Principal’s News
It has been a hectic start to 2015. The creation of a new class meant 52 changes to classes across the school and most importantly significantly reduced class sizes. I sincerely thank those families who trusted our judgement in making these changes and accepted that all decisions were made with your child’s best interests in mind. I am pleased to say that children have transitioned smoothly into their new surroundings.

Parent Partnership Letters
This week, children will be bringing home a Parent Partnership letter from their teacher. This important note details the learning your child will be engaging in for the term and how that learning will be assessed. It will also provide details of important dates for the term. Parents are urged to read this letter carefully and are encouraged to contact class teachers with any questions.

Parent Partnership Evening and Welcome Disco
Further to our Parent Partnership letter, we will also host our annual Parent Partnership Evening and Disco next Thursday 19 February. This important evening serves a number of purposes. First and foremost it is an opportunity for parents to meet their child’s teacher, hear about the class procedures and expectations, ask questions of teachers and meet the parents of your child’s classmates. The second part of the evening is a chance for new families to meet members of the community and staff in an informal setting. This is usually a great community event. Keep an eye out for your invitation in the coming days.

Carpark Safety
The safety of all members of our community is a priority for us. Therefore I ask that we all ensure:

- The staff carpark located inside the school grounds is for staff only (unless prior approval has been given by the Principal).
- Children must walk scooters and bikes across all crossings (including crossings within the community carpark).
- Helmets must be worn.
- Vehicles driven in the community carpark maintain minimal speed to prepare for the unexpected.
- Children are not to be dropped off in the bus zone of the community carpark.
- Children cross the carpark at a safe speed after looking for moving cars (including reversing vehicles).
- Children cross at designated crossings where provided.

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C meeting for 2015 will be held on Wednesday 11 February at 7pm in the Uniform Shop. I would like to encourage parents to consider participating in the P&C. It is a unique opportunity to influence important decisions at the school and hear about what is happening in all aspects of the school. It also provides a chance to meet new people.

The P&C AGM will be held on March 18. At the AGM all positions become vacant for election or re-election. If you are considering a position on the P&C please contact an existing Executive Member or the Principal for more information.

Concert DVDs
We are aware that some families have not been able to play their concert DVDs. The suppliers have explained that this may be an issue with the standard of definition between the DVD and the player being used. If you are experiencing difficulty playing your DVD please return it to the office and we will make arrangements with the suppliers to have it replaced.

Mark Winrow
Principal

Would you like our newsletter emailed to you?

Send a request to the following email address: boonahnewsletters@eq.edu.au in order to receive your newsletter electronically. At this stage a hard copy would still be sent home with the youngest member of your family.

If we have emailed newsletters to you in the past and you would still like to receive them via email please send in a request.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY
11 P&C General Meeting 7pm Venue: Uniform Shop
13-14 Cricket
19 Parent Partnership Evening, BBQ & Disco
20 Student Leader Induction Ceremony

MARCH
4 Swimming Years 3-7
6 Artslink Performance – Last Tree in the City
11 Swimming Years 3-7
18 Swimming Years 3-7
18 P&C AGM 7pm Venue: Uniform Shop
25 Swimming Years 3-7
25-27 Parent Interviews
27 Easter Bonnet Parade
31 School Photos

APRIL
1 Swimming Carnival Years 3-7
2 Last Day Term 1
20 First Day Term 2
27 Artslink Performance

AUGUST
30 School Fete
BOONAH BRILLIANCE - STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful
- An Active Learner

Corey – Excellent effort & application in all school areas. Keep it up!
Gus – This week you have worked independently and produced some fantastic work, Gus! Well done!
Jack – This week Jack was ready to learn at all times.
Jacob – This week Jacob showed responsibility in leading the class to various places around the school.
Jasmin – Excellent effort & application in all school areas. Keep it up!
John – This week John has demonstrated the skills of a responsible learner.
Kasey – This week Kasey has joined in learning and followed directions straight away.
Katie-lee – This week Katie-lee has been a safe learner in the classroom and in the playground.
Kelsey – This week Kelsey displayed excellent active listening skills by putting her hand up to answer questions in every lesson.
Lilley – This week you have demonstrated all areas of Boonah Brilliance. What a great role model you are, Lilley!
Matilda – For being a respectful active learner who always has a go. Great work!
Mitchell – Demonstrating the four pillars at all times.
Molly – Outstanding start to the school year! Keep it up!
Ryan – Ryan has settled into our class and school very well, showing Boonah Brilliance in his first week.
Sam – For being an active learner all week while learning the letter ‘s’.
Samuel – This week Samuel has used polite words and listened carefully to others.
Zak – Zak, you complete all tasks independently and do your absolute best in all you do!
(Name withheld) – This week this student displayed active listening skills by sitting still and putting her hand up to answer questions.
(Name withheld) – Actively participating in all lessons.
(Name withheld) – Well done! The descriptive words used in your character profile of 'The Twits' were super impressive!
(Name withheld) – For being an active learner all week while learning the letter ‘s’
(Name withheld) – For being a respectful active learner who always has a go. Great work!
(Name withheld) – For working hard during maths rotations and always following expectations.
(Name withheld) – This week this student displayed active listening skills by sharing his ideas and opinions in mathematics.

TASTY GERMAN
Lecker, Lecker (Yummy, Yummy in German)

Because we ate German cheesecake with Frau Noller. In our LOTE lesson, 6M impressed Mr Winrow with our German outfits (Leder hosen and Dimtels) and our German knowledge.

We can’t wait to learn more about our extended colours, numbers, greetings and our new topics, Family and the German Easter activities.

Toll! (Great) Auf Wiedersehen (Good-bye)

Written by Jasmin and Molly

CHAPLAIN’S NEWS
Hello again!!
A big welcome to all our new families starting this year! My name is Renee Lumley and I have had the privilege of being the Chaplain at this school for the past 2.5 years. I am at school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from approximately 8am – 3.30pm. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible while supporting the spiritual, emotional and mental health of the Boonah School Community.

Chappy Challenge
It’s that time of the year again. The Chappy Challenge is less than 4 weeks away!! A fun morning of cycling, running & walking events for all plus food, refreshments and kids activities.

When: Saturday 7th March 2015
Events:
65km & 35km cycle
5km & 10km walk/run
5km & 10km cycle
5 & 6 year olds cycle track around the show ground rink
Pram and trike track

Time: see website for your chosen event’s starting time

Where: All events start and end at the Showgrounds entrance on Macquarie St

How to be involved:
1. If you want to run/cycle - Register to participate
   - Go to www.chappychallenge.com.au and click “Register Online”
   - You also have the option of setting up a public profile so people can see you are participating and sponsor you
   - Start asking friends, family and neighbours to sponsor you
2. If you want to sponsor someone who is participating
   • Go to www.chappychallenge.com.au
   • Click "Register Online"
   • Click "Donate to participants or teams"
   • Search for "Chappy Renee" or the person you wish to sponsor
   • Click on their name
   • Click "Donate Now"
   • Fill out the required fields

Government grants provide some of the funds towards the placement of chaplains in schools. However, this money does not cover all expenses. A percentage of wages and other costs, such as training and resources, are not covered by government funding and the Boonah District Chaplaincy Committee needs the help of individuals and businesses to continue to meet these costs. The Chappy Challenge is the district's major fundraiser for the year and all proceeds go to funding school chaplaincy across the schools of the Fassifern area.

Playgroup
Playgroup has started for the year. We have games, stories, songs, craft and morning tea, all for a gold coin donation.

When: Wednesdays, (during school term)
Time: 9 – 10.30am
Where: Activities Building
Who: Parents and children/babies under school age

Hope to see you there!

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

Renee Lumley

P&C
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COMMUNITY NEWS
$10 CARDIO TENNIS!
Tennis Australia’s new group tennis and fitness class where emphasis is less on tennis technique and more about getting a great cardio workout. So it’s perfect for all skill levels and ages! Rackets can be supplied.

Tuesday at 6pm @ Boonah Tennis Courts (Alfred St)

Sessions are 45 min. As part of Council’s Be Healthy & Active program running from the 9 February until the 9 May 2015.

Call Paul from Pro Performance Tennis to register your interest 0401 942 703

FOSTER CARE
Have you ever considered being a foster carer? Foundations Care are a foster and kinship carer support agency who can answer questions you may have regarding being a foster carer. Foundations offer training, support and can help you, help others. Please give us a call today on 3810 4888 for more information. Because at Foundations Care, we give but never give up.

THE BARRE DANCE SCHOOL
Children’s ballet classes
resume TUESDAY 3 FEB @ Boonah Primary School Hall (Highbury Street)
Contact Miss Julie for timetable, fees and other information julie.bams@gmail.com or 0408 609 569 after 3pm

Total barre - Adult Fitness Classes
You can take TotalBarre classes through the introductory offer in the Scenic Rim Regional Council "Healthy & Active" Program!
Refer to page 8 for TotalBarre class info.

Classes begin Tuesday 11 Feb, 7pm at Boonah Primary School hall, Highbury St. Limited spaces due to space on the ballet barres, so get in quick! Contact Miss Julie 0408 609 569

FASSIFERN NETBALL ASSOC INC
Family, Fun, Fitness

Netball
Sign On
Saturday 14th Feb 9-12pm @ Main Street, front of IGA
Monday 16th Feb 4-6pm @ Clubhouse (old Melbourne U. Boonah)

2015 FEES
Open Division 14yrs+ $150 Intermediate 11-13yrs $140
Modified Games 8-10yrs $110 NetSetGo 5-7yrs $70

You don’t need a full team, individuals are encouraged to sign up & we will find you a team!!

Get Started Grant available again this year. Check website to see if you’re eligible.

Contact Amanda Dover: 0400 364 853

REP TRIALS
Thursday 12th February @ the Courts. 5.30pm.
Any girls born between 1999 & 2004 are encouraged to come along and try out for our representative teams.
Any enquiries contact Sam Hegarty on 0418 711 638

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SAGALA

RE-COMMENCES
Feb 5th-2015

FUN; FRIENDSHIP; GAMES; LIFE SKILLS;

ALL SECTIONS
BOYS & GIRLS
5-11 YEARS OLD
THURSDAY 4.30 - 6PM
Cost $2 per child
Enquiries –
Lieut. Ian - 0418 493 210
Lieut. Sue - 0418 898 762

FASSIFERN
SALVATION ARMY
74 George Street, Kalbar
ALL WELCOME

JUNIOR GOLF
IS STARTING AGAIN

Ages: 7 - 17 years
When: Thursday afternoons!
* First Thursday Back to Golf
29th January until 26th March 2015
Time: 3:30pm to 5:45pm
* During the school terms only!
Venue: Boonah Golf Club
Bruckner Hill Rd
Boonah
Cost: $8 each per session
(Includes afternoon tea on arrival)

Parent Help Required Please!
Please Text or phone Greg Maynard
if attending! Mobile 0409 994876

SAFETY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.
Fassifern Scout Group

Fassifern Scout Group intends to re-form this year

People interested in becoming Scout Leaders are urgently needed, if this is you or someone you know, please email immediately

If you are able to join, or assist, the Committee in any capacity please email:

BoonahScouts@gmail.com

For updates on Fassifern Scouts please:

Like  Fassifern Scout Troop

Do your kids like:

- camping, sailing, hiking, cycling, swimming or rock climbing?
- orienteering, construction or knot tying?
- learning first aid skills or geocaching?
- open fire cooking, kayaking or learning about canoeing?
- learning survival skills, astronomy or learning bushcraft?
- learning about aircraft or sailing boat courses?
- making new friends and experiencing new challenges?
- earning badges to wear on their uniforms?

Help us form the
Boonah Scout Group!

Call Dan Schuts on 0404 013 507 or email BoonahScouts@gmail.com

Follow our progress on Facebook:
Fassifern Scout Troop

www.scoutsqld.com.au

SAFETY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This flyer is to encourage us all to make tasty and filling lunches and snacks to help our kids to be focused on their school work and be happy healthy kids! As I explore options for my family, I will share them with you.

Don't get me wrong, I am not a super mum. My kids get treats and packaged food on occasion. But you have to agree that it is expensive, with too much sugar and salt, not to mention preservatives and colours..... and it really doesn't taste that good!

I hope to provide a new recipe and a Helpful Hint once a month.

These recipes will be ones I have tried from a variety of places; recipe books, the internet, friends, some are altered and some aren't.

I would love input, so if you have a recipe to share, leave it at the office for the Lunch Box Lady!

Chicken and Rice Patties
(recipe found on pinterest)

Ingredients:
- 3 cups cooked rice (about 1 cup uncooked)
- 1 chicken breast (I used cooked blade roast as per helpful hint below)
- ½ tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large carrot
- 3 spring onions stalks (or chives or any herbs)
- 1½ cups grated mozzarella cheese
- 3 eggs

Method:
1. Preheat oven to 200° Celsius.
2. Slice chicken breast in half width ways, so it will cook through quicker.
3. Heat oil in a medium frying pan and cook chicken breast until it begins to brown.
4. Remove from pan and shred chicken using a fork and set aside.
5. Grate carrot so you have at least 1 cup.
6. Finely slice spring onions or chives.
7. Lightly beat the eggs.
8. In a large bowl add cooked rice, chicken, carrot, spring onions, eggs and about ⅔ of the cheese, mix well.
9. Spray muffin trays with cooking spray and then spoon mixture into the trays. Top with remaining cheese.
10. Place in the oven for 15 minutes until the tops turn golden brown.

Let them sit in the trays for a few minutes before removing to rack to cool. Use a knife to work around the edges of the rice patties to make removing them easier. This recipe made 12 Chicken and Rice Patties.

Helpful Hint: Cook a roast in the slow cooker over night. Use it for a weeks worth of healthy cold meat for sandwiches, wraps, etc.

YAY.... This recipe on the right was a winner with my kids!

SAFETY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.
KidsMatter Primary at your school

Every child is different, every family is different, and every school is different.

This means that each school participating in the KidsMatter Primary initiative needs to look at the mental health needs of its children and families and work out how it can strengthen support for children’s mental health. The KidsMatter Primary framework has been designed to help schools build on what they are already doing to promote children’s wellbeing.

What schools are doing

Each school’s KidsMatter Primary Action Team has the job of coordinating all the steps that need to be taken to get KidsMatter Primary going. These include:

- providing information about the KidsMatter Primary initiative to school staff, students and families
- checking what the school already does to support children’s mental health
- working out where the gaps are and what can be done
- planning what to do to provide each KidsMatter Primary component at the school
- working out how to do it and getting it going
- seeing how it works and deciding whether anything further is needed.

Each KidsMatter Primary school will be supported by a person trained in the KidsMatter Primary implementation process who will work with the Action Team to plan and implement the four components of KidsMatter Primary. The KidsMatter Primary Implementation Support Person will also provide KidsMatter Primary education to all school staff so they understand what KidsMatter Primary is about and what they can do to support children’s mental health.

Together they will be working on ways to make the school a more inviting place for children and families as part of the positive schools community component.

The Action Team and school staff will be choosing school programs for teaching social and emotional skills as part of the curriculum.

They will be looking into how the school can support parents and carers by providing them with information and resources about children’s development, children’s mental health and parenting.

They will also be finding out more about children’s mental health and working out how the school can assist children and families to find help when they have concerns about the mental health of students.

Implementation in each State and Territory will be supported by a KidsMatter Primary State and Territory Coordinator.
What parents and carers can do:

Keep informed

- Look for information about the activities your school will be planning for KidsMatter Primary
- Look for regular KidsMatter Primary resource sheets like this one with your newsletter, or at school
- Attend information evenings and social activities at the school whenever you can
- Check out the parenting resources available at your school.

Contribute

- Respond to any school requests for ideas or information
- Let the school know what your needs and wants are by talking to your child’s teacher or to members of your school’s KidsMatter Primary Action Team
- Talk to other parents/carers about ways the school could support your needs
- Let the school know what skills or talents you would be happy to share.

Further information on the national KidsMatter Primary initiative is available at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

This resource is part of the KidsMatter Primary initiative. We welcome your feedback at www.kidsmatter.edu.au