Principal’s News
As the term rockets past, families are reminded of the importance of completing homework. I am aware that most families are very busy but the homework which is set is not usually difficult. It gives children a chance to consolidate their learning and provides a unique opportunity for parents to be involved in their child’s learning. Parents are the primary educators.

Respecting Staff
Parents are reminded that if they have an issue with a staff member then they are encouraged to respectfully discuss the issue with them. If you are uncomfortable doing this, please discuss your concerns with me. We will always look to solve issues in the best interests of your children. Carpark gossip and online posting will NOT solve the issue but simply make it bigger. The research shows that children will solve their own problems in the ways modelled by their parents. Please help us help them.

Carpark Safety
In recent weeks we have been very concerned by children’s behaviour in and around the carpark. It is a very busy place and visibility can be impaired, so it is imperative that children are extra cautious. Please remind your children about the correct way to use the crossings, to walk their bikes and scooters through the busy thoroughfares and walk in front of cars rather than behind them. Our children’s safety is everyone’s business.

Pokemon Cards
A group of keen students have been playing Pokemon on Wednesday lunchtimes in the library. While we are very happy to promote this pastime, we ask that the cards only be brought to school on Wednesdays for the purpose of playing at lunchtime.

T20 Cricket
Last Wednesday a number of our year 4-7 students competed in the Milo T20 cricket competition. All of our students played with rigour and made our school proud. Our senior boys and girls won the right to compete in the Regional Finals this Friday. We wish them all the best in their quest to reach the State Finals.

Swimming
P-2 swimming starts next week. Please ensure your forms and payments are returned so your child does not miss out on this wonderful opportunity. I am aware that the cost has increased due to higher bus costs, but our program still constitutes great value compared to private swimming lessons. We encourage all of our students to participate in this program.

Camps
Our year 5 students had a fabulous time on camp giving every activity a red hot go. The camp facilitators commented on our children’s manners, behaviour and enthusiasm. We hope to present a slideshow of photos at this week’s parade.

Our Year 6/7 students will be joining the year 6/7 students from Kalbar SS next week on their transition camp at Emu Gully. We are all very excited.

Public Speaking Competition
This Thursday, 5 of our year 6/7 students will present speeches at the Fassifern Public Speaking Competition at Kalbar SS. They have been working hard writing thought-provoking and entertaining pieces to present with flair. We wish them the very best in their quest to keep the shield at Boonah.

2015 Prep
Our Prep orientation sessions start this week and will continue each Wednesday for the next 3 weeks. We are so pleased to be welcoming a new group of students into our wonderful school. We are also lucky to have a large number of new families joining our community. If you know of any children starting at our school next year who haven’t yet enrolled please encourage them to contact the office immediately to assist with our planning for 2015. Our planning for next year is going to be complicated (with year 7 starting at the high school from next year) so we need to start as soon as possible.

World Teachers’ Day
Next Friday, 31 October, is World Teachers’ Day. While we do not become teachers for accolades, it is nice to be appreciated. Our teachers work very hard and are amongst the most caring individuals I have worked with. Please take the time to thank your child’s teacher on this day. The gesture doesn’t have to be extravagant; simply a note, phone call or email would make their day. As a school, our whole staff will be enjoying breakfast outside the hall from 7:30am on the day. Any assistance with this breakfast would be appreciated. I am truly inspired by our group of dedicated teachers and more importantly, so are your children.

Mark Winrow
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Kasey – Kasey has grown in confidence in reading and writing.
Kye – Kye has made a great effort to remain in his seat. Keep up the good work Kye!
Lily – Setting a consistently good behaviour example to other students.
Lucas – For always contributing to class discussions.
Mark – This week Mark has demonstrated Boonah Brilliance by incorporating “rainbow writing” in his holiday recount and working at a very high standard on his maths assessment.
Mitchell – For displaying great active learner attributes by contributing to all class discussions.
Nate – An Active Learner
Nate – Nate has been making a fantastic effort to complete his work in class. Well done Nate!
Nathan – This week Nathan worked respectfully with his classmate to complete their measuring task.
Ryan – For a positive and hard-working start back to the term.
Ruby – Ruby has made a great effort to complete her homework this week. Well done Ruby!.
Seth – Seth is always trying to do his Boonah Best in all areas.
Shanaya – For always doing her Boonah Best.
Taylah – Taylah always tries to do her Boonah Best in all areas.
(Name Withheld) – Working to the best of his ability to improve his handwriting.
(Name Withheld) – This week this student has worked with persistence on all learning tasks. Great start to the term!
(Name Withheld) – For doing some wonderful number work with Mrs Bird.
(Name Withheld) – This student showed great Boonah Brilliance qualities at CYC Camp Burleigh.

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

Beaucare will be providing a Family Support Worker to attend Boonah State School weekly on a Monday from 8:00am until 4:00pm. This is a free and confidential service and will begin on Monday the 18th of August. Please call or email for enquiries or feel free to drop in. PH: 5541 4216 Mobile: 0419 021 867 Email fsw@beaucare.org.au.

**CHAPLAIN’S NEWS**
Hello again!!

**Playgroup**
Unfortunately, due to training and other commitments, playgroup has had to be cancelled the last two weeks. My apologies to anyone who may not have heard. I notified those whose numbers I have, but I know there may have been some people who fell through the cracks.

The good news is that we are ready and planned for the remainder of the year with some great coffee for you and great activities for your children. All parents and children under school age welcome.

- Wednesday’s, between 9am and 10.30am
- Gold coin donation

**SAFETY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.**
- Morning tea and craft activities included
- Free play! Games! Songs! Stories! Craft!

**Chappy Challenge**

Start preparing for next year’s challenge now!

Each year Boonah District Chaplaincy runs the Chappy Challenge. You can bike 60km, 35km, 10km or 5km; walk or run 10km or 5km; and there’s even an event for the littlies with our bike and trike track around the showgrounds.

This is our major fundraiser for each year and is held the first Saturday of March. It’s time to start preparing for the 2015 Chappy Challenge now! The website will be open for registrations very soon to allow you to get as much sponsorship as you can. I would love to have a Boonah State School team enter, or maybe a number of teams.

Head to www.chappychallenge.com.au for more details (it says 2014, but most events will be unchanged for next year). And, if you’re keen to be in a team, let me know!

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

Renee Lumley

**P&C**

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**P&C General Meeting**

Wednesday 19th November 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 Convener

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**Community News**

**Emergency First Aid**

There are some free emergency first aid courses which includes CPR - both these courses are non-accredited.

Saturday 8th November Beaudesert 9am - 3pm, Beaucare, 44 Tina Street

Saturday 15th November Boonah 9am - 3pm, Band Hall, Walter Street

Enquiries

Contact: Lacey Sawtell

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Come and try canoe polo for just $5. New season just beginning.

- Monday nights at the Boonah Pool.
- Coaching provided from 6 – 7pm for children
- Sausage Sizzle every Monday night.
- Equipment supplied inc. safety equip
- Season runs from late September to April, with a break over Christmas school holidays.
- Everyone Welcome.

Season registration is $85 for primary students

$95 for secondary school students

$120 for adults

($5 trial fees taken off registration fees)

please call 0427568881 for more info.