Principal's News
What an extravaganza Synergy was! The 2014 concert created the same lasting memories our concert does every year. I was incredibly proud of our school community as a whole, from our superstar students to our brave and energetic staff and of course the talented, dedicated parents. The costumes, hair and make-up give our concert the WOW factor! I can’t go 10 metres up the street without being approached with praise by people in our community who witnessed the show. I would like to extend a huge thanks, congratulations and pat on the back to everyone associated with Synergy – especially Ian Glegg and Cathy Milano.

Of course the passing of the concert all but signifies the passing of another year. 2014 has been another successful year for Boonah State School. We have achieved quality learning outcomes for children, created lasting memories for our children and families for years to come and nurtured safe, happy and healthy families. Thank you for contributing in so many ways to this success. We are lucky to have such an actively supportive community which makes our good school great. I would like to extend my best wishes to everyone in our community for a safe, relaxing break, sharing quality time with family and friends.

Farewell
At the end of this year we will say farewell to some staff members. Thank you and a fond farewell to:
- Mr Nic Comino
- Mrs Heather Miller
- Mr Ash Curmi
- Ms Vicki Pereira

We will also say farewell to some families (many very long-serving). Thank you and a fond farewell to the following families:

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Of course we also say farewell to all of our year 6 and year 7 students. I would like to wish them all the very best of luck for their transition to high school and for a successful future. You are all welcome back anytime. Don’t miss us too much!

Volunteers’ Morning Tea
Tomorrow we will honour and acknowledge the 68 volunteers who have contributed to the lives of your children this year. We are truly grateful for their assistance. Much of our success is a direct outcome of their help. If you wish to join this honoured group in 2015 we will welcome you with open arms.

Academic Awards
Our parade this Friday will be a big one so bring a cushion. Not only will we be handing out the last of our Boonah Boosts certificates and Boonah Brilliance Awards, but we will also be presenting our Academic Award Winners for Semester 2, 2104. The winners of our Academic Awards, and their families, are invited to share a morning tea with us after parade, as per your invitation.

Year 6/7 Graduation
The graduation for our year 6/7 students will be held at the Cultural Centre on Wednesday 10 December starting at 6pm. Invitations were sent home last week. The RSVP and payment for this important event were due today. If you have forgotten please send it in tomorrow so you don’t miss out.

Class Break-Ups
Many classes will be holding their class break-up on Thursday next week as Friday is a clean-up day and not traditionally well attended. Please keep an eye out for notes regarding break-ups as classes often have specific requests.

Pizza Party
This Thursday, thanks to Eagle Boys, we will again have our Pizza Party. We have 30 children who had 100% attendance for Semester 2 and 28 children who received 35 Boosts. Congratulations to those children.

2015 Classes
Class lists for 2015 will be posted on Wednesday 10 December at about 2:30pm. Please note that considerable time and effort goes into these lists using our wealth of professional knowledge and experience so changes are rarely possible. One change often leads to many changes. It must also be noted that there is every likelihood of changes being made post day 8 next year as our numbers are very volatile currently. These changes may not be due to an increase or decrease in classes but rather to redistribute numbers which are considerably uneven at present.
Reports
Semester 2 report cards will be sent home with students on Friday 5 December. Parents are always welcome to discuss report cards but are encouraged to speak with class teachers first as they are best placed to discuss individual results.

Mark Winrow
Principal

Smoking ban extended to 5m around school grounds from 1 January 2015
From January 1 next year smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police officers or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend over businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Please remember to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.

Student advantage — free Microsoft Office software for students’ personal computers
All Queensland state school students are now able to download multiple copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite onto their personal devices. This suite provides students with the latest full versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote and more.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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BOONAH BRILLIANCE - STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful
- An Active Learner

Amy – Achieving an A+ in her English comprehension test.
Billy – For making massive improvements in maths. Keep up the great work!
Joshua – Achieving an A+ in his “Location and Directions” Maths test
Lilly – For always displaying “Boonah Brilliance” in all areas.
Kelsey – for applying herself to all areas and being a good listener this week.
Kya – For doing her Boonah Best in all areas
Ryan – For doing massive improvements during math rotations

CHAPLAIN’S NEWS
Hello again!!

I’d like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays. Good luck to our year 6 and 7’s as they transition into high school. I look forward to seeing everyone else in the New Year.

Christmas Cupcake Fundraiser
Help bridge the gap between government grants and the actual cost of keeping a chaplain in our school

When: [TOMORROW] 3rd Dec 2014, first break
Cupcakes $2 ea

Some of our year 3-5 students have been working hard baking, icing and decorating mountains of cupcakes which will be on sale tomorrow only. Don’t miss out!!
All funds raised go to support the Chaplaincy program at Boonah State School.

SU QLD Summer Camps
There are some great camps on offer these holidays. For all the details, pick up a flyer from me or the office. Or go to www.sucamps.org.au to register and for more details.

- UBERTWEEK SUMMERBYTE PRIMARY. Do you enjoy playing with computers and technology? Grades 5-7 can enjoy programming, robotics, aviation and multiplayer strategy games on computers.
- SCHOOLZOUT grade 6 & 7’s celebrate the end of primary school with a jam packed week including dance party and a trip to Movie World
- THE QUEST for students in grades 6-8 who want to explore how to live out their faith. Are you ready to take the challenge of “The Quest?”
- CAMP CAPERS for those going into grades 5-7 in 2015. Flip at the Big Boing, battle in the Slime Wars arena, play life-size Cluedo and more
- FATHER/SON GENTS for boys in grades 5-9 and their fathers. Enjoy an opportunity to spend a meaningful weekend away with your son.
- CAMP628 on the Sunshine Coast. The beach, on-site activities and challenges, awesome food and amazing night programs. For those going into grades 6, 7, or 8 in 2015

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. Please call or email for enquiries or feel free to drop in.
Mobile: 0419 021 867 Email fsw@beaucare.org.au.
Fun day in the park!

Come along to a fun-filled community event for young people transitioning to high school in 2015. Learn helpful communication and conflict resolution skills, and engage in therapeutic activities and games.

The Beaucare fun day will be held in Springleigh Park on Friday 2nd January. In addition to the activities and games, the Beaucare Youth Workers (Kelli and Lynne) who work in Boonah State High School, will be on hand to meet and greet young people and parents, and to provide information and answer any questions you may have.

Kelli and Lynne will be in the park from 11am – 3pm. so come down and say hi!

For further information, please contact Lynne Buttimer on 0406 486 0503

COMMUNITY NEWS

Boonah High Uniform Shop.
High school uniforms are now ready to be collected. Preferable time for pick up is 11.45 - 1.00pm, however if this is not suitable please ring the BSHS Tuckshop on Phone 5460 6161 to arrange a suitable time.

The uniform shop will be open from Monday 19 - Friday 23 January 2015 from 8.00 - 12.30. Payment can be made by cash or eftpos. No cheques.

The Barre Dance School 2015
*** New studio venue *** - Boonah State School hall
Class resume for 2015 school year in Week 2/Term 1
Vacancies exist - contact Miss Julie to secure your place for next year!

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Contact Miss Julie 0408 609 569 or julie.barns@gmail.com

Please Note there will be NO TUCKSHOP on Tuesday 9th December.

P&C END OF YEAR RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize – Glenn Schulz
2nd Prize – Hook Family
3rd Prize – Andrew Issom
4th Prize – Cody Whitecross
5th Prize – Alex Somerset
6th Prize – Kay Crozier

P&C TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thank you to all our tuckshop volunteers for your assistance this year. The P&C, staff and students have appreciated the time given by all our volunteers in order to run tuckshop successfully.
Boonah Country Markets have a Christmas Colouring Competition running until 18th December 2014. Entry forms can be collected from the school office.
SAFETY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.