

P&C Meetings are held in the staffroom the third Wednesday of the month at 5.30pm.

Thursday, 20 February 2014
Volume 02

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to report that this week has seen all classes very settled and fantastic learning occurring in each classroom.

This week our Year 7 students are having a fabulous time at Tallebudgera Beach School. This opportunity only occurs because our dedicated staff are prepared to give up all the comforts of home and the company of their families to ensure our students have a wonderful experience. Thank you sincerely to Mrs McEwen, Mr Hobson, Mr Blackmore, Mr Woodward and Pac Briggs. The children are back Friday afternoon for a restful weekend!

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE

Recently the Queensland Government announced the School funding initiative ***Great Results Guarantee***.

This annual funding boost for Queensland state schools comes with a guarantee that every Queensland state school student will either:

- achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level;
- or
- have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning needs.

Programs will be evidence-based, transparent and accountable to the school community. We received an extra \$254,707. This money will be totally invested into your children to ensure greater results for all students. Our plan is currently being finalised and will be presented to School Council next week. As an Independent Public School it is the School Council's role to approve our plan. After its approval, it will be posted on our website and distributed in the next newsletter. To be successful we know our community needs to back our plan and be heavily involved in its implementation. This is very exciting for us.

TRIATHLON

The last triathlon of the series is on Sunday March 2. The competitors assemble at 6.30am near the VMR. Many of our teams will be competing for Series wins. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to be fit and healthy and to join with community members to achieve a high standard. It is also a great team event. We are **Team Banksia**. There is a BBQ afterwards for competitors and their families. This end of season BBQ will see the presentation of medals, certificates and trophies. If your child is interested in competing for our school, please see Mr Hartshorn.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

We are very fortunate to have Mr Martin O'Callaghan as our Director of Instrumental Music. We have an exceptional program and Mr O'Callaghan has over 160 students in the program. There is a very strict selection process as we know everyone would like to learn an instrument but our capacity is finite. We have the largest primary program in Queensland and our standard is extraordinary. If you would like to place an Expression of Interest to be part of the program, collect and return a form to the office. However this does not necessarily mean your child will be accepted into the program.

This year Fanfare, the state-wide festival of bands and orchestras from Queensland state schools is once again being held in June. Our school is again hosting the Regional Final. This year Concert Band 1, Big Band, Performance Band and String Ensemble will all compete. I congratulate all students who are members of these ensembles and know that they are working very hard both at school and at home. Excellence only occurs when we combine talent with hard work. Remember if you are privileged enough to be in one of these ensembles that there are many, many children who would love your place.

Once again, so many things to celebrate. I know I am so fortunate to have such wonderful staff, supportive parents and such well-mannered, well behaved and hard working students! Together we can achieve so much!

Regards
Mrs Jacqui King
Principal

EXTERNAL TESTING – ENGLISH, MATHS AND SCIENCE

Each year twenty students from Years 4-7 are nominated by teachers to participate in the University of NSW academic testing program in Science (7th May), English (1st July) and Maths (15th July). This allows some of our more academically-minded children to be acknowledged and for the school to see how our results compared to same age students from all over Australia. Cost for each test is \$7.00 which is funded by the school.

Twenty Year 7 students are also offered the opportunity to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition (7th August) at a cost of \$6.00 per student.

If you wish your child to be included automatically, you may nominate them and make payment by 30 April for each test you wish your child to take. Payment can be made via the payment window between 8.30-9.30am.

MAKING OUR SCHOOL A SAFER PLACE

Road safety is paramount in our minds, especially around our school. Any action that we can take to prevent an accident is obviously worth our time and attention.

We all know that we are a Travel Choice School encouraging children to make healthy travel choices that don't include cars. We are also part of the Safer School Travel program which concentrates on parents habits around our carparks and roads at drop off and pick up times.

The Moreton Bay Regional Council has launched a Community Response Team for Safer Schools Program. This is in conjunction with the Department of Transport and Queensland Police. Basically we have officers from the Community Response Team around our school on a very regular basis to ensure the safety of our students.

Please adhere strictly to driving and parking rules and regulations as warnings have been issued to date but tickets will be issued if parents are disobeying driving and parking laws.

Thank you for making our school a safe place for your children.

Peter Hartshorn, Deputy Principal

PARKING INFORMATION

No Parking Zones on Sunderland Drive

A reminder to all parents driving their children to school, the front of the school on Sunderland Drive is designated a **Loading Zone – Passengers 2 mins max. (7.00-9.00am & 2.00-4.00pm)**. Under this ruling you are permitted to stop, drop off or pick up within the 2 minute timeframe of the car stopping (ie., drop and go).



Parking on the School Grounds: Parents and caregivers are prohibited from parking on the school grounds. Only parents with **school issued parking permits** have permission to use the turn-circle adjacent to the admin/SEU blocks. This turn-circle area is a "drop and go" area only and is not to be used for parking.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT POLICE PATROL ALL OF THESE AREAS AND OFFENDING VEHICLES/DRIVERS WILL BE BOOKED.

PREP AND LOWER SCHOOL PARENTS

Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes and underwear in their school bags on a daily basis as accidents do happen. Due to hygiene and health issues, the school cannot carry a supply of underwear.

TERM 1 GOLD AWARD CEREMONIES

Mon 31 March	10.30am Prep ABC 12.45pm Prep DEG
Tues 1 April	10.30am Year 1 ABC 12.45pm Year 1 DEFG
Wed 2 April	10.15am Year 3 12.45am Year 2
Thurs 3 April	10.30am Year 5 12.00pm Behaviour BBQ for any student who hasn't received a yellow or red slip during Term 1. 12.45pm Year 4
Fri 4 April	10.30am Year 6 12.45pm Year 7

Dates correct at the time of printing

COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Parents with children who have made their First Reconciliation and would like them to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion are invited to attend one of the following parent Information Sessions to be held at the Little Flower Catholic Church, First Avenue, Bongaree on Tuesday 25th February at 7.00pm or Thursday, 27th February at 4.00pm. Further enquiries to Sharron Macrae, Sacramental Coordinator, on 5495 1028 or 0409 877 311.

Boot Camps 4 Kids After School Program



Mondays and
Wednesday 3.15-
4.15pm. Start up

cost \$35. Unlimited classes from \$11 per week. Commence in February and get classes for \$5 per child. Contact Leanne Farrugia on 0406 209 030.

Footworks Dance Academy – Morayfield & Bribie Island. Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Performance Group. Beginners from 3 years. Telephone 3410 1006 or www.footworksdance.com.au Enrol now for 2014 by phone or via website.

Kindermusik with Miss Em. Children's music and movement classes for ages newborn to 5 years. www.facebook.com/kindermusikwithEm or call Miss Em 0438 865 406.

Date Claimers

February

- Wednesday, 26 Student Council Spider Day

March

- Thursday, 6 Final payment for swimming
- Wednesday, 12 Year 6 Student Leader Ceremony
- Friday, 14 Year 6 Student Leader Ceremony
- Wednesday, 19 National Ride to School Day
- Thursday, 27 Year 4/5 Swimming Carnival
- Friday, 28 Year 6/7 Swimming Carnival

April

- Tuesday, 1 Subway Lunch
- Thursday, 3 School Disco
- Friday, 4 Free Dress Day - Gold coin donation
- Friday, 4 Last Day of Term 1
- Tuesday, 22 Term 2 commences

May

- Friday, 2 Lapathon
- Friday, 9 School Cross Country

June

- Friday, 27 End of Term 2

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8.00am to 4.00pm

Friday 8.00am to 3.30pm

School office telephone 3408 5333

Student Absence Line 3408 5336