Principal's News

Book Week
This week our students are participating in the national celebration of Book Week. We have a number of activities planned for the week, culminating in our Book Swap on Friday. We also have a Colouring-in Competition which will be judged on Friday. All students are encouraged to join in our Book Week celebrations as reading is a fundamental skill that assists everyone in their future life, no matter what career path they choose. We like to promote reading as a skill that brings enjoyment and relaxation to people of all ages.

Kookaburra Jokes
In Yrs 3 & 6, we focus on Australian Animals each week for our homework. Here are some jokes which the students think make kookaburras laugh so hard.

Knock! Knock!
Who’s there?
Kook!
Kook who?
Don’t ever call me Kookoo!!

Mia Urquhart
What’s small, furry and bright purple?
A Koala holding its breath!

Lucy Donohoe

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge concludes this week. If you know that your child has read books which have not been recorded at school, please provide a list to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible and definitely before Friday.

It’s easy to forget the impact that teachers have in shaping the lives of young people in their care and I believe our teachers and carers, as individuals and as a profession, deserve some appreciation. As the principal sponsor of the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016, TUH Health Fund is inviting students to join in the ‘Big Thank You’ to tell their teacher how they have inspired in them a love of reading. Students can win $50 for themselves and $1000 for our school to buy resources. To find out more visit: www.bigthankyou.com.au and check out the great entries that have already been received.

Thanks
• Thanks to Jen Hobson for all of the wonderful Possum Magic cooking which culminated in an exciting Possum Magic picnic at lunch yesterday as a part of our Book Week celebrations. The children in P-1 made vegemite sandwiches, the Yrs 2 and 3 students made delicious ANZAC Biscuits – with a gluten free batch included, the Yr 3 and Yr 4 students made pumpkin scones and our Yrs 5 and 6 students made lamingtons. It’s our secret how many treats some students had – what happens at school, stays at school – especially in Book Week!
• Thanks to the Hayes family for looking after our grounds.
• Thanks to Cheko Szarka and Raeko from Mitsui Coal Holdings who will be donating some stationery items to our school while they are nearby in Moura for the Coal & Country Festival.

Elaine Pelling
P - 3 News

P-3 Joins in Science Week Celebrations

Last week was National Science Week and at Banana State School we celebrated in style. On Thursday, we had a number of experiments for all of our students to enjoy, working in multiage groups. Here is Jackson working on his Jumping Pepper experiment. He had to rub the lid of his container with some wool for 30 seconds. This created a build-up of static electricity, which attracted the pepper in the container to a metal paperclip. The pepper moved around, hitting the top or moving sideways in the plastic box.

Jhrayne was having fun working on an experiment where he could see ions in action. He had to blow the balloon up and rub it on his hair to build up an electrical charge that would attract the paper.

Kevin made the most of the Bottle Flute experiment. Blowing made the air inside the bottle vibrate, producing a note. The notes changed according to the amount of water and air in the bottle. The bigger the space between the water and the top of the bottle, the lower the note.

Matilda had fun making a plastic bag parachute to discover how objects move through the air.

Magic Words

Congratulations to both Jackson and Charli U on receiving their certificates for Blue Words on Friday!

Library

Library borrowing occurs every Friday for all students in the P-3 class and so far everyone seems to be really enjoying themselves. We visit the library and borrow our books which are to be our Home Readers for the week and then read a story as a class. Please remember to return the books on Friday with homework as we cannot send home any further books until those already borrowed have been returned.

Maths

Our focus in P – 2 Maths for the last two weeks has been 2D and 3D shapes. The students are working really hard to identify and classify the two different shapes. The students have also been asked to identify these different shapes when they are at home.

English

Last week, we concluded our English unit on examining stories and informative texts and the Stella Luna booklets were sent home. The students have now moved onto exploring poetry. They will be sharing their thoughts and ideas on poetry, sharing poems with the class. Students will be discussing the language that is within a poem and some will be creating their own poems. This will be a fun unit that should have all the students learning more about literature.

History

The students are well underway with completing their history work about comparing the past and the present. Thank you for your support with the enquiry questions which will help students to learn more about their personal histories. We have published our own story about the past which is on display in our classroom.

Book Week

Yesterday, we read a book, Perfect, by Danny Parker and Freya Blackwood. It was all about what makes a perfect day. Then all of the Yr 1 and 2 students wrote about what makes a perfect day, you can read what they have written, it’s on display in the classroom. McKennon’s is the favourite because his perfect day is coming to Banana State School!

Elaine Pelling and Shannan Rye
Mrs Butler's News

Spelling
Congratulations to the following students who obtained 100 % in their spelling test last week: Emma Hayes, Dale Lewis, Alice Stevens, Abigail Cutting, Paige Hobson and Heath Bayles. Keep up the great work.

Premier's Reading Challenge
Premier's Reading Challenge finishes this Friday. Congratulations to Dale Lewis who has now completed her reading list. Most students will have reached the required number of books to be read by Friday. Reading is fundamental; in fact, it is one of the most important ingredients to becoming all that you can be. Reading develops your brain, provides a window into the world around you and helps you do better in all school subjects. Most importantly, reading can not only help you become a better student, but a better person.

Thankyou
We would like to thank Mrs Hobson for her contribution to Book Week yesterday. The students had a fantastic time making the delicious treats that are found in the book Possum Magic. What a fantastic way to celebrate this fabulous week! Many students have already brought in books for our Book Swap on Friday.

Moura Coal and Country Festival Art Competition
Congratulations to Alice Stevens and Jahmaul Lowther who both received a fourth place in this year’s competition.

Homework
Year 4 students now have as part of their homework a reading comprehension booklet to complete. I was very impressed with last week’s efforts in completing this task. Please encourage your child to work as independently as possible to complete their booklet, but if they are struggling then by all means support them. All students need to improve their comprehension, especially making inferences. An inference is made when you use the information you find in a text with your own knowledge.

Assessment
Once again we are approaching that time of the term where students are starting to begin assessment. Please be mindful of this when making appointments etc as we want to give our students the best possible chance of doing well.

Writing
Since the beginning of the year all students right across the school have been practising writing every Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Today was the first day that I have worked with Year 6 students and I want to say how impressed I was with the improvement they have all made. Well done and keep up the great work. This applies to all students in my class.

English
In this last five weeks, students in Year 4 will be looking at humour in poetry. Already they have been looking at the text structure and language devices in some very humorous ones. The assessment task for this unit will require them to:
  ➢ read and listen to humorous poems
  ➢ understand and identify how poets structure poems and how they use poetic language devices to create funny poems
  ➢ express a viewpoint about the effect these devices have on the audience
  ➢ use word play to innovate on some of the poems
  ➢ analyse and interpret a humorous poem.

Last Word
We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided. J.K. Rowling

Mrs Kay Butler
P&C and Community News
The next Banana School P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th August at 6pm in the Library, everyone is welcome to attend. Could everyone have their Lasagne forms in by next Wednesday 31st August, so I'm able to have them all cooked and handed back before the end of term. Sorry, I did forget one of the ingredients which is garlic, it is in both sorts of Lasagnes.
We have Raffles at the pub on Friday 9th September, Rachel Haley will be working on her own, if anyone is interested in giving her a hand that night, it would be greatly appreciated.
On Friday the 9th and Saturday the 10th of September, Karen Donohoe and I are attending a P&C Conference in Gladstone. I also heard some fantastic news about 2 of our past students William Donohoe and Harley Hobson, they are participating in the Tournament of the Minds and their team won, so they are off to Brisbane in a couple of weeks time, so proud to see!
We would like to thank two families in particular, for their assistance in selling chocolates in this year Cadbury chocolate drive, these families do not have any children attending our school, but they were always willing to help out. Thank you Casey Lamb and Sam. Thank you Wayne and Petria Dufty, your support is appreciated.
Don't forget every Friday is Dollarmite Banking.
I hope everyone has a great weekend, if you are going to the Coal and Country Festival, enjoy yourself and see you next week at school, as we only have 3 weeks left of school in Term 3.

Mrs Leanne Stevens – P&C Secretary

Banana Shire Mobile Library News
School holidays are coming up and the last visit to Banana State School will be on Tuesday, September 6th. Visits will recommence on Tuesday, October 4th. Please ensure all books that will become overdue during the holidays are returned on September 6th or arrangements are made to extend the due date.

Milo Cricket
For ages 5 to 12 - girls and boys
Register at: playcricket.com.au
Season starts Thursday 13/10 (W2/T4)
More info: dawsonvalleyjuniorcricket@gmail.com

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