



BOONAH STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

Welcome to Term 2! A particular welcome to the new families who have joined us – I trust you will grow as fond of our school community as we are. I sincerely hope each family enjoyed our longest Easter vacation on record and that all of our children are recharged for another busy term. The term will be filled with many major events like Easter Bonnet Parade, NAPLAN, ANZAC Day, Cross Country, reports and Boonah Show but our main focus for the term is, as always, to nurture happy, healthy and successful learners in partnership with you at home.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Our postponed Easter Bonnet Parade will be held this Friday at 9am in the hall. Although it will seem a little odd parading Easter Bonnets with Easter over for the year, I know how much our children (and secretly parents) enjoy the event so we didn't want to cancel. Students in P-3 are encouraged to wear a bonnet with the whole school attending to watch you strut your stuff.

Student Banking

The Bendigo Bank will be setting up in the Library on Friday after the Bonnet Parade for parents to quickly and easily sign up their child for a Student Banking Account. Once an account has been established, children will be able to make weekly deposits by placing them in the locked Banking Box in the Office each Tuesday. While the school will directly benefit from each new account and deposit, the main benefit will be to teach our next generation of savers the value of delayed financial gratification.

ANZAC Day

Each year our school proudly joins the community in the ANZAC March to commemorate our fallen soldiers. After travelling much of the world last year, I appreciate more than ever before the freedoms and privileges we enjoy each day, largely thanks to the women and men who fought bravely on our behalf. For the past few years more than 100 students have marched proudly with their families as part of our school down the main street. I would like to reach that number again so encourage all of our students and their families to join us. Students who are keen to join us are asked to assemble in their school uniform at 10:30am in Church St, opposite the Anglican Church. We will proceed at 10:40am via High St to the school for the Ceremony to commence at 11:00am.

Have You Filled A Bucket Today?

This term we will be introducing a whole school concept of "filling buckets". The concept, based on the award winning book by Carol McCloud *'Have You Filled a Bucket Today? – A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids'*, is simple, we all carry around an invisible bucket to hold our good thoughts and feelings about ourselves. We are happy when our buckets are full and sad when they are empty. It is our responsibility to fill others' buckets by being kind, helpful and friendly, which in turn fills our own buckets. As a school community we hope to challenge our children to be daily bucket fillers and avoid emptying people's buckets.

As the concept is embraced we hope to explore ways to grow it throughout the school.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy will be held for our students in Years 3 and 5 on 9, 10 & 11th May (week 4). While NAPLAN will not provide any more information on your child's progress, talents or skills than their classroom teacher can already provide, it does provide a point in time opportunity to compare your child's performance on that day, against other students in Australia. It is acknowledged that NAPLAN can cause excess anxiety in some children and families. If you feel this might be the case for your child, I encourage you to contact me early to discuss the options available to relieve this stress.

As always we will be providing our annual NAPLAN breakfast for the whole school each day of the testing. Details of the breakfast will be included in our next newsletter.

Daily Questions to Ask your Children

I am often in conversation with parents about how to best promote a positive attitude to school for their children. Comprehensive research exists to show a direct relationship with language and attitude. Sometimes we can skew a child's attitude to an event through the questions we ask (often inadvertently). With this in mind over the coming weeks I will be sharing some questions you can ask your child at the end of each day which can be more effective in starting positive conversations than "How was your day?"

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you showed/saw today?
- What was the book your teacher read today?
- Did you find anything funny today?
- What's a new word you learned today? Can you use it in a sentence?

Boonah State School High 5

1. Talk Friendly
2. Ignore
3. Walk Away
4. Talk Firmly
5. Report, Report, Report!



New Absence Management Procedures

Please **notify the school (where possible) by 9:30am** whenever your child is absent from school to provide a reason for absence. Parents are invited to phone or email. The email is: absences@boonahss.eq.edu.au

Mark Winrow
Principal

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is your child coming to
PREP 2018
come and experience our

OPEN DAYS

Wednesdays 9am - 11am

15th March

17th May

7th June

9th August

30th August

in our Prep Classroom

New and different learning experiences

Extended knowledge through challenging situations

Structured and facilitated play experiences

PLEASE BRING A HAT, DRINK BOTTLE & FRUIT SNACK

UPCOMING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The school will be closed

ANZAC DAY
25th April 2017

LABOUR DAY
1st May 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 20 P&C General Meeting 7pm Venue: Uniform Shop
- 21 Easter Bonnet Parade 9am Venue: Hall
- 21 Student Banking Applications 9:30am Venue: Library
- 25 Public Holiday: ANZAC DAY

MAY

- 1 Public Holiday: LABOUR DAY
- 2 Boonah SS Inter-House Cross Country Carnival
- 9-11 NAPLAN
- 12 Fass. District Cross Country Trials (10-12 years)

JUNE

- 1 Met. West Cross Country Trials (10-19 years)

JULY

- 15 Annual Chaplaincy Golf Day
- 30 Boonah State School Fete – Christmas in July

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.



ANZAC Day Merchandise

Limited Stocks available from the school office

Pen	\$3.00
Badge – metal	\$5.00
Badge – plastic	\$2.00
Flags	\$0.50
Wrist Bands	\$3.00
Koala (clasp)	\$5.00

P&C NEWS

GENERAL MEETINGS

One of the major changes after the AGM P&C Meeting is that General Meetings will now be held on the **third Thursday** of each month. The next General meeting will now be held on Thursday 20th April at 7pm in the Uniform Shop.

TUCKSHOP

Volunteers needed for tuckshop days and/or baking. Please contact Sam Blackley on Mobile: 0468594474 if you are able to assist.

“CHRISTMAS IN JULY” - SUNDAY 30 JULY

Planning is underway for our major fundraising event – the biennial school fete.



NEXT FETE MEETING

MONDAY 24 April 2017
@ 5:30pm in the Uniform Shop
ALL WELCOME
Next Fete Newsletter will be issued soon!

UNIFORM SHOP

Regular Opening Hours

Every Monday
3pm to 3:30pm
Every Friday
8:30am to 9:15am

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroup is happening every Wednesday Morning 9 – 10.30am in the activity room.

Gold coin donation helps us provide morning tea for you and your children. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Mrs Irene Hurren (School Chaplain)

SAFETY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dogs on Patrol



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Ipswich District Crime Prevention & Ipswich Neighbourhood Watch groups invite you to join them on Sunday, April 30 at Graham Carter Off-Leash Dog Park, Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve, Willow Rd, Redbank Plains at 10am – 2pm.

- Come and collect a FREE Dogs on Patrol dog tag (1 per dog) & have your tag engraved for free!
- Meet your local Police and local Neighbourhood Watch members and learn how you can help Police and keep your Neighbourhood safe
- Pat a Police Pup
- Heaps of doggy related displays and FREE treats for your dog
- Sausage sizzle
- Doggy competitions and entertainment
- RSPCA - Ipswich

For more information please contact Ipswich District Crime Prevention Unit on Ph. 3817 1351



Kid's Fishing Clinic

Maroon Moogerah Fish Management Assn. Inc.

We are a group of volunteers who stock fingerlings into the Maroon and Moogerah Dams each year in an endeavour to keep stock available in the local dams. For 10 years we have been running a clinic for children to teach them how to fish and keep them up to date with the rules of fishing. To enable this to happen, we ask that you include the information below in your next newsletter so we are able to have contact with school age children. The details are below:

Date: 21st May, 2017
Venue: Moogerah Dam – Beside the spillway.
Time: 9am - Approx 12pm.
Age: 8yrs. to 15 yrs.
Cost: Free
We supply: Water – Morning tea - Sausage sizzle lunch.

Please ensure your children have joggers, hat and sun block.

Live fish display also on site.

CONTACT: Suzanne Blaik 54639029 - Hayley Franz 0412161572

We thank you in anticipation of your assistance. Suzanne Blaik.

FOUND

1 pair of Sunglasses
1 pair of Spectacles
Please enquire at office.

SAFETY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVE LEARNING.

Boonah State School Inter-House Cross Country Carnival

Tuesday 2nd May 2017

Information for students, parents and guests



Houses and Age Groups

- Cunningham, Cook and Flinders will compete for Champion House.
- Students will compete in their gender and year born. Ages are calculated according to year of birth.

Racing Format

- 11 and 12 year old students (born 2006 and 2005) will compete in a 3km event.
- 10 year old students (born 2007) will compete in the 2km event.
- The 2km and 3km events are qualifying events for Fassifern District Cross Country Trials. The **11-12 year old 3km qualifying time is 17 mins; 10 year old 2km qualifying time is 12 mins.** Fassifern District Team qualifiers typically perform many minutes under these times. Any student making the school team should continue with their training regime.
- 8 and 9 year old students (born 2009 and 2008) will run in a 1km event.
- 5, 6 and 7 year old students (born 2012, 2011, 2010) will run in a 500m event.
- Students are encouraged to go to the **Warm-Up Area ONE** event ahead of their race. The Warm-Up Area is situated on the northern side of the long jump pits.
- Students are to assemble in the **Marshalling Area** when called to do so by the Announcer. The Marshalling Area is situated on the southern side of the long jump pits.
- The next event may be started while slower runners are still on the course. Slower runners will be required to put on a bib for easy identification to Finish Judges.
- **All other students are to remain in the House Area.**

House Points

- Students compete in their gender and year born. 1st = 11 points, 2nd = 10 points, 3rd = 9 points etc., all the way to 10th = 2 points. Participants coming in 11th or later and complete the course will receive one point for their house. DNF's receive no points.
- Ribbons will be awarded for first to tenth and participation.
- A medal will be awarded to the winner in each age and gender competition.
- In the event of a tie, the points will be given to both runners for that place, then the next place getter receiving two places after, e.g. runners tying for third will receive 9 points each, then the next runner would have crossed the line 5th with 7points. This is different to Fassifern District's structure due to the way the Excel worksheet has been formulated.

Protests

- Protests, **in writing**, must be lodged to The Referee within 10 minutes of the completion of the event concerned.

Disqualification

Runners may be disqualified if:

- They make two false starts. (A false start is called if competitors commence their starting motion after assuming their final position and before the report of the gun, or for failure to comply with the Starter's commands at once and without delay, or if a competitor after the command "on your marks" disturbs the other competitors through sound or otherwise.)
- They jostle, obstruct or otherwise impede the progress of other competitors. Runners will be disqualified if they do not run the correct course. A short cut would have to be corrected to avoid disqualification. The barrier tape indicates lines that must not be crossed. Field markers and a painted line guide the runners where to correctly run.

Spectators

- All spectators are to stay off the cross country track during events. Spectators may sit along the Eastern edge of the oval, being aware that a part of the course is very close to the bench seats. Spectators may also sit on the western side of the oval or at other points as long as they **stay off the course and out of official areas**.
- Please remember that the students run for their own enjoyment. Encourage all runners with kindness.

Other Rules:

- Spiked Shoes are not allowed. Shoes must be worn.
- Competitors must wear a hat, cap and/or sunscreen. Although a student may not wear a hat while running, a hat must be worn at all other times.
- Competitors' personal water bottles are to be left at the aid station table (near the start/finish area.)
- Students diagnosed with asthma or anaphylaxis, **MUST** have their medication at school. While racing the medication is to be located with the **First Aid Officer**.
- Students are not to leave the Recording Area until dismissed.

Officials:

Meet Manager: Janet McKenna

Referee: Mark Winrow

Recorders: Alyssa Hogan and Geraldine Stephan

Other Officials: BSS staff and BSHS Year 9 Leaders

Program:

Time	Distance	Event	Qualifying Time
8:50		Officials' Briefing at Recorders' Tent.	
9.00		Welcome and Event Briefing. 3km runners to the warm up area.	
9.10	3km	11 and 12 years (Born 2006 and 2005) GIRLS and BOYS	17 mins
9.40	2km	10 years (Born 2007) GIRLS and BOYS	12 mins
10.00	1km	9 years (Born 2008) GIRLS and BOYS	Not for selection
10.10	1km	8 years (Born 2009) GIRLS and BOYS	"
10.20	500m	7 years (Born 2010) GIRLS and BOYS	"
10.30	500m	6 years (Born 2011) GIRLS and BOYS	"
10.40	500m	5 years (Born 2012) GIRLS and BOYS	"
10.50		Champion House and Age Champions Presentations	

Boonah SS Cross Country Team:

In the coming days, a letter will be sent home with students who qualify to compete at the Fassifern District CC Trials. Students require the principal's approval to be a member of the BSS CC team. Fassifern District CC Trials will be held at the Boonah Golf Club on Friday the 12th of May, 2017.