Principal’s News
Last week saw the successful launch of RIP into Reading across our school. From 1:45pm - 2:00pm everyday, in every classroom our children are engaging with complex texts. Teachers are explicitly teaching children how to read and fully comprehend these difficult texts and discuss the big ideas contained within them. The children have responded positively and happily discuss the text. One of the key strategies is to teach the children to annotate the text. This means we are actively encouraging children to take notes, highlight words and mark the text to help them understand what they are reading.

Sad News
As many community members noted, Mr Damien Butler was away last week. Unfortunately he was grieving the loss of his father who passed away. I know that everyone shares our sympathy for Damien and will support him and his family at this difficult time.

Conference
Thank you to all who were concerned that I may have been struck by illness at the recent Principal’s Conference. Fortunately I avoided the food poisoning which plagued some of my colleagues. Despite the epidemic the conference did provide us with some latest research and encouraged us to collaborate with other schools to continue to improve State Education as a system and hence ensure our children are on a trajectory of sustained improvement. With the theme of collaboration in mind, our school will be hosting a twilight PD session this Thursday for all Fassifern schools. The Professional Development is aimed at providing teachers with further skills to support children’s reading development, with an emphasis on extension.

Swimming
Our year 3-6 children started their block of swimming lessons last week with great enthusiasm. While most children were prepared, there were some who forgot some or all of the equipment they needed. Please make sure your children have their togs, towel, swim shirt, underwear and apply sunscreen on their swimming day. I am pleased to report that the feedback has been that again our students behaved and engaged brilliantly, as expected.

Student Performance Interviews
We have changed the timing of our Student Performance Interviews this year. They will be held in the week beginning 23 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 how you can help us help them to achieve to their full potential.

Interschool Cricket
This Friday our Cricket team will participate in their first of 3 matches at Coronation Park. A big thank you to Mr Moncada for preparing the boys for competition. We wish them the best for enjoying themselves in the spirit of competition. A reminder that while they are welcome to take their own equipment, all essential equipment will be supplied.

Goldfish Wanted
We are in the process of beautifying our Prep area to make it a safe and inviting area for the Preps to engage in play-based learning. One of the tasks is to resurrect the pond. In order to keep the ponds free of insect larvae we need to place some goldfish in the pond. If you have any unwanted/spare goldfish please let our Prep team know.

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 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 21 attending with great success. Our Open Days are open to any children starting Prep in 2016 (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 2016 please encourage their attendance (see newsletter flyer for details).

P&C AGM
A gentle reminder that next Wednesday, 18 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.

We also need to make a significant start on our fete planning at this meeting. At this stage we have achieved little more than booking rides for Sunday 30th August. We desperately need a Fete Co-ordinator or we risk cancelling the fete and foregoing over $10 000 revenue contributing towards resourcing your child’s education. Please consider how you can assist us planning our fete and attend this P&C meeting.

Mark Winrow
Principal

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- 10th June: 9-11am
- 12th August: 9-11am
- 2nd September: 9-11am

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH
12-13 Swimming Years 3-6
19-20 Swimming Years 3-6
18 P&C AGM 7pm Venue: Uniform Shop
23-27 Student Performance Interviews
26-27 Swimming Years 3-6
25-27 Parent Interviews
27 Easter Bonnet Parade
31 School Photos

APRIL
1 Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
2 Last Day Term 1
20 First Day Term 2
27 Artslink Performance

MAY
12-14 NAPLAN
15-21 Life Education

BOONAH BRILLIANCE

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful
- An Active Learner

Aiden – Aiden has displayed the four pillars this week in class and the playground. Well done Aiden!
Aiden – Aiden has a great attitude towards work and is a positive class member at all times.
Amilee – This week Amilee demonstrated active listening skills by participating in class discussions.
B.J. – This week B.J. demonstrated respect by always following the teacher’s instructions, with a smile on his face.
Cassandra – Cassandra has promoted team work in class this week. Well done Cassie!
Charlee – Charlee, you take a very consistent approach towards our 4 pillars and with a positive attitude too!
Charley – Charley is always a respectful student who is trying hard to improve his standard of work.
Charlie – Charlie has worked well on improving her rainbow writing and enhancing her narrative text.
Connor – This week Connor has tried hard to be a safe and active learner.
Daniel – This week Daniel has shown a great improvement in his organisational skills.
Declan – This week Declan has worked hard at being a safe learner.
Faith – Faith continues to demonstrate her Boonah best in all subject areas.
Harry – Harry showed responsibility by always being in the right place at the right time.
Harry – Harry, you are so enthusiastic in your approach to learning! Your bookwork is always neat and tidy, showing you take great pride in all you do.
Jasmine – This week Jasmine has worked hard to follow directions straight away.
Kelse – Kelse always is a respectful student who has great manners and work ethic. Keep it up!
Lily – Lily is working to the best of her ability and enjoying success with her spelling words study and in maths.

Nataleya – You come to school and strive to do ‘a little bit better’ each day. This shows in what you have achieved already this term.
Noah – Writing fantastic rainbow sentences this week and always seeking to improve.
Noah – This week Noah has consistently demonstrated the 4 pillars in all aspects of his learning.
Rami – Rami displayed active learning skills in his first week at Boonah State School.
Scott – Excellent application towards his spelling work this week.
(No Name Withheld) – Outstanding leadership during buddy writing & reading.
(No Name Withheld) – This student has made a very great effort in your first week at a new school – you should be very PROUD.
(No Name Withheld) – This student is always an active learner who always is willing to have a go.
(No Name Withheld) – Outstanding effort & application towards her spelling work.

RECORDERS FOR SALE
New YAMAHA recorders available at the school office for $8.00 each.

GERMAN
Recently, Frau Noller introduced 6M to a new German website called ‘languages online’. Das machte Spa B!
(That was fun). We played match games, we sang songs, did crosswords and had a jolly good time.

We can’t wait to learn about European flags & extended numbers. Toll (great) Tshu B (Good bye)

By Molly & Jasmin

BOOKCLUB
Bookclub is due back this Friday 13th March 2015.

CHAPLAIN’S NEWS

Hello again!!

Chappy Challenge
A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Chappy Challenge last weekend! I enjoyed seeing everyone there. When I hear the final reports of how it all went, I’ll be sure to let you know.

Competitive Kids – by Michael Grose, Parenting Expert
Parents need to contain the competitiveness within their kids. There is a time and place for competition just as there is a time and place for cooperation. In many ways, it is the true test of family leadership where parents develop a sense of ‘we’ within their family while welcoming some of the competitive elements in their kids.

Here are some ways to reduce sibling rivalry in your family:
- Accept children’s individual differences
- Focus on the deed not the dude
- Put them in the same boat when they misbehave
- Focus on solutions not the fight
- Introduce family meetings at age 5

Go to http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/happy-families for a full explanation of each of these ideas.

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

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P&C
P&C AGM
Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 7pm in the Uniform Shop. All Welcome.

UNIFORM SHOP
Open:
Wednesdays 2:45pm – 3:30pm &
Fridays 8:30am to 9:30am

Uniform Convener: Allison Dunn Mobile: 0466 725 609

COMMUNITY NEWS

Natures Kids Parents & Citizens presents our fundraiser

MOVIE NIGHT

When: Friday 20 March
Time: 5:45pm for 6pm movie start
Where: Boonah Cultural Centre
Cost: $27 per family of 4 or $8 per person (includes movie tickets, popcorn, drinks)

Tickets available at Natures Kids or at the door (if not sold out). For more information, please contact Karen (0409 726 706) and Simon (0402 913 775) naturekidsip@gmail.com.

CARDIO TENNIS
Cardio Tennis is Tennis Australia’s brand new group tennis and fitness class where the emphasis is less on tennis technique and more about getting a great cardio workout, so it’s perfect for people of any age or skill level. While Cardio Tennis still incorporates many tennis drills and activities, it’s the combination of these drills with cardio bursts and aerobic exercise that gives participants a fantastic all-round cardio workout.

Set to high-energy music, heart rates are monitored to ensure participants are maintaining a heart rate in their ideal zone and are enjoying maximum fitness benefits from the class, mainly for adults but we also have lessons for kids to participate in, held Tuesdays 6pm Boonah cost $10 contact Pro Performance Tennis for more info 0401 942 703

BOONAH SCOUTS - DESIGN A BADGE FOR THE FASSIFERN DISTRICT
Due to significant community response, Scouts Australia have created a new district for The Fassifern. This district needs a badge that displays the unique heritage and natural wonders of the Fassifern region.

Entries to the competition are available from the school office with the winner’s name being published in The Fassifern Guardian. The winner will be announced on 26th April 2015.

$5 FITNESS CLASSES! Try something new!
Until the 9th of May 2015, as part of Council’s Be Healthy & Active program, Zumba Toning & Total Barre classes are $5!

ZUMBA TONING - The moves are very easy to follow and totally fun!

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Tuesday nights at 6.30pm @ Boonah State School
Call Gayle for more information on 0417 199 694.

TOTAL BARRE CLASSES - A blend of ballet, Pilates and
fitness with
no dance experience necessary!
Wednesday nights at 7pm @ Boonah State School
Limited spaces available. Call Julie for more information on
0408 609 569
http://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/healthy-and-active-
community

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS
EXCHANGE STUDENT
Learn about another culture, learn a new language or
perhaps improve your culinary skills

Hosting - An Experience for Life

Student Exchange is looking for host families across
Australia to welcome overseas students into their
home

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student
or call 1300 135 331 for more information

Boonah Art & Imaging

Kids Holiday Art
Lessons

Manga Ink Drawing
With Kate Woodward.

WHEN: 14th & 15th April, 2015.

TIME: 9:30am to 11:30am (2 hours).

COST: $50.00

CONSUMABLES: $35.00 approx.

Manga Art is a globally popular form of comic book
art which originated in Japan and is used for comic
strips and animated films all over the world. Places
are limited to 8, (7 yrs old plus), so book early.
Phone: 5463 1076 / email: vsp3333@gmail.com / Address: Shop 1, 62 High St, Boonah, Qld.

The 15th Annual
Punyahra
“Wellbeing”
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
Health and Wellbeing Expo

Date: Friday, 17th April 2015
Time: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Venue: Beaudesert Show Society
Albert Street
Beaudesert Qld 4285

Have fun by joining in the health and
wellbeing activities and stalls
Traditional Dancers and Games
Music and Prizes

For more information please contact
Minister South AHWU Program Support Officer 1800 824 567 or
0407 865 646

Get Your Dance Shoes On!

Free monthly dance workshops for beginners & those who
have dance skills!

February - Modern Standard Ballroom

Saturday 28 February @ The Centre Beaudesert

10 -11am - Beginners
11am -12pm - Beginners practice + participants with
experience
12 -12.30pm - Open session for all participants to
practice

Enquiries 5540 5050

Dance has always been an important part of a community’s
social fabric over the years.
Do you like to kick up your heels and have some fun?
Do you want to learn how to do the popular dances of the
decades from 1930’s onwards?
Do you know how to dance, but want to refine your
technique?

Then these workshops are for YOU! The highly
experienced dance teachers from Planet Ballroom and The
Lindy Charm School will have you quick stepping,
carouselling and swinging across the dance floor in
readiness for the Scenic Rim Centennial Balls in October
and November.
ONLINE SAFETY AND CYBERBULLYING

THIS IS AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED – IT WILL CHANGE YOUR THINKING

Delivered by a professional speaker on the topic of digital compliance and internet safety. You will be presented with engaging and powerful information in a way that will bring to life possible online dangers and responsibilities which are a part of your child's digital world. Strategies of protection and prevention will empower you to reduce online risks within your home. You will be amazed how simple this can be.

Where: Boonah State High School, Multi Media Centre
When: Monday, 16th March
Time: 6:30 pm
All kindergarten aged children attending any Prep program in 2016 are invited to attend our Prep Open Days. The children will engage in a variety of free-play and structured play activities with our current Prep children and teachers.

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What to Bring
- Hat
- Water Bottle
- A Healthy Snack

'being the best that we can be...!'