**Principal's News**

Wow – week 5 of term 3! At first I found it difficult to fathom that hump week of term 3 had already arrived, but when I reflected on what has happened in our school this term I was surprised it was only week 5. A recap of the term’s events (in only 5 weeks) includes: Athletics Carnival, District Athletics, Academic Parade, Life Education, Futsal, Charity Water Day, Movie Night and Discipline Audit. But by far the most important activity in these 5 weeks has been quality learning. Daily, I am visited by children sharing personal bests in learning, and I have to say, it’s what gets me up in the morning.

**NEiTA**

More of our teachers have been nominated for National Excellence in Teaching Awards. Mr Charlie Moncada, Ms Juley Nilson, Miss Alyssa Hogan and Ms Sharolyn Johnson were presented with their nomination certificates last week to bring the total of nominations for our school to 10. I am thrilled that our community recognises the great work our team of teachers carries out, committed to the learning of your children.

**Rocketry Challenge**

On Saturday 2 August I was lucky enough to witness 4 groups of students from our school de-mystify the saying “it’s not rocket science”. Our junior teams constructed kit rockets and launched them successfully. Although 1 team had a misfire on their first attempt, they worked tirelessly to solve the problem and launched so successfully at their next attempt that they were awarded an Encouragement Award. Our Senior team designed and built a rocket from scratch which was launched hundreds on metres into the air and returned a fresh egg safely to ground. This is a unique program offered to high performing students at our school which facilitates incredible hands-on learning.

**Athletics**

Congratulations to Cunningham on their victory in our Interhouse Athletics Carnival. Congratulations also to their rivals on providing stiff competition through Boonah Brilliant performances. I would like to extend my thanks to the staff for running such a successful day and to the P&C for providing nourishment.

The school wishes the very best to all of our students who are competing in the District carnival on Wednesday (Walloon SS) and Friday (Boonah SHS) this week. While they can’t all be the best I am confident that they will perform to their best on and off the field and track.

**Variety Bash Visit**

Next Thursday (21 August) our school will be blessed by a visit by the Variety Bash participants. The cars will arrive throughout the day between 11:00-2:00pm. The children will have the opportunity to view the cars and pass their best to the drivers in the middle session. Our P&C has kindly volunteered to provide lunch for the participants as a fund raiser for the school.

**Writers’ Conference**

In keeping with the busy theme of the term, our school will host Write Right on the same day as the Variety visit. Write Right is the first annual conference for gifted writers at Fassifern schools. Nominated students from schools throughout the district will spend the day at our school listening to and workshopping with accomplished and published authors.

**Flu Season**

With the Ekka in full swing, so is the flu season. At this time of year cold and flu infections are rampant and highly contagious. Therefore while it is important for students to be at school EVERYDAY, if your child is suffering from cold and flu symptoms it is important that they are kept home for the health of others. To manage the spread of these germs, everyone is reminded to wash their hands regularly, cough and sneeze into disposable tissues where possible and keep your fluids up.

**Book Week Parade**

Book Week is here again so it is time to get dressed up. Our Book Week parade will be held during our regular parade time (9am) in the hall on Friday 22 August. Children are encouraged to come dressed as a book character to parade in front of the school. Families are invited come along and witness a true highlight in our calendar. This parade is always a treat for kids and adults alike.

**Plan your journey home**

Recently there have been a growing number of issues in getting children home. Many calls have been made to assist the safe delivery of children to their home. Many of these calls could have been avoided by clear communication with children on how they are getting home. Please ensure that your child is very clear on how they are getting home each day. It is also highly recommended to have a Plan B in case something goes wrong. This saves a lot of angst and time.

It is also important that parents realise that the pick up time from school is 3pm. On a number of occasions children have been collected closer to and after 4pm. In some instances this has meant that myself and my staff have missed appointments to stay behind and ensure the safety of children.

Mark Winrow
Principal
Beaucare Family Support Program

The Family Support Program provides a confidential counselling and support service to parents and care providers of children under the age of 18.

Areas of support include:

- Parenting
- Counselling – General or specific (ie: grief, trauma, domestic violence, substance abuse, separation, divorce, child custody – anything that affects the family dynamics)
- Referral to other required services / organisations
- Advocacy on behalf of clients and liaison with community service providers
- Providing information and resources on a range of parenting and family topics
- Basic budgeting or supported referral to financial service
- Assisting with accommodation issues
- Responding to domestic and family violence

Parenting Focus Includes: (but not limited to)

- Refining parenting and communication skills
- Developing healthier relationships with children
- Supporting parents to understand child and adolescent development
- Assistance with routines
- Understanding education and its importance
- Supporting children after separation

Contact details

Beth Outerbridge has been appointed by Beaucare as our new Family Support Worker (replacing Margi McGrath)
Phone 5541 3290 or mob 0419 021 867
Email fsw@beaucare.org.au

Beth attends Boonah State School on a Monday

Beaucare also supports Youth in the area with our YARI (Youth at Risk Initiative) program
YARI Offers a service specifically aimed at supporting Children and Youth from the age of 10 and over to understand and manage their situation; be it a school, personal or family issue.
Ph Lyn 0406480503 or Kelli 0439668717

BOONAH BRILLIANCE - STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Alyssa – outstanding effort and application towards her maths work
Emily – Emily has made significant improvement in her spelling this term. Keep up the good work Emily!
Georgia – for displaying excellent writing skills
Isabelle – for doing some great reading this week
Jack – for working hard during math rotations and completing all set tasks
Kelsey – for being an active learner in all areas
Kyra – for contributing to class discussions more this week
Lilyanna – Lilyanna has become a welcome member of our class and school. She has demonstrated the four pillars to success. Well done Lilyanna.
Riley – for working hard to achieve his classroom goals
Shae – for working to the best of her ability
(Name Withheld) – Has been really working hard on his spelling, reading comprehension and punctuation.

CHAPLAIN’S NEWS

Hello again!!

South Side Spring
Spring is the time of year for Grades 5 to 7 on the South Side to put on their boardies, get on the bus, and hitch a lift with our awesome team of volunteers to the beautiful Sunshine Coast for FIVE exhilarating days of Sand, Sunshine and Water.

Experience the thrill of an Aqua Fun Park, be inspired by the message of the Gospel, wrestle with the waves, sculpt in the sand and embark upon the multitude of challenges that are waiting for you at our amazing campsite.

Come on your own or bring a group of friends from school, either way you’re bound to have an awesome week with new friends at South Side Spring.
Register online at http://www.sucamps.org.au

SAFETY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.
**Who:** Grades 5, 6 & 7 from the South Side of Brisbane (Boonah to the Redlands)

**When:** 22nd-26th September

**Where:** Glendalough, Peregian

**Cost:** Early Bird $225 (register before 5th September) or Regular $250

**Contact:** southsidespring@sucamps.org.au
Hayden Bridgeman 0405 335 647
Nicole Arthur 0449 685 411

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

Renee Lumley

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**P&C GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday 20th August 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

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Boonah State High School**

For Parents/Caregivers of 2015 enrolments

Enrolment night: Wednesday 27 August only
Where: BSHS library
When: from 3:30pm to 6:30pm
What will happen: Please bring your completed enrolment forms to the library & you will be directed to a table manned by our staff to have a short conversation about your forms.

If you are unable to attend on the night, you could hand them in to the main office between the hours of 7:30am to 4pm daily or phone us on 54606111.

We look forward to assisting you & your child make a smooth transition to Boonah High.

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**Social Mixed Touch football**

Where: Hayes Oval Harrisville
When: Wednesday nights starting 3rd September 2014
Time: 6.45pm for a 7pm start
Cost: $40

Harrisville State School P & C run a Social mixed touch football competition twice a year on a Wednesday night starting a 7pm. Season will run for approx. 10 weeks. All the proceeds go to the children at Harrisville State School to better their education.

Teams of 6 are to have at least 2 females on the field at all times. You can have as many players as you like in your team as long as they register and pay their fees.

The first week consists of a round robin to get everybody back into the swing of things and then the competition will start the following week.

If you wish to register a team please contact:
Jenny Miles – 0419 717 591 or Linda Rodrick – 0417 190 899 or via Facebook Harrisville Social mixed touch football

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**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Boonah Golf Club.
Sat, 23rd August 2014.

Great prizes and raffles.
Golf Club bar open.
Nibbles platters for each table included in price.
Bookings in advance essential. 0432 24676 or 94630365.
6.30 pm for 7 pm start.
Tickets @ $15/Head.

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**C&K Boonah District Kindergarten**

Our waiting lists are currently open!

For children born 1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011 for 2015 kindergarten year
For children born 1 July 2011 - 30 June 2012 for 2016 kindergarten year

Please contact us on 5463 5878 for an enrolment package today