Principal’s News
I would like to thank those parents who invested time in their children’s education by attending the Parent Partnership sessions 2 weeks ago. Our teachers made a great sacrifice by working up to an additional 5 hours to strengthen the connections between home and school and I thank them for this investment. Special thanks must go to our Student Leaders for running the disco and our dedicated P&C team for providing the food and drinks. Last week we also celebrated the induction of our student leadership team for 2016. I was extremely proud to share this occasion with an outstanding group of leaders and I am eager to work with them as I have great faith in their potential.

Fruit Snack
Parents are reminded that every class has a healthy fruit snack at around 10am everyday. It is extremely important that children are provided with fruit (or something similar nutritionally) everyday. This snack provides an essential brain boost to children in their prime learning time. Unfortunately many children are sent to school without fruit each day. We understand that circumstances occasionally arise where fruit cannot be supplied from home, so we have a stock of fruit available in the office. However we have been supplying over 3 kg of fruit a week which is not sustainable. We will monitor those children who regularly arrive to school without fruit in an effort to work with families to supply fruit each day.

Healthy Dinner Workshop
Our school community has been gifted an incredible opportunity to host free healthy cooking workshops. The first of these, “Healthy dinners for busy families” will be held on Thursday evening starting at 6pm in the Activities room. Attendees at the workshop will witness the cooking of some quick, simple and healthy family meals, and get to sample the goods. While drop-ins are most welcome, it would be helpful if interested parents could let the office know if they are attending. Another workshop, aimed at preparing healthy lunchboxes, is planned for Thursday 28 April at the Activities room at 9am – a flyer will be sent home closer to the date.

Student Performance Interviews
The first round of our Student Performance Interviews this year will be held in the week beginning 14 March, with notes to go home this week. I urge ALL parents to participate in these important interviews. They are an invaluable opportunity to hear from teachers about the specific performance of your child. Teachers are very keen to report your child’s progress and to discuss how you can help us help them to achieve their full potential.

Prep Open Days
We are always trying to give our students the best possible education. As the research suggests, one of the keys to a great education is effective transition from each key juncture. Therefore we have again decided to offer Prep Open Days throughout the year to help prepare children for Prep. Last week, we held the first of these days with 24 attending with great success. Our Open Days are open to any children starting Prep in 2017 (whether coming to our school or not). On the day the children engage in free and structured play activities, story-telling and reading, song and dance and structured learning experiences. If you know of any children who will be attending Prep in 2017 please encourage their attendance (see newsletter flyer for details). Remember, we also offer a playgroup for any child under school-age each Wednesday from 9am in the Activities Room.

School Photos
Our school photos will be taken next Tuesday (8 March). Children are reminded that they MUST wear their formal shirt for the photos and obviously make an effort to look their best. Envelopes were sent home last week. If you are ordering any photos, please remember to return the envelope with the correct money on the day of the photos directly to the photographer. If your child is involved in any special photos please ensure they arrive at school on time.

P&C AGM
A gentle reminder that next Wednesday, 16 March, we will hold our P&C AGM, followed by a general meeting. All positions become vacant at the AGM for election. We have lost some of our families who have, in the past, been heavily involved which will leave some significant gaps. We also have some people who have been involved who may like a break. Please consider getting involved in your child’s education before it is over.

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Curriculum Developments
This year our whole school is continuing to embed our 3 key signature strategies – Rainbow Writing, RIP into Reading and Sensational Spelling. These programs will involve daily practice and teaching in every classroom, so I strongly encourage parents to discuss what children have learned through these programs everyday.

Rainbow Writing
- Teaches children to think about what they write rather than write what they think.
- Identifies and monitors writing goals for individual children.
- Uses colours to identify the elements of writing and encourages children to use as many colours as possible when writing.

RED (nouns and noun groups), GREEN (verbs and verb groups), BLUE (tells when, where, why, how what), ORANGE (adds more information about the nouns), PINK (describes the nouns) and YELLOW (describes the verbs).

Example – Ned Kelly committed crimes to protect his family... becomes...
The bearded Ned Kelly, who at a young age was drawn into crime, was a victim of his circumstances acting merely to protect his family.

RIP into Reading
- Uses complex texts to explicitly improve children’s ability to decode and deeply comprehend.
- Teachers think aloud how they tackle complex texts and teach children to use the strategies shared – encouraging them to annotate what they read.
- Asks children text based questions which require children to draw inferences and justify their inferences with reference to the text.
- Encourages children to reflect on the big ideas of what they read in a broader context.

Sensational Spelling
- Classes spend a week investigating a common spelling pattern/rule
- Through daily lessons students learn a list of words (tailored to their level) based on the pattern/rule – including the words’ meanings in context, syllables, sound boxes
- At the end of each week students’ knowledge of the words are tested through dictation

Attendance Rate
Our current attendance rate is 94.3%
Mark Winrow
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MARCH
2 Year 3-6 Swimming
5 Chappy Challenge
8 School Photos
9-14 Life Education Visit
14-18 Parent Interviews
16 Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
16 Prep Open Day 9am-11am
16 P&C AGM 7pm Venue: Uniform Shop
17 Boonah Boost & Attendance Parties
24 Easter Bonnet Parade
24 Last Day Term 1
APRIL
11 First Day Term 2
28 Healthy Lunchbox Workshop for Parents

P&C
P&C AGM
Wednesday 16th March 2016 at 7pm in the Uniform Shop. All Welcome.

UNIFORM SHOP
Open: Wednesdays 2:45pm – 3:15pm & Fridays 8:30am to 9:00am
Uniform Convenor: Allison Dunn Mobile: 0466 725 609

TENDERS INVITED
Tender to sell a Sharp XEA213 Cash Register. Tender amounts are to be put in a sealed envelope and handed into the school office by 2pm on Friday 4/3/16. The Winning Tender will be notified.

BOONAH BRILLIANCE
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful
- An Active Learner

Alice – Awarded for responsibility and care for others in the classroom: Great inter-personal intelligence, Alice.
Audrey – Audrey has displayed Boonah Brilliance in all areas this week particularly being an active learner.
BJ – BJ shines with Boonah Brilliance in all tasks. His manners in the classroom are outstanding!
Bryn – Bryn, you have been very active in your learning this week. Well done!
Caprice – Caprice is always ready to learn and is a helpful, responsible class member.
Charlee – Charlee continuously demonstrates the four pillars. She is a great role model for her peers.
Declan – Declan is a great role model who demonstrates the four pillars at all times.

George – This week, George was an active learner by keenly sharing his ideas about living things.

Gus – Gus has been focussed and ready to learn at all times.

Henry – Henry always gives 100% during all class tasks and always displays Boonah Brilliance.

Jett – Jett’s application in all learning areas this week has been fantastic.

LJ This week LJ contributed to our class discussions and demonstrated Boonah Brilliance during maths.

Lewis (1J) – This week Lewis demonstrated a “never give up attitude” in all areas of his learning.

Lewis (5S) – Respectful to adults and students at all times.

Maddison – Maddison showed active learning by sharing her.

Matilda – This week Matilda demonstrated a positive attitude towards her learning.

Riley – Active learning by completing all set tasks.

Ryan – This week, Ryan consistently demonstrated the four pillars of an active learner, safety, responsibility and respect.

Scarlett – Scarlett actively engages in all learning opportunities, is always organised and did a fantastic job in homework this week. Go Scarlett!

Tana – Tana completed her homework to a very high standard this week. Well done, Tana!

Zander – Zander, your commitment to your learning is something you should be very proud of.

Name withheld – This student should be proud of himself for writing neatly.

Name withheld – This student is an excellent role model for classmates. She always follows the four pillars and gives her Boonah Best in all activities.

Name withheld – Has taken responsibility for his actions and learned from mistakes. Good Work!

Name withheld – This student always displays Boonah Brilliance and gives her best efforts during all class tasks.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB ORDERS

As requested by the P&C, Issue 2 Bookclub orders will NOT BE HANDED OUT BUT if you would like to order you may request a booklet from the school OR read the catalogue online.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE ONLINE AND PAID USING A CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD AT THE WEB ADDRESS GIVEN BELOW. scholastic.com.au/LOOP

NO CASH MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL.

Orders close 11 March 2016

All orders will still be sent to the school and distributed from the school. If you would like some help we are willing to assist either over the phone or come and visit us in the library.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

From Mrs Hurren

Only Days to Go
Chappy Challenge
Saturday 5th March
Cycling, running & walking
6am, 7am, 8.30am and 9 am starts
All finished by late morning
Extra fundraising activities at the show grounds include a jumping castle and a dunk tank.
All money raised supports chaplaincy in the district.
Register to participate or sponsor someone.

We would love for you and your family and your friends to come along, register, and participate physically or sponsor others who are participating.

There are 3 chaplains in this area servicing our schools. We enjoy our work and we are passionate about the future of these children and our community. Please come and support us on this day with this great family activity.

CYCLE OR RUN THROUGH THE FASSIFERN

Saturday 5th March 2016

This Fun Run offers opportunity to run or bike through Boonah and the Fassifern Valley while supporting our School Chaplains

BBQ Breakfast and drinks available

Timetable

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Costs

Adults: $20  Children: $10  Family: $40

One accompanying adult is included in the entrance fee for the Junior tours 1.5, 5 and 10 km’s, $20 is payable for each additional adult.

Register Online at chappychallenge.com.au

SAFETY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.
Community News

Fassifern Netball Association Intermediate Division News

Your local netball association is calling for more players to join our Intermediate Division. We need just a few more girls to make four teams.

✓ Wanting to try netball?
✓ Aged between 11 and 13?
✓ Monday from 4:45pm to 6:15pm.
✓ No experience required.
✓ Have fun and make new friends.
✓ Learn an awesome sport.

Contact the F.N.A. Intermediate Convenor, Sonya Gibson on 0401 671 334 for more information or visit our Facebook page or our website. All games are played locally at F.N.A. courts, located within the Boonah Showgrounds.

MILBONG HERITAGE DAY
Saturday 5th March, 2016

Proudly brought to you by........
MILBONG & DISTRICT CLASSIC TRACTOR CLUB

Where: 'Milbong Reserve'
CNR Boonah Jarrahan Rd & Zingibyana Rd
Cost: Gold Coin Donation
Time: 9am - 5pm
Come along and check out some classic machines of days gone by

Tractors
Stationary Engines
Classic Trucks
Local History Displays
Era’s Ends Rafters
Food & Drinks available to purchase on the day
All Welcome to bring your classic machines to display
For More Information Contact
Murray Phillips 0428 726 959
Renae Woodfield 0419 796 198.
#MilbongHeritageDay

youth group
During the School Term
Friday Nights

Ages: Grade 5 and up
Time: 7pm - 8:30pm
Kalbar State School Hall
Gold Coin Donation

GAMES

have fun! (seriously)

Contact: Tanya Irving
Phone: 0430 118 506
Email: fassiferyouth@gmail.com

A project of The Youth Initiative - A collaboration of The Kalbar Baptist Church, Silverdale Church of Christ, Mt Walker Church of Christ, Rosedale Church of Christ and Boonah Church of Christ.

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