick, join with two parents, Leon Sternberg and Tanya Wood, P&C President - Anita McNamara and the Principal. The Council has co-opted Maxine Brushe for her expertise.

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. An operational handbook supports the activities of the School Council.

**Uniform Free Day**
The theme is favourite sports team. We get a great mixture of national, state and local teams representing students’ interests.

Students need to meet the footwear expectations and provide a donation for the privilege.

**Instrumental Music - Fanfare**
Gladstone Fanfare is Thursday 9th June for Strings and Woodwind, Brass and Percussion. Transport this year is by bus to the venue at Gladstone Entertainment Centre. Cost $10

**Uniform – School Dress Code**
Some of the issues that previously needed awareness raising.
- Shoes should be jogger style  
- Sport or representative shirts should only be worn on Tuesday or Wednesday  
- Long hair should be tied back from the face.

Areas added for clarification
- Socks are white or black (ankle length)  
- Shorts or shorts only (mid-thigh)  
- School jackets (school supplied) or jumpers red or black  
- Bike Pants (black only) to be worn under shorts or skorts

**Every Day Counts**
Our attendance rate this year has been a little below our target of 95%.

Adhering to the Exemption process for students away more than 10 days and seeking explanation and referring if low attendance is in breach of the compulsory attendance requirements of the Education Act are now responsibilities for Principals.

There is a definite link to how a student performs at school and their level of attendance.

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**Year to date – 94.3%**

**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.

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

**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.

**Recognition Scheme – Year 1 - 6**
Our Recognition Scheme is due to be compiled for the end of Term 2. Students who meet expectations for behaviour, attendance, homework, effort and uniform will be invited to participate in 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
**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 2. 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 Induction**  
Wednesday 17th August  
Session 1 - 9:30am - 10:30am  
Session 2 - 5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Prep Orientation Days**  
Parents and Carers are welcome to bring their child/children along for further familiarisation sessions as listed below: Prep Orientation Days  
Tuesday 11th October 9:00 am - 10:30 am  
Friday 28th October 9:00 am - 10:30 am  
Thursday 10th November 9:00 am - 10:30 am  
Monday 21st November 9:00 am - 10:30 am

**Delayed start to Prep**  
It is not compulsory for your child to attend the Prep year as soon as they are old enough—5 by 30 June in the year they enrol. You can delay their entry by 1 year if you feel they are not ready, but when they start school, they should still start in the Prep year.

**Early entry to Prep**  
Only applies where there is evidence of enrolment in a pre-Year 1 program in another state or country with data including progress reports and anecdotal records from that school.

**Curriculum Activities**

It is a pretty amazing scope of activities available to students at the moment:

- Lego Robotics,
- Wakakiri—song-story performance item
- Instrumental Music
- Choir
- Ukulele Club
- Engineering Club
- Smiley Pushcart. (Term3)
- Optiminds (Term 3)
- Interschool Sport coming up in Term 3 –AFL, Volleyball.

**Students voluntarily participate**
- Green & Healthy Club– Year 3 to 6
- Move It Groove It – Before School activity program in winter
- Gardening Club

**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.

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**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).

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**Time to Get Reading**

**Class News**

**4G News**

4G has been looking at traditional stories this term in English. The first half of the term we were looking at Asian stories, now we are looking at Aboriginal stories. As part of their assessment students were asked to write a traditional story for a younger audience. Everyone did a great job!

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**2C News**

Wow! How time flies when we are having fun! Year 2 has been full of exciting adventures so far this year…Mother’s Day High Tea’s, Under 8’s Day, Science excursions, Cross country and Athletics carnivals; just to name a few! We have done lots of thinking, striving and creating in between all of these wonderful events.

In English we have been learning to create alternative character descriptions, based on a fairy tale we already know. From this we have discovered that not all princesses are looking at different stereotypes in stories and reading funny books that “bust” these ideas and present non-stereotypical characters. From this we have discovered that not all princesses wear dresses, some knights like to knit, some dragons like to do ballet and that the big, bad wolf is not always so bad!

In other news we have been exploring significant sites in our local community, during our Integrated Studies Unit. We had to pose questions and research a special place around Boyne Island and Tannum Sands. We learnt a lot about the history of our local island.
area, how places have changed over time and what we need to do to preserve these sites for future generations. We then wrote a report to present our findings. It was a lot of work, but we really enjoyed it!

We are now looking forward to the many new learning opportunities that lay ahead for us for the remainder of the year! A special thank-you to all our wonderful parent helpers and donations that we received this term. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated!

**You Can Do It Certificates**

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| **5R** | Lila Moodley | **ATHLETICS DAY**
| **6SS** | Khalani Barling |
| **6V** | Mrs Hurst |

**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.

**Writing for Success**

A common problem with kids’ stories is they end on an anticlimax.

Take this sports story: Belinda tends to join the volleyball team, but she isn’t very good. Jacki, the captain, helps her and gradually a friendship forms. In the final game, Jackie is injured but now it’s Belinda’s turn to help. At match point, she serves a perfect ball to Jackie. Here’s the last sentence:

"Jackie jumped high, hoping giving her strength and she hit the ball hard. It landed right at the corner. They won! Then they all hooted to bed.

Why has the writer tacked on that last line? The answer is kids love stories with a happy ending. But what do we need to show young writers that there’s often two parts to ending a story - the action climax and the ‘inner’ story.

This story is not just about volleyball; it needs a celebration of the friendship that has grown between the two girls. "We did it! We won! Everyone was yelping and hugging each other. But Jackie just turned and looked at Belinda. ‘Good set,’ she said. Belinda laughed. ‘Great hit!’ she said. And last they really were part of the team."

**Top Tip**

Solve the action part of the story like winning the final game but also allow for the celebration and their inner journey to be celebrated too.

**Action Activity:**

Many authors actually get their ending first - and then figure out the story-writing backwards. Here’s a fun ending: Crocodiles don’t like fly spray.

Try brainstorming with your kids what the story could be. You can be as crazy as you like!

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Join us for An Evening of Song, a night of musical entertainment showcasing GPAC’s ‘Company of Voices’ choir, duets and ensembles. With a variety of stirring folk pieces, beautiful sacred melodies, foot-tapping dance tunes and hits from the likes of Pitch Perfect, Coldplay and Paul Kelly, this concert sure to delight all tastes.

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/](http://www.gladstoneperformingartscompany.com/). Limited tickets will be on sale at the door.