Principal's News
It has been a very busy start to the year in classrooms. When I visit classrooms I hear and see quality learning at every turn. It pleases me to hear children sharing their learning with others because they are proud. Every child in our school is already succeeding. I urge parents to ask their children about the work they are doing in class and celebrate their successes, big and small. Let them know that their education is important to you.

Day 8
As previously reported we have grown in enrolments this year and have been staffed on a healthy 244 students. The increase has disproportionately arrived in our upper school classes meaning that these classes are larger than our early years classes. While the increase was not sufficient enough to warrant redistributing classes at this stage, we concede we will need to continue to monitor further increases to ensure the best learning environment for all children. The larger classes are currently being supported with increased support at a school level.

Homework Policy 2017
We received considerable positive feedback about our Homework Policy last year and are pleased to report that it will continue in 2017. There has been 1 P&C endorsed change. While homework will continue to be distributed in all classes on Friday, it will now be due on Wednesday to allow sufficient time for teachers to correct it and provide effective feedback.

Leave Valuables at Home
One of our Safety expectations is for students to leave valuable and dangerous items at home. We teach the children that the term valuable is in the eye of the beholder. What may be valuable to one person may not be considered valuable to another. The intent behind this expectation is to keep students and their precious items safe. In keeping with this expectation we ask that personal cricket bats be kept at home and not brought to school. We have cricket bats the children can use to continue their seasonal interest in the sport.

Parent Partnership Evening
All parents are strongly encouraged to attend our Parent Partnership Evening next Tuesday. It is a great opportunity to discover the secrets of your child’s classroom and to start a positive partnership with their teacher. The research shows conclusively that a strong partnership between home and school enhances children’s education. We want the best for your child and know that you do too. Invitations for the evening will be sent home by the end of this week. At the conclusion of the information sessions we will be holding a welcome BBQ and disco. This is a great opportunity to meet new families and catch up with familiar ones. Thanks in advance to our P&C for managing the BBQ.

Student Leadership Induction
Next Friday we will hold our annual ceremony to induct our Student Leadership Team into their positions. This is a special event on our calendar and I will like to extend an invitation to all of our community members to celebrate with us. The ceremony starts at 9am in the hall and will conclude with a morning tea.

Mark Winrow
Principal

HOMEWORK CLUB
Open Monday & Wednesday mornings from 8am-8:50am in the Library. Mrs Stephan, Miss Brown and Mr Moncada will be there to help students with homework. All students from Prep – 6 are welcome.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY
14 Parent Partnership Evening
15 P&C General Meeting 7pm Venue: Uniform Shop
17 Student Leader Induction Ceremony 9am

MARCH
1 Year 3-6 Swimming
4 Chappy Challenge
7 School Photos
8 Year 3-6 Swimming
15 Year 3-6 Swimming
15 P&C AGM & General Meeting 7pm -Uniform Shop
20-24 Parent Interviews
22 Year 3-6 Swimming
23 Boonah Boost & Attendance Parties
27 “Let's Stamp out Bullying" Art Performance
29 Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival
31 Easter Bonnet Parade
31 Last Day Term 1

APRIL
18 First Day Term 2

MAY
2 Boonah SS Inter-House Cross Country Carnival
12 Fassifern District Sports Assoc. Cross Country Trials (10-12 years)

JUNE
1 Metropolitan West School Sport Cross Country Trials (10-19 years)
BOONAH BRILLIANCE

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

• Safe • Responsible • Respectful • An Active Learner

Bailey – This week, Bailey shined with Boonah Brilliance by helping others feel welcome at our school. 
Caitlin – Caitlin is a great role model for her peers. She always demonstrates the 4 pillars!
Charli – Charli already shines with Boonah Brilliance by being a safe, responsible, respectful active learner.
Daisy – In her first week of Prep, Daisy has demonstrated all the four pillars of Boonah Brilliance!
Emmaleen – Emmaleen has been an active learner this week. Keep up the fantastic work.
Gwenie – This week, Gwenie demonstrated active learning by writing her letters and words neatly in her book.
Hudson – Hudson has had a fantastic start to the year, participating in class discussions and giving everything a go.
Ili – Ili is a respectful student who has made a terrific start at Boonah State School.
Isa – Isa always works hard to follow directions straight away and gives her best effort in all that she does.
Isa – Isa has had a fantastic start to the year, demonstrating all four pillars of Boonah State School.
Jada – Jada is an active learner who has made a mature approach to her work.
Jade – Jade follows the four pillars consistently, setting a wonderful example for her classmates.
Jake – Jake has been role modelling Boonah Brilliance to all of his classmates and has had a positive attitude towards his learning.
Janae – Janae has settled in well at Boonah State School and showed a positive attitude towards learning.
Jessica – Jessica is a true asset to our class and school, setting fine examples of behaviour and commitment to learning.
Kelly – Thank you Kelly for demonstrating excellent examples of both behaviour and willingness to learn.
Kasey – Kasey approaches all tasks with maturity and works methodically until they are completed.
Kea-Leigh – Kea-Leigh demonstrated persistence during story writing and her positive attitude towards learning is to be commended.
LJ – LJ has made a ripping start to 2017. He has tried his best at everything he was asked to do.
Lily – Lily can always be relied upon to do her best. She has demonstrated thoughtful independence and kindness.
Mark – Mark continuously strives to do his best everyday. Keep it up.
Mikayla – Mikayla showed persistence in maths this week by never giving up.
Molly – Molly has demonstrated “Active Learning” this week by engaging in all lessons.
Noah – Noah is showing all attributes of being a Boonah Brilliant student as well as having an exceptional work ethic.
Phoebe – Phoebe is showing all attributes of being a Boonah Brilliant student as well as being a great friend to all.

Samantha – Samantha always shows enthusiasm and positivity towards learning.
Sebastian – Sebastian already shines with Boonah Brilliance by being a safe, responsible, respectful active learner.
Travis – Travis has demonstrated great leadership and a mature approach to his work.

CHAPPY NEWS

There will be no chaplaincy service available on Wednesday 8th. Irene Hurren will be away at an Scripture Union Inservice day.

P&C NEWS

GENERAL MEETING
Held Wednesday 15th February 2017 at 7pm in the Uniform Shop.

P&C AGM & GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 7pm in the Uniform Shop.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop is opening next week. A menu will be sent home this week.
Volunteers are still needed. Please contact the school office if you are able to assist.

UNIFORM SHOP

SCHOOL CONCERT DVD ORDERS

The lost property cupboard was sorted last week with labelled items returned to owners. All other school clothing was donated to the uniform shop. These second-hand items are available for sale with the P&C requesting a gold coin donation. Please note that all second-hand items purchased will need to be washed. Unlabelled jumpers were the main items in lost property. Thank you to Claire Sourivong and Glenys Nykvist for their assistance in sorting these clothes.
SAFETY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.