2013 School Improvement Focus: Writing Skills

Dates for Diaries/Fridge Door

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<td>Swimming starts every morning to 11th December. Lessons 10.30 – 11.30am. Bus departing school at 9.45am</td>
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Awards

Congratulations Ben, Caleb, Jodie, Cameron, Lucas, Bailey, Sam, Gabby, Ashley, Phoebe, Isabel, Jayde, Charlotte and Josh on receiving their meritorious awards.

Well done!! 😊
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Public Holiday First Day Back

Please note that there will be no school on the 7th of October as it is a Public Holiday. Students commence Term 4 on Tuesday the 8th of October.

CBA Student Banking

Janine (our CBA school banking officer) wishes to express her thanks to all students and families who commenced their banking last week.

If anyone else is interested, Wednesdays are our banking days and you will find Janine outside Mrs Carey’s class.

Volunteers Morning Tea

Our school is very fortunate to have an outstanding amount of generous support through the efforts of volunteers. Many are parents and many are members of our community who seek to support the children and families within our communities. Our children greatly benefit from these magnificent contributions.

To acknowledge these wonderful people we invite them to a morning tea. There will be a special parade beforehand commencing at 10.30am on Thursday 17th October.

ICAS Spelling Results

Recently we received the statements and results of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools Spelling Assessment completed in June. Generally schools enlist their top students to participate in these fee-for-service national tests. Consequently, our students are competing with the “best of the best”. Congratulations to Participation Certificate recipients: Ben, Freya, Emma, Josh, Angus, Talia and Caleb. We are delighted to announce that five students received Credits: Sam, Max, Brent, Bailey and Bella. And there’s more! We have two students who have performed so well that they are in the top 10% of students nationally. Congratulations to Campbell and Kurt Mackay on receiving the Distinction awards!!!

Teacher Aide Day

On Friday the 6th of September it was Teacher Aide Day and we celebrated our teacher aides. Our Teacher Aides are critical to the success of our students in that they deliver one to one academic and emotional support. They take on numerous other roles outside of the teaching and learning tasks that contribute to the positive and successful school environment. We are so very fortunate to have such dedicated, highly skilled, cheerful and enthusiastic Teacher Aides. Thank you for all that you do for our school and our students.
Thank you everyone for the beautiful cards and chocolates.

**Library**

It would be appreciated if you could have a quick check at home for any unreturned library books as not all students are remembering to bring them back every week.

**Free Dress Friday**

There is a Free Dress Day for the final day of term as a treat for the children. Please ensure that clothing and footwear choices are sensible and meet school expectations. That is that shoes are fully covered in, shirts need to cover the upper body, and hats (if not using school hat) need to be *wide brimmed*.

All jewellery, fake nails, and make-up is prohibited.

**Parking**

When collecting your child/ren please ensure that you park on the sides of the entry. The top “T” section of the car park is for the bus to pull in and turn around.

**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

Over the last couple of months, we have been discussing with staff and P&C the notion of embarking on the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) program to frame our behaviour management system. SWPBS is fast becoming the strongly promoted system of behaviour management. Education Queensland has commenced Behaviour Audits that will later be carried out with Teaching and Learning Audits. Some schools that have SWPBS discovered that the criteria for the behaviour audits align very well with SWPBS and have achieved very positive reports.

Tomorrow Mrs Byrnes and I will be attending the induction training to become school-based SWPBS trainers. Relief Teacher for Mrs Byrnes will be Mrs Pam Turner. Relief teacher for me will be Mrs Debra Griell (their usual science and art teacher on Fridays.)

Some excerpts from the brochure:

What is SWPBS?

- School wide: Durable changes involving all students, all staff, all settings.
- Positive: Explicitly teaching and acknowledging expected social behaviour and emotional self-discipline.
- Behaviour: Focusing on what we do, how we do it, when we do it and how we feel about it.
- Support: Ensuring that our interventions improve the quality of life for the whole school community.
What does SWPBS look like in a school?
• There is an orderly environment.
• Social expectations and rules are clear.
• Relationships are positive.
• There are high expectations for behaviour and learning.

SWPBS Is...
A process for teaching expected social emotional behavioural skills so the focus can be on teaching and learning.
For all students, all staff and all settings in the school.
A process to change the social culture of a school through decreases in office discipline referrals and increase in positive climate, evidenced by;
• Student satisfaction
• Parent satisfaction
• Staff satisfaction

Chess
Welcome to the new students coming along to chess club on Thursday lunch time it is great to have you join in. Our school chess competition is well under way. Mr Menham from Bundaberg Chess club is kindly organising the play list for us each week and I will aim to publish points won so far early next term.

Next term there will also be the opportunity for a team to participate in the Bundaberg Children’s Chess Tournament. On the day students will play seven rounds of chess against other primary school age students for a chance to win some cash prizes. The tournament is on Tuesday 29th October so if your child would like to be considered for the team they will need to attend chess club on Thursdays for try outs.

Mrs Lara Hawker

Uniform Shop Message
The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays from 8.30 to 9.30am. For purchases at other times, please contact Marianne Mackay on 0429 703 701. Now that winter is over, we will be returning the spray jackets to our supplier. If you would like to purchase a jacket for your child, please contact me on the number above before Friday 20 September. Jackets will be available next year in time for winter. Goodwood State School Polo shirts are $25, and green hats are available for $12 as normal.

Please ensure correct payment is made at the time of purchase, as change is not available.

Mrs Marianne Mackay
Convenor

P&C Messages from the President, Mrs Karen Blain

Bunnings BBQ - Call for Volunteers
The P&C are still needing volunteers to assist at our upcoming fundraising event, BBQ at Bunnings Bundaberg on Saturday 5 October between 8am - 4pm. If you are able to lend a hand for any part of the day please contact Tamara Johnson on (07)4126 8486.
Thank you to those families who have already volunteered their time to support our school. Looking forward to a successful day!

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 17 September at 3.15pm in the Lower Classroom - kids welcome. If you are unable to attend our monthly meetings, but have some questions, suggestions, comments or feedback for the P&C, please let us know.

Special Food Day
Reminder - Special Food Day is this Wednesday 18 September.
Thank you, we appreciated the prompt return of your orders and money.
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Bingo
Our next Bingo sessions will be held during the school holidays, Thursday 26 September and Thursday 3 October at 1pm at the Woodgate Beach Bowls Club. Come along and try your luck, we have cash prizes up for grabs and raffle prizes are also on offer with tickets available to purchase on the day. Many thanks to Melinda Ricciardi for offering us a helping hand. Your support is greatly appreciated.

RSPCA Cupcake Day
Thank you for your support during our recent fundraiser, Cupcake Day for the RSPCA. You’ll be pleased to hear a total of $165 was raised on the day, well done!

Cash for Cans - Aluminium Can Drive
Thanks again to the families who have been participating in our Cash for Cans fundraiser. Funds raised from our latest drop off was $60.30. The collection bin will still be accessible over the school holidays so please keep those cans coming in. The location of the recycling bin is in the top end of the Woodgate Road car park. All the P&C ask is that only aluminium cans are to be placed in the bin, crushed or uncrushed but please no plastic bags or no food scraps.

Community Notices

Daffodil Day Thank You
On behalf of Cancer Council Queensland, thank you to everyone who supported Daffodil Day 2013. This year's campaign has been a fantastic success. We had over 2000 individuals and organisations selling Daffodil Day supporter items and fresh daffodils across the state.

With more than $1.2 Million already raised, we’re sure we will reach our target of over $1.9 Million in Queensland.
By participating in Daffodil Day, you have helped fund; Vital cancer research, early prevention programs and patient support services for the thousands of Queenslanders who will be diagnosed with cancer this year.
Simon Jacobs
National Events Coordinator - Daffodil Day
Cancer Council Queensland

Parents of Young Children

Is your child having frequent tantrums?
Refusing to follow requests?
Constantly demanding attention?
Demonstrating violent outbursts?

There is help available to restore relationships!!!

The Management of Young Children Program (MYCP) is a free individual parenting skills program funded by Education Queensland
offering training & support to parents of children aged 3 to 7 years with difficult behaviour.
Parents self-refer by phoning:
Engaging Early Learners (07) 4131 1333
Address: Woondooma Street Opposite Library
Like us on Facebook:
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DNA AQUATICS

LEARN TO SWIM

OPEN DAY

Free assessment & Sign on

When: Labour Day Public Holiday Monday 7th October 2013

Where: Kepnock State High School pool. Gate 3, Baird Street Kepnock.

Time: 8am - 4pm

For more information contact:

dna.aquatics@hotmail.com

https://www.facebook.com/DNAquatic

Donna Keech 0466 034 503

Bundaberg Tennis Academy

Holiday “Get Active” Tennis Clinic
Monday 30th September to Thursday 3rd October
with “Games Day”- Friday 4th October 2013

FEATURING: 1/2 day session 8.30am - 11.30am for Beginners
1.30pm - 4.30pm High School/Intermediate/Prior Learning Students
Limited class sizes - maximum of 8

Where: Bundaberg Junior Tennis Association, Rotary Park Tennis Complex, 69B George Street, South Bundaberg.
(next to St Vincent de Paul & Tantitha Bowls Club - 2 blocks from Woolworths Plus Petrol)

Cost:

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Conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Professional Tennis Coaches - Murray Whitbread: 407 639824 & Kevin Banner: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753

Bookings are Essential - names to Kevin & Suzie: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753
**TENNIS:** Holiday "Get Active" Clinic will be held Monday 30th September to Thursday 3rd October with a Games Day Friday 4th October 2013 at the Bundaberg Junior Tennis complex, 69b George Street, South Bundaberg with Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coaches, Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner. Attached is a flyer with more information. Registration for the Clinic is essential. Please phone Kevin & Suzie 4152 0753 or 0409 520753.

**TENNIS:** MLC Hot Shots Learning commences for Term 4, on Wednesday 9th October & Saturday 12th October with Groups commencing week of Tuesday 8th October. MLC Hot Shot Games commence on Saturday 12th October and Monday 14th October. For further information please contact either Murray 0407 639824 or Kevin 0409 520753.

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**Uniting Care Community - October Workshops**

**1-2-3 Magic**

Parenting

This Program is for parents who would like a simple way of parenting effectively. 1-2-3 Magic is designed to be effective for children from 2 to 12 years of age, and can be used for children who exhibit difficult behaviour.

- **When:** Tuesday October 8, 2013 (3 week duration)
- **Time:** 6.30pm to 8.30pm
- **Cost:** $5.00 per session
- **Contact:** UnitigCare Community on 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)

**Strong not Tough**

Adult Resiliency Program

Adult Resilience “Strong not Tough” has been developed to teach adults the skill of mindfulness and stress release in order to navigate their experiences, effectively manage their emotions and to be resilient for life.

- **When:** Friday October 11 & 18, 2013 (2 week duration)
- **Time:** 9.00am-3.00pm
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** Unitig Care Community on 4153 8400 (To register your interest)

**“Thanks but No Thanks”**

Assertion

Explores the difference between assertion and aggression. Learn basic assertion skills and discuss the importance of assertion in relationships and why a lack of assertion is personally unhealthy.

- **When:** Wednesday October 23, 2013 (1 x 3hr session)
- **Time:** 9.30am to 12.30pm
- **Cost:** $10.00 per session
- **Contact:** UnitigCare Community on 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)