Principal's News

There was a tangible buzz at the Cultural Centre this morning in the line-up for the hottest ticket in town. The preparations are well underway for our concert with the sweatshop working overtime and the hall is in constant rotation for practice. I encourage all families to get involved in the concert and make sure you get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. I would like to extend my gratitude to the army of volunteers who have already spent hours working on costumes and practicing routines.

Community Loss

It is with sincere sadness that I share with our community the loss of Witness Fangupo last Friday night. Witness was the much loved mother of Amorita in year 3 and Caroline in year 6. I know that the community shares my sadness and extends their deepest sympathy to the family. I would also like to extend our community’s deepest sympathy to the family of little Charlee who lost her battle with illness on the weekend. It is a sad time in our community and makes us realise how precious our family is. With this in mind, I encourage all parents to give their children a good hug and tell them how much they are loved regularly.

World Teachers’ Day

Thank you to our leaders who came in early after a tough week on camp to serve our teachers breakfast on Friday morning. Thanks also to the many community members who thanked our team in a number of ways. I was very pleased to commemorate the day by presenting Mr Nic Comino a State National Excellence in Teaching Award. Nic has been shortlisted to the final 36 teachers in the country from over 1000 nominations. Congratulations Mr C!

Year 6/7 Camp

Last week was a gruelling one for our year 6/7 students (and even more so for Mr Moncada and myself) as we tackled many physical challenges to foster the ANZAC values of Courage, Mateship, Perseverance and Self-Sacrifice. Despite being battered, bruised and at times nervous, EVERY child attempted EVERY activity with commitment and enthusiasm. I was extremely proud of them as a group.

Year 3 and 3/4 Lone Pine Excursion

The students who travelled to Lone Pine returned with a wealth of information about Australia’s Fauna and had many questions answered. It was reported that their thirst for knowledge was deep and their behaviour was exemplary. Thanks to all involved.

T20 Cricket Success

The Boonah SS T20 cricket juggernaut has rolled on. Both our girls and boys teams won their Metropolitan Regional Final and now play in the State Final at Alan Border Oval on 19 November. I know our whole community will be willing them on to winning their way to play at the hallowed MCG.

2015

We are now all underway in preparing for 2015. All of our planning relies on the accuracy of our enrolments. Therefore, if you know that you will not be staying in 2015 please let the office know ASAP. If you are aware of any children joining us for 2015 please urge them to contact the office ASAP also. We are currently just sitting on numbers for 9 classes having lost year 7 to high school. The final make-up of these classes cannot be determined until we have accurate numbers for next year.

Attendance

A recent review of our attendance levels has shown 93% attendance. While this does constitute an increase from 2013 and may seem an acceptable attendance rate, I am still concerned that on average our students are having 7 days in every 100 away from school. This means that on average our children are absent for 13 days a year (nearly 2 weeks). While I am aware that at times circumstances require students to be absent, I encourage families to remember that everyday counts.

Mark Winrow
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November
5  Open Day for 2015 Prep Students 10am-11am
7  Cyber Safety Workshop for Parents
12  Open Day for 2015 Prep Students 10am-11am
19  P&C Meeting 7pm Uniform Shop
21  Year 1/2 Excursion – 12th Night Theatre/Park
21  Year 2/3 Excursion – 12th Night Theatre/Park
29  End of Year Concert “Synergy”
December
10  Year 6 & 7 Graduation
12  Last Day Term 4

Boonah State School Students performing in the concert do not need to purchase a ticket.
**CHAPLAIN’S NEWS**

Hello again!! I’m pleased to announce that I survived the heat and adventure that was the year 6/7 camp! It was great fun, and I’m sure your kids loved it as much as I did!

Talking About Feelings – from Seasons for Growth

Ignoring a feeling won’t make it go away.

The feeling is usually trying to tell you something. Listen to the message:

- Anger: “what is happening here is not desirable”
- Sadness: “I have lost or am missing something I want or need”
- Fear: “I can’t cope with the loss and pain”
- Guilt: “Am I responsible for a part of this?”

The energy spent ‘holding in’ feelings is a valuable resource that can be released and used for healing.

Remember:

- Anger and guilt keep people stuck in the past
- Anger feeds on blame and resentment
- These feelings can be shifted by accurately identifying the events that caused them
- These events can be seen as opportunities for growth

Thoughts about feelings:

- Feelings are important for healthy living
- Feelings are best dealt with sooner than later
- There is more to me than what I feel
- Nobody can make us feel anything
- Feelings have no morality in themselves
- Feelings can change quickly
- My feelings are my unique response to a life situation
- We cannot avoid feelings
- Feelings are only a part of our lives, not the whole of it
- We don’t have to be slaves to our feelings
- We can experience different feelings at the same time
- If feelings are not understood and cared for they can mess up our ability to relate to others

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

Renee Lumley

**P&C**

**FUNDRAISING NEWS - Christmas Raffle**

Our annual Christmas raffle is now underway. Each participating family should receive a book of 10 raffle tickets with this newsletter.

Raffle tickets are $1.00 each and there are some great prizes on offer. Prizes include a $500 Escape Travel voucher, $100 Boonah Furniture Court voucher, $60 Dugandan Hotel dinner voucher and a $50 Boonah Bi-Rite Electrical voucher.

Please ensure that all tickets sold or unsold are returned to the school office by Friday 21st November. Additional ticket books are also available from the school office.

We are also looking for some volunteers to help sell raffle tickets in Boonah on the following dates between approximately 9am and 12 noon.

- Monday 10th November, Thursday 20th November
- Saturday 22nd November

If you can spare a couple of hours to support our P&C to raise funds for our wonderful school, please contact Deb Kerkin on 0418 844 280 or debandpetek@bigpond.com

**P&C GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday 19th November 7pm. Venue: Uniform Shop

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

Tuesday 2:45pm to 3:15pm & Thursday 8:30am to 9:00am.

Alternatively please feel free to contact me 0466 725 609 to arrange a time that suits.

Allison Dunn, Uniform Convenor

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**BOONAH BRILLIANCE - STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful
- An Active Learner

Caitlin – For doing excellent reading this week
Charlee – For working independently to complete set tasks
Darryl – Darryl has worked hard this week to complete set tasks
Emmaleen - Emmaleen always gives 100% in the classroom. She is a safe, responsible, respectful and active learner.
Jack – Continuously demonstrating respect towards others.
James – James has come along in leaps and bounds with his reading.
Joe – Joe has worked hard this week to complete set tasks independently
Kasey – Kasey is always kind, helpful class member. You are a pleasure to teach Kasey!
Karma – Karma has been showing the signs of an active learner by completing set tasks in a timely manner.
Katie-lee – for working quietly at set tasks
Kelsey – for being a quiet active learner
Olivia – Olivia presented a Boonah Brilliant procedure this week. Well Done Olivia!
Rhett – Always showing respect towards others.
Riley – This week Riley has worked hard to make positive behaviour choices.
Summer – This week Summer has worked co-operatively with others and displayed a positive attitude towards her school work.
(Name withheld) – For being a quiet active learner in class.
(Name withheld) – Actively participating in all Science lessons this week.
(Name withheld) – For her improved reading skills using strategies and being very fluent. Well done!
(Name withheld) – Kyra has been a great friend this week – always offering a helping hand.

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**SWIMMING: TERM 4**

**Swimming**

**PREP CLASS & PREP/1 CLASS**

Thursday 6th, 13th & 20th November

**YEAR ½ CLASS & YEAR 2’S FROM 2/3 CLASS**

Friday 7th, 14th & 21st November

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**Cyber Safety Workshop for Parents**

**Beaucare Family Support Service**

The Beaucare Family Support Service will be holding a Cyber Safety Workshop for Parents following Parade this Friday (7th November) in the Library. Free admission.

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**SAFETY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.**