Principal’s News

Term 2
We look forward to another term of learning at Banana State School – have you checked that your child has everything that they need in their pencil case and tidy tray. Please ask your child if they have run out of any glue or books to write in and if so, please provide more school supplies for your child to use.

School Policies and Procedures
Please be aware that we take the education of your child very seriously, school time is for learning. This means that we keep disruptions to class time at a minimum:
• students are encouraged to go to the toilet at break times and not during class unless it is completely necessary
• time lost in lesson times is usually made up in some way and students who have many absences are expected to catch up in their time – before school or during their break times
• parents are also asked to keep disruptions to learning time to a minimum – please arrange optional sporting lessons after school.

Parade
The first parade for Term 2 will be on Friday, April 28th. All parents are welcome to attend parade at 2.30 pm on every second Friday.
We always try to celebrate student achievement on parade – this is our main aim and of course, we also give notices about upcoming events.
On our first parade for this term, Mrs Butler will be telling the students about how they can prepare their artworks for the Biloela Show. This is a voluntary activity for all students.

Student Goals
All students have been given their goals for Term 2 and these are displayed in your child’s classroom.
In Term 2, all of our goals are based around achievement in Maths.
Goals have been individualised this term, so your child’s goals are suited to her/his learning journey and could be different from a friend’s goals. It is really valuable if your child knows their goals and can then work towards achieving them each term. In Term 2, we have displayed student goals to encourage them to be learning superheroes. Please check out what your child’s goals are for this term.

Reporting and Parent Interviews
All parents will have the opportunity to have a face-to-face interview with classroom teachers at the end of this term.
Semester 1 Reports will be issued in Week 10 and interviews will also be held in the last week of term.
If you have any concerns about your child’s progress during the term, please make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher – preferably after school, we are very busy before school.

Parent Participation in Term 2
If you would like to participate in our school activities in Term 2, please consider joining us for any of the following activities:
• assisting with reading on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings – please see your child’s teacher for a suitable time
• assisting to provide transport with the Fire Ed Excursion to Moura on Thurs April 27th for Prep & Yr 1 students – please let Miss Rynne know if you can help
• assisting with tuckshop – please see Belinda.

Tennis
Tennis lessons with our coach, Leesa Bongers will commence tomorrow and all students will participate in this part of our HPE Program.
We will have 3 groups – Prep - Yr 1, Yr 2 – Yr 4 and Yr 5 – Yr 6. All necessary equipment will be provided by the school. All students will need to wear a pair of shoes that do not leave black marks on our tennis court surface and bring a hat and water bottle.

School Uniform in Term 2
Students who have Sports Shirts might like to wear them on Thursday this term when we have our tennis days.
As the weather starts to cool down, your child needs to be warm at school. In winter, we ask students to wear warm clothes that match our school uniform, such as bottle green jackets and track pants. These are readily available at clothing stores. We also have a supply of second-hand winter uniforms that you may be able to purchase at a reduced price – please see me if you’re interested.

SonShine Club
SonShine Club starts this Friday.

IXL
All students in our school have an IXL username and password that they can use at home if they have computer/internet access.

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Please see your child’s classroom teacher if you would like these details for your child.

We have paid nearly a $1000 for student access for 2017, and this covers your child’s use of these resources at home and school.

**IMPACT**

IMPACT writing lessons for Yrs 2, 3, 4 and 5 students will continue until Week 3.

Code Breaker sessions will commence in Week 6 for some Yrs 5 and 6 students – these sessions are about learning Digital Technology. These sessions with the IMPACT Centre in Brisbane are funded by the Investing 4 Schools grant provided by the Queensland Government.

See your child’s classroom teacher if you have any questions about these learning opportunities.

**NAPLAN**

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All of the teachers at Banana State School have been working with our Yr 3 and Yr 5 students to prepare for NAPLAN 2017, ensuring that they are familiar with the test formats and providing appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you are encouraged to make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

Individual students who are absent at the time of testing will have an opportunity to complete missed tests on Friday, May 12.

*Education breeds confidence, confidence breeds hope, hope breeds peace.*

Confucius

**Labour Day**
The Labour Day Public Holiday will be held on Monday, May 1st. *The school will be closed on this day.*

**Cross Country**
The Dawson Valley Cross Country event will be held this Friday at Bauhinia State School. We wish all Banana students who are participating all the very best for their run.

Students who compete at this level need to be physically fit and should be capable of running the required distance. I will be attending this event and I also need a parent to volunteer, who is willing to assist on the track.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase – basic sandwiches, sausage sizzle, drinks – cash only.

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**ANZAC Day**

All students are invited to march with Banana State School in the ANZAC Day Parade in Moura next Tuesday morning.

All students are expected to wear school uniform and represent themselves and their school with pride. Students are asked to assemble at the garage on the Dawson Highway at 9.30 am for a 10.00 am march.

Students are welcome to wear any medals to represent their family’s heroes.

*Next Tuesday, is the ANZAC Day Public Holiday and the school will be closed.*

**Student Council Disco**
The Easter Disco will be held next Monday evening, commencing at 5.30 pm. We hope that as many students as possible will be able to attend this much anticipated event.

Mrs Elaine Pelling
Miss Rynne’s News
Firstly, I would just like to acknowledge and say thank you to students, parents and staff for making me feel so welcome and comfortable throughout Term 1. I enjoyed my first term of teaching and I am looking forward to what this term will bring too! Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a lovely Easter and that the kids are ready for another term of learning and fun. Firstly, I would just like to note that there are a lot of disruptions this term due to public holidays, therefore please ensure students do attend school where possible so that they do not fall behind. If you have any concerns or queries throughout the term, please do not hesitate to come and have a chat.

English
This term we will be exploring characters in stories. In this unit student will read and view a range of narratives to explore the use of descriptive language in the construction of a character. Prep will work towards demonstrating their comprehension of, and connection to, a familiar story through retelling events. While Years 1 and 2 will create a poster/multi-modal presentation to demonstrate comprehension of a familiar story through describing characters and retelling events.

Maths
Many new and familiar math concepts will be reviewed and explored throughout the term for Prep to Year 2. This term our ‘Term Goals’ regard math concepts that I have identified for each student as areas to improve upon. Each student has three math goals that they will work towards achieving throughout the term. These goals are displayed within the classroom and will be a point of reference to students throughout the term. You are more than welcome to come and look at your child’s math goals.

Science
This term in Science Prep to Year 3 are focusing on the concept of ‘Mastering Materials’. In this unit, students will investigate the properties of materials, how the properties influence a material’s use, and ways of changing the properties. Students will be learning about diverse materials and their properties so that they can conduct an experimental investigation. Prep will use their knowledge of materials and their properties to create a wind ornament, Year 1 will create a boat, whilst Year 2 combine materials to make an object for a particular purpose. It would be greatly appreciated if diverse materials (metal wood, wool, plastic, paper, rubber, leather, fabric etc.) could be collected from home and brought into the classroom over the next couple of weeks to assist students in conducting their experimental investigations at the end of the term. Yr 3 students will be working with Mrs Pelling this term.

Media Arts
Within Media Arts, students will have the opportunity to use iPads and computers to explore diverse media artworks (pictures, videos) and find the purpose for these artworks. The ultimate goal for students is to plan and design their own media artworks through the use of PowerPoint and present this to the class.

Geography
In Geography this term Prep will demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and skill by representing observable features of familiar places and map their own familiar personal place. Year 1 will demonstrate their knowledge and skills in describing and representing features of local places. Whilst Year 2 have the opportunity to plan their own town and identify, describe, interpret and represent world geographical information about places.

Miss Jessica Rynne
Mrs Butler’s News

Welcome Back
It was certainly a busy day to begin our new term and things don't look as if they will quieten down any time soon. I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and had time to recharge the batteries ready to begin all over again. We have a few four day weeks in this term and that always proves challenging trying to fit all of our learning into a shortened week. Please be mindful of this when deciding to take students out of school for extended periods. We understand that students get sick and unexpected events occur from time to time, but letting students stay home for no reason just makes learning harder for the student. Let’s work together to make this a great term for learning.

Student Council Disco – Monday 24th April

The disco will run from 5:30pm to 8:00pm on Monday night. The cost will be $1.00 per ticket. Money raised will go towards buying a new lap top for the school. This will be our major fundraiser for the year. Admission cost is $1.00 per student with adults getting in for free. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Feel free to come dressed up, but the only competition will be the Easter Hat Parade.

Goals
Students have all been given maths goals for the term. They have also written these goals in their maths book so they will need to become independent learners and work on these goals when they have finished their other work and are waiting for the rest of the class.

English
Year 4 students will be reading the book Bungawitta by Emily Rodda. They will explore the use of descriptive language in the construction of characters. Their assessment involves choosing one of the main characters from the story to express a point of view about that character’s thoughts, feelings and actions and present a multimodal presentation to the class. Year 5 and 6 students will produce an animated story exploring a character’s behaviour when faced with an ethical dilemma.

Science
Students in Year 6 will investigate reversible and irreversible changes. Year 5 students will investigate evaporation and explain their understanding of solids, liquids and gases, while students in Year 4 will investigate the physical properties of materials and consider how these properties influence the selection of materials for particular purposes.

Cross Country
Goodluck to all students competing in the Cross Country at Bauhinia on Friday. Don’t forget to hand in your homework on Thursday or send it with a sibling on Friday. Spelling will be heard on Thursday for those students who are competing.

Mrs Kay Butler

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P& C and Community News

Welcome back to Term 2.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are back ready to learn.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 15th May commencing at 6pm in the Library.

The Term 2 Tuckshop Roster will be attached to the newsletter. If you are unable to work on your allocated day please try to arrange to swap with someone or call Belinda Spinks. If you would like to assist but haven’t already indicated please contact Belinda. Any assistance is appreciated even if it is only for the first hour of the morning. Tuckshop will be held every Thursday.

Tuckshop Workers
20th April: Leanne Stevens and Belinda Spinks
27th April: Kylie Lobley and Belinda Spinks

Good luck to all the students who are competing in Bauhinia at the Dawson Valley Cross Country Trials this Friday. We hope that you have an enjoyable day.

DollarMite Banking is every Friday, please ensure your banking is placed in the banking basket before school on Friday. If you would like to find out more about DollarMite Banking please contact Alli Struber.

Mrs Leanne Stevens - Secretary

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