Principal's News
It is widely known how proud I am of this great school and the many and varied accomplishments we achieve each day thanks to the devoted staff. I am very pleased to say that it appears I am not alone. This year’s School Opinion Survey results have been released and again we have significantly high levels of satisfaction in parents, students and staff. I was a little nervous when it was completed online only this year because I know I only ever complete online surveys when I have something to say (and it is usually a complaint). But it seems our community took the time to tell us what they love about our school. A sincere thank you to those who took the time to respond to this survey. Whether you responded with satisfaction or dissatisfaction, your responses help us to ensure a quality, safe and caring education for your child.
Again our levels of satisfaction were above State and Like School scores for all questions (predominantly in the high 90%). The following questions showed 100% satisfaction:

Parents:
- Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best.
- This school gives my child opportunities to do interesting things.
- Teachers at this school are interested in my child’s wellbeing.
- This school celebrates student achievements.

Students
- I like being at my school.
- My teachers motivate me to learn.
- My school is well maintained.
- My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things.
- I am getting a good education at my school.
- My Maths skills are being developed at my school.
- I can access computers and other technologies at my school for learning.
- My schoolwork challenges me to think.
- My teachers challenge me to think.
- My teachers clearly explain what is required in my schoolwork.
- My teachers help me with my schoolwork when I need it.
- My teachers use a variety of resources to help me learn.
- My teachers care about me.
- My school encourages me to be a good community member.
- My school celebrates student achievements.
- This is a good school.

Staff
- Students are encouraged to do their best at this school.
- Student Behaviour is well-managed at this school.
- This school takes staff opinions seriously.
- This school looks for ways to improve.
- This school gives me opportunities to do interesting things.
- I feel I have the necessary skills to do my job effectively at this school.
- I feel that social, cultural and racial diversity are respected at this school.
- I have access to quality professional development.
- I can access necessary information and communication technologies to do my job at this school.
- I have the required skills to use the necessary information and communication technologies to do my job at this school.
- I am aware of occupational health and safety procedures at this school.
- Information and communication equipment is well-maintained at this school.
- Students with disability are well supported at this school.
- This school provides useful information online.
- This school encourages me to participate in professional development activities.
- This school encourages me to take responsibility for my work.
- I would recommend this school to others.

As this data attests, your child is getting a quality and varied education in a caring setting with compassionate people. I need to give my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the staff at Boonah State School. I have the greatest admiration of their ability to inspire the children to reach their potential. They unequivocally believe that every child can be successful and work tirelessly to make it happen.

Master Teacher
You may have read in the Guardian recently that our school will share a Master Teacher with the high school from next year. This incredible asset will be used to build the capacity of teachers in the effective teaching of Literacy and Numeracy. They will work with teachers to look at data and identify the best possible teaching experiences for individual children to ensure they are learning. The recruitment for this position is underway to find the best possible candidate.
**Concert**
Tickets are selling fast so don’t wait any longer if you don’t have any yet. Again I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the army of volunteers who are working to make this year’s concert a success. The concert doesn’t happen without them.

Due to dress rehearsals, there will not be a parade on 28 November. This year we have decided to invite local kindy children and residents of the retirement village to experience our dress rehearsal. Our dress rehearsal is not for parents but rather a chance to make the final touches and tweaks. To maximise seating and reduce noise the children will again be sitting in the Auditorium during the concert. We will be playing a live feed of the concert for them at this time and have made every precaution to ensure it works this year.

Please ensure that you support our concert by providing all necessary items by the date required for your child. Many hard-working parents have gone to great lengths to keep requirements to a minimum. Please also ensure you let your child’s teacher know if your child will not be attending any of the concerts. Finally, make sure your orders for BBQ and DVDs are handed to the office this week.

**Resource Scheme Payments**
Some parents still have amounts outstanding for the Student Resource Scheme. Invoices will be sent home this week for families with outstanding amounts. Please ensure you make this payment promptly. We cannot provide our quality resources and education without these payments.

**State Finals**
The excitement is building for our teams’ participation in the State T20 Finals tomorrow. I will be part of a busload of supporters cheering on our cricketers. I know the community is behind them and wish them every success. Whatever the result we are very proud of what they achieved and how they have played the game. A special congratulations to our girls’ transition from pegging to bowling and thanks to Mr Moncada and Mrs Susie Parker for supporting them.

**Storm Season**
With storm season bearing down on us, families are reminded to have a plan for children travelling home when the storm inevitably hits at 3pm. It is not safe for children to ride or walk home in storms. We are happy for them to wait in the office until the storm passes but the plan must be made clear to children by parents.

Please also remind your children of the safest way to travel home. We have had a couple of near misses again in the carpark when children have raced across to the family car or ridden their scooter across the crossing without waiting to check if cars have stopped.

**Volunteers’ Morning Tea**
A large part of what makes our school a great school is the army of volunteers who give up their time to support the education of your children. Some of these volunteers are parents but a good number are community members with a willingness to help. Without these volunteers much of what your children enjoy at school would not be possible. As a token of our appreciation of our volunteers we will be having a morning tea to honour their commitment.

Invitations will be sent home over the next week. With an army of volunteers as large as we enjoy, there is every chance that someone may be missed in preparing the invitations. If this happens we ask that people not feel insulted as it will be unintentional. If we do miss someone we ask that they either feel free to come along to the morning tea or that they, or someone else, points out our oversight so we may ensure an invitation is extended to them. It would be great to see all of our volunteers at the morning tea in the hall from 9am on Wednesday 3rd December.

**2015 Student Leadership**
Our process for selecting these important positions has begun in earnest. Interested students have submitted their written applications. The short-listed students from these applications will present their speeches to year 3-5 students on Thursday from 10am in the Multi-purpose Hall. The students in years 3-5 will then vote for the students and the students who have won the positions will be announced at our academic awards parade on Friday 5 December. In the event of a draw after scoring written applications, speeches and votes, students will be asked to participate in an interview with a teacher and student panel. Interested parents are encouraged to watch the students present their speeches on Thursday.

Mark Winrow
Principal

**B.S.H.S. Junior Secondary News**

**Preparing for high school**
The move from primary to high school is a significant event in the lives of students and their families. Despite students being excited about being in high school one of the things they typically struggle with in Term 1 is organisation of the school day. **Parents can assist their child to be organised and independent by establishing a routine where students have to pack and unpack their own bag each school day.** The average Junior Secondary timetable will show that a student will have some classes three times a week and other classes twice a week. This means that they will require different learning materials on different days. One of our expectations is that students come to school prepared to learn. That is, they need to have with them the necessary materials to allow them the best opportunity to participate in learning activities for the subjects they have on each day. Most of the time, this is a simple case of making sure they have packed what they need for the day.

**B.S.H.S. Class formation**
All schools undertake forward planning to ensure that the needs of future students are accommodated in the best way possible. Having met parents and students at Days of Excellence, Information Evenings and Enrolment meeting, and having received transitional academic information from our partner primary schools, our Junior Support Team are now in the process of forming classes for Year 7 and 8 students of 2015. **If you know that your child is destined to become a student at Boonah High and you have not yet completed the enrolment process you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.**

Kind regards
Sandra Malmstedt
Deputy Principal Junior Secondary

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**SAFETY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.**
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November
19  P&C Meeting 7pm Uniform Shop
20  2015 Student Leadership Speeches 10am
21  Year 1/2 Excursion – 12th Night Theatre/Park
21  Year 2/3 Excursion – 12th Night Theatre/Park
21  Year 4/5 Excursion – 12th Night Theatre/Park
29  End of Year Concert “Synergy”

December
3   Volunteers’ Morning Tea 9am
10  Year 6 & 7 Graduation
12  Last Day Term 4

SWIMMING: TERM 4

DATES HAVE CHANGED

PREP CLASS & PREP/1 CLASS
FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

YEAR 1/2 CLASS & YEAR 2’S FROM 2/3 CLASS
THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

BOONAH BRILLIANCE - STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful
- An Active Learner

Ethan – Ethan has written creative sentences during Rainbow writing this week.
Gabriel – For working fantastically this semester in all areas.
Hannah – For being the first student in Year 6/7 to come and show me two-hands on keyboard task “Ode to Joy”.
Jada – Improving her concentration in Maths and actively participating.
Katie-lee – For being a quiet active learner all the time.
Kayla – Kayla has worked hard on improving her spelling and homework sentences.
Keelie – Joint winner - most conscientious homeworker in the class
Malakai – Great work on writing a procedural text this week.
Noah – For always working diligently during all lessons and for always being respectful.
Noah – for doing his Boonah Best in all areas.
Ryan – For always working diligently during rotations and completing all tasks.
Scott – Scott has been a very thoughtful helper this week.
Stella – This week Stella has worked hard to complete set tasks and worked co-operatively with her cooking group.
Travis – Joint winner - most conscientious homeworker in the class
Zahra – For being a safe and responsible student this week.
(Name withheld) – For her improved reading skills using strategies and being very fluent. Well done!
(Name withheld) – This week this student has worked co-operatively on group tasks and demonstrated persistence on written tasks.
(Name withheld) – This student always demonstrates the four pillars of success. She is a pleasure to have in the class.

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Boonah State School Students performing in the concert do not need to purchase a ticket.

CHAPLAIN’S NEWS

Hello again!!

Cupcake Fundraiser
Stay tuned for more details of our upcoming Chappy Cupcake Fundraiser!!
This will be our school’s Chappy fundraising event for the year.

Are you really listening?
Some thoughts from Michael Thompson, PhD, Co-author,
Raising Cain

Really listening to your child… What does that look like?
Here are some ideas to refresh yourself to really make the most of your relationship with your child:

- **Take a break and listen to your child.** Specific actions – like making eye contact, kneeling down to your child’s level and even tilting your head – show your child you are listening. They also help you stop and really listen. If you can’t talk at that moment, you might say, ‘Let’s talk soon. I’m in the middle of something’.

- **Repeat what you heard.** It’s often useful to restate what you heard and put your child’s feelings into words. You might say, ‘You wanted a turn on the swing just now, didn’t you?’ or ‘You seem sad about going to day care today’. These reflective statements acknowledge and give words to your child’s feelings. But do this carefully. If a child is in the middle of a tantrum, saying ‘You’re really cranky and out of control!’ might aggravate the situation rather than help it.

- **Ask specific questions to gather more information.**
  You might say, ‘Can you tell me exactly what happened?’ If it makes sense to talk more, you might ask, ‘What upset you the most?’ Follow-up questions both acknowledge your child’s feelings and get your child talking about them. And they help you gather more information, so you can better understand what actually happened and how your child is thinking about it.

- **Before you say what you think, ask a question**

  ‘If your child says, “That’s not fair”, instead of jumping in with an explanation you might ask, “What do you think would be fair?”’ Then, wait for the answer – and ask a follow-up question.

  ‘HINT: If you find yourself thinking of your response while your child is talking, then you’re not really listening.’

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

Renee Lumley

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.

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.
Mobile: 0419 021 867 Email fsw@beaucare.org.au.

P&C

P&C GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 19th November 7pm. Venue: Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
There are a few old shirt styles in Sizes 16, 18, 20 that need to be sold. They are only $5 each.

Also, the price has been reduced on old style formal shirts now $15 each.

Uniform Shop Opening Times
New Opening Times until end of February 2015
Tuesday 2:45pm to 3:15pm
Thursday 8:30am to 9:00am
Fridays from 8.30am to 9.30am.

On Sale - Netball Style Skirts for $5.
Alternatively please feel free to contact me 0466 725 609 to arrange a time that suits.

Allison Dunn, Uniform Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS