**Principal’s News**

Welcome back to Semester 2. I would like to start by extending a warm welcome to our new families who have joined us. I am confident you will share the same wonderful and successful experiences all of our existing families enjoy. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Melissa Henderson who is filling in for Susan for this semester. Please be patient and kind as Melissa finds her feet (given her professionalism, commitment and passion for our school I doubt this will take long).

**Facilities Update**

It didn’t take long for the kids to notice the minor facelift to our toilets which occurred over the break. Our classes in A and B blocks are also proud of the nice new roof. Unfortunately due to the inevitable unforeseen circumstances our walkway project isn’t quite completed. It is expected to be completed by tomorrow – fingers crossed. Then we will just need to hope for some rain to test them out.

**Futsal**

Next Monday our school will be sending a boys’ and girls’ Futsal team to the Regional Championships in Oxley. Thanks must be extended to Mr Moncada for training the teams and organising the event. Good luck to the teams and I look forward to cheering you on when I join you on Monday.

**Life Education**

The Life Education van is visiting our school this week delivering healthy messages to our classes. The van will be here until Friday. It would be great for parents to follow up with the lessons learned by asking questions of your children about their visit and discussing their answers in your own family context.

**Every Minute of Every Day Counts**

The start of a new semester can be like a new year when we make some resolutions or commitments. I encourage all children to set attending school on time, everyday of the term as a common goal. Remember, those with 100% attendance will be invited to our Pizza Party on the second last Thursday.

**School Discipline Audit**

As part of the Department of Education, Training and Employment’s commitment to creating successful schools, each school in Queensland will undergo a School Discipline Audit. The purpose of this Audit is to highlight the strengths of schools in delivering a safe and supportive school environment and areas for improvement.

An Auditor will visit our school on Monday 28 July to conduct our audit and we are looking forward to the feedback they will provide. We hope that their investigation will validate our commitment to nurturing our students and families, providing open communication between home and school and supporting students in demonstrating their best in learning, best in behaviour and best in relationships with others. I am confident that the auditor will see that everyone in our community understands our passion for Boonah Brilliance and the 4 pillars of Safety, Respect, Responsibility and Active Learning.

A significant part of the process is for the Auditor to contact students, parents and staff and discuss their experience with the school to ensure that what we, as a school say is happening, is indeed happening. If you are contacted by the Auditor I encourage you to be honest and open. I look forward to sharing our results with the community once the process is completed.

**Charity Water**

Last term our year 6/7 students explored the water cycle in detail, particularly examining its effect on ecosystems and how human behaviours can in turn have an effect on the water cycle. As part of this unit they became very interested in an organisation called Charity Water which assists communities which have limited access to clean water. This interest has driven the Student Leaders to hold a fundraising and awareness day next Friday, 25 July.

Students will be able to come to school in Free Dress for gold coin donation and the funds raised through the sausage sizzle on that day will also be donated to Charity Water. As part of the awareness raising, they are also developing a water quiz for classes to complete. The day will culminate with whole school games on the oval between 2-3pm, and families are invited to join us for these games.

**Goodbye and Thank you**

Finally I would like to share this message with you from Susan Schubring...

> It is with mixed feelings that I have decided to retire at the end of my Long Service Leave at the end of the year. Retirement will be an exciting new step in my life but I’m sad to say goodbye to the school that has been my second home for the last 25 years. I would like to thank the staff, parents and children for your friendship and support during this time and allowing me to have a small part in your lives. I miss you all.  
>  
> Susan Schubring

Obviously this message will be a shock to many and will be met with great sadness by most. Susan was an incredible asset to this school community. I would like to pay tribute to her passion, compassion, knowledge and efficiency. I wish her all the very best for her new adventure and will personally miss her greatly.

As mentioned previously, Melissa will be our acting Admin Officer for this semester. As for a permanent replacement, the position will be filled through normal Departmental processes towards the end of the year. I will keep everyone informed.

Mark Winrow  
Principal
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July
15-18  Life Education
16     P&C General Meeting 7pm Uniform Shop
18     Sausage Sizzle on a Friday Commences
25     Academic Awards Parade
25     Free Dress Day & Fundraiser
29     P-3 Tabloid Sports Mini-Carnival
31     Inter-house Athletics – Full Day at Boonah S.H.S.

August
  1     Inter-house Athletics – Full Day at Boonah S.S. oval
  2     P&C Trivia Night
  7     P&C Family Movie Night
13 & 15  District Athletics

September
11     Writer’s conference
17     Under 8s
19     Soccer/Netball Gala Day
19     Last Day Term 3

CHAPLAIN’S NEWS

Hello again!!

Congratulations
Congratulations to two of our students who won prizes in the ‘Raising of Ruins’ colouring competition. Your prizes will be arriving very soon!

Queensland Father of the Year
Nominations for Queensland Father of the Year close this Friday, July 18. If you are aware of a deserving dad that should be nominated, you can do it or encourage a family member or a friend to get involved.

Visit the event website www.qldfatheroftheyear.org.au for all the information you need, or pick up a flyer from the office.

Seasons for Growth
Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Boonah State School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively.

We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth which will commence this term. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

We already have a small group of students involved in the program this term and their families have been notified. However, if this is something you think your child would benefit from in the future, please don’t hesitate to speak to Mark or myself.

As always, if you see me around, be sure to stop for a chat.

Renee Lumley

P&C

TRIVIA NIGHT
Boonah State School P&C
SAT 2 AUG 7:30PM

P&C GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 16th July 7pm
Venue: Uniform Shop
All Welcome

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Tuesday 2:45pm to 3:15pm
Thursday 8:30am to 9:00am
Alternatively please feel free to contact me 0408 071 007 to arrange a time that suits.

Gemma Gordon, Uniform Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS

Do you have an interest in Fashion, a flair for displaying merchandise and enjoying helping others?
Come volunteer to assist in our Vinnies Retail Centre - Boonah

The work of the St Vincent de Paul Society is largely carried out by members of the community who voluntarily give their time, skills and experience to help those less fortunate.

The Society provides many opportunities for volunteer participation and is an activity open to any person. Many volunteering positions are ongoing but there are also short-term opportunities available. Many opportunities exist to volunteer in our Vinnies Retail Centre. Even a few hours of your time a week can make a huge difference to the operation of this core work of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

The profit from the sale of stock from the Vinnies Centres goes directly towards providing resources and support to people in need. Much of this money is used to buy food for local families in need.

By volunteering to make a difference, either as a regular or casual volunteer you can make a difference for those in need. For some Vinnies’ volunteers, this is a chance to give something back to the community, to use their skills and experience in ways that make a difference in the lives of people who need their help. For others, it is a chance to learn new skills and to get experience in a supportive environment.

Ways you can assist
In our Vinnies Retail Centre
• Putting stock on display
• Building displays
• Customer service
• General housekeeping
• Sorting donations
• Pricing and hanging stock

If you would like to help by volunteering or know someone who may be interested, please phone the Area manager - Sharon Brown Ph: 0437967589