Principal’s News

Term 2 Reflection

As a very busy term draws to a close, I believe it is important for our students to reflect on the 11 weeks of learning that have passed and set their goals for Term 3.

Here are some reflections from students that I’d like to share with you …

In Term 2, I had difficulty playing other students’ games in the playground. I have learnt that to improve friendships, we need to take turns and listen to each other.

My learning goals this term were to be able to pick out the main idea of a story and then provide a retell with everything in the right order. I felt positive about achieving my goals in Term 2.

I love learning at Banana State School!

Matilda Cutting

In Term 2, I found it very difficult to share my toys with other students. I have learnt to make an effort and share my toys and the other students will share theirs with me.

My goal in Term 2 was to show evidence of revision and to edit and proofread my work to be sure it makes sense. I didn’t achieve my goal but I will keep trying my best to learn these things.

The more I learn at Banana State School, the more I use my brain – that’s why my teachers keep telling me to, ‘Keep going!’

Sophie Lang

In Term 2, three teacher aides, one teacher and 18 students went on an excursion to Yeppoon. I fed the ducks food from the pack Miss Coombes gave to me. I had to push down on the seesaw so the boys would lose and the girls could win. We challenged the boys but it was too difficult for them.

In class, I’ve made mistakes in my spelling but I’ve had to fix them up. Now, I think I have improved in spelling.

Mia Urquhart

In Term 2, I’ve learnt about feedback – that’s when Mrs Pelling writes notes back to me about my writing. I read the feedback and this helps me to improve. I have made a big effort with my writing this term and now I can write longer paragraphs.

Miss Coombes gives me difficult maths, some of it is challenging but some questions are easy.

Mrs Pelling gives me challenging homework but this means that I grow to become a better learner.

Rakalem Comollatti

In Term 2, lots of people improved in their work, everyone achieved their Writing Goal or their Behaviour Goal. Mostly, everyone embraced their goal but it was a challenge for every student. We used our strategies to help us to be successful. I tried really hard to achieve my goals, I persevered because I wanted to.

Pirate Day was a success, 97% of the students dressed up like pirates. It was challenging for the teachers to judge everyone’s costumes. All of the pirates looked amazing and beautiful, especially me! (Mrs Pelling wrote this bit!)

On our excursion, the P – 3 class went to Cooberrie Park. It was lovely, everything was awesome and we had a picnic there.

In Term 2, we all grew in some way. Everyone got feedback. It was difficult for some people to edit their own work but we got used to using the rubrics. Sometimes people made mistakes – that happened for most of us but 99% of the students stayed positive.

I never want to leave this school – ever!

Lucy Donohoe

When I do writing, either Mrs Pelling or Mrs Butler checks my work. If I do make mistakes, they will give me feedback.

Mrs Pelling always pushes us so we can grow in our learning which is so important.

I try to achieve in Maths and English, I’m trying to improve.

Clayton Lang

In Term 2, my challenge was to learn my 4 times tables a bit better, without using my fingers. Fractions were difficult to learn about but I kept trying.

I have improved in my reading, even though I sometimes make mistakes with tricky words. I use my strategies to sound out difficult words.

My teachers inspire me to read more so that I can get to be an even better reader than I am now.

My teachers give me feedback on my work to tell me what I need to improve. I ask questions when I need help with something I don’t know. I need to think positively about my work and convince myself that I can do it.
I have achieved most of my goals for Term 2. I made an effort by trying to finish my work on time.

**Alice Stevens**

This term I achieved my goal which was to expand my vocabulary using different sources. I have put effort into my learning and improved my handwriting. I have read my teachers’ feedback and tried to put that back into my work. A challenge that I had this term was to improve my persuasive writing. Mrs Pelling inspired me with writing and kept pushing me to grow.

I used strategies in Maths to work out the answers. I have embraced my learning about fractions, times tables and division.

At school this term, I found Science a bit difficult in the assessment.

On our excursion, we went to Rocky on a bus to go to the movies and have lunch. ‘Finding Dory’ was funny to watch and Hog’s Breath was even better.

**Dale Lewis**

I have used my strategies to solve some of my hard fraction questions in Maths. I had a small challenge with division and the 9 times tables.

I have improved in my writing at Banana State School. Mrs Pelling gave me feedback and I’ve used it. I have put a good effort into my work and my writing.

I have put my hand up to answer questions or to ask for help in class. I am feeling positive about my progress.

We had fun on the excursion when we watched ‘Finding Dory’ and went to Hog’s Breath.

I have been inspired by my friends and my mum. They’ve helped me to overcome the difficulties I’ve had with homework. I encourage Matthew Hayes with his work and he helps me with my work.

I have improved my behaviour as well. I persevere when things seem too hard and this has made me a better learner.

**Callum Ranford**

This term I have improved my learning because I have put in a lot of effort and I feel like I have achieved some things.

Shearia has inspired me to learn more and I will grow to become a better writer if I follow her example. Mrs Pelling and Mrs Butler have taught me to use full stops.

**Narmi Lowther**

The teachers always give us a challenge and if they don’t, we will not learn. I have achieved in my work.

Mrs Butler is always telling me that I have to learn so I can get a job when I get out of school.

**Dwayne Ruth**

The teacher who has inspired me is Mrs Butler. She has helped me to improve my writing. I have achieved lots of things. She has given me lots of feedback, I read it and use her advice to improve.

I have put a lot of effort into my assessment. At school, I ask lots of questions and challenge myself to do better.

**Emma Hayes**

I especially want to say that I have improved in my writing. It was a challenge but I have achieved it. When I write, I ask myself questions like, ‘Does this make sense?’

**Nykeetah Lobley**

It was difficult when we went on the excursion to Rocky because I was on crutches!

It was challenging when I had to learn my 4 and 8 times tables.

I have improved in everything in Term 2.

**Sophie Cutting**

In Term 2, I have been doing a lot of writing and I have improved a lot. One of the reasons that I have improved is because I have taken notice of my teachers’ feedback.

I have put lots of effort into my spelling but sometimes I still make mistakes. My teacher, Mrs Butler, challenges me to get all of my spelling right. It can sometimes been difficult but I persevere.

I have had lots of positive things happen this term, like learning my times tables.

I did not achieve my goal but I’m still working hard.

**Zaine Maslem**

In Term 2, I’ve grown as a learner in English and Maths because I’ve put a lot of effort into my work. I’ve improved my work in Science which is awesome.

**Matthew Hayes**

I have enjoyed growing up with my friends at this school. When I’m sad, my friends are there. When I’m happy, they are there. When I’m mad, they are running for the hills – that’s 50% of the time. My question is – why do they run for the hills?
One of my challenges has been to accept that Georgia is gone and move on. This is difficult because she is always in my heart.
I improved in some things this term but I'm most happy about achieving my goal. I am so proud that I persevered and tried hard for the whole term.

Shearia Cox
I have enjoyed the end of Term 2 because it has meant that we could go to Great Keppel, even though it was challenging climbing a mountain with our bags!
I've been inspired by my friends to be a better learner. When I've asked them questions, they've helped me to overcome my difficulties.

Gordon Moore

Banana Gems
This week’s expectation focuses on the school rule – Be Respectful – and we are looking for children to hold scissors pointing down.
Some behaviours demonstrating this could be:
✔ Using school equipment in a responsible manner.

Be Polite is an expectation for every week of this term.

Staffing in Semester 2
Miss Coombes will be finishing her contract at our school on Friday.
I would like to thank Miss Coombes for all of her work in Semester 1 and I wish her all the very best for her future.
Miss Charmaine will be having some Long Service Leave at the beginning of next term. We hope that she has a great holiday.
Cathy Phipps will be working in our office for the first 2 weeks of Term 3. If you need Charmaine’s assistance with any matter, please make sure that you see her before the end of the week.

Athletics Carnival
The P&C will be running a canteen on the oval. They are once again asking for the donations of cakes, slices or sandwich fillings. They will have a BBQ running as well as some hot food.
We will be running our 800 metre events tomorrow at lunch time, we will only be having 2 events – one for girls and one for boys. We will use times to differentiate between the age groups.
Students will be running before eating, we will have these races at 1.00 as soon as classes finish. Competitors will be running for House points and for Age Champion points.

Reports
Semester 1 Reports will be sent home in the next few days. As some students are still completing assessment, reports will be issued on different days for different year levels.
Parents who would like a Parent Interview will be welcome to make an appointment to see a classroom teacher early next term.

Sonshine Club
Chappy Selma is hoping to return to work in our school in Week 1 next term, however, as she is a little uncertain, she has decided that Sonshine Club will not start until Week 2 next term.

Computer Upgrades
We will be having a few upgrades to our school’s technology facilities in Semester 2. Shortly, Telstra will be working in our school to upgrade the speed of our internet access by 4 times. You may notice this work taking place over the school holidays – this is a government funded improvement.
During the next semester, the school and the P&C have committed funds amounting to over $11000 to upgrade our wireless network.
Our school will actually be fortunate enough to have improvements worth $22000 as the government is matching our contribution dollar for dollar. These improvements will set our students up for working in an environment where access to computers and other devices is readily available both in our classrooms and in our grounds. Students who attend our school in the next 5 – 6 years will benefit from these upgrades and the extra learning opportunities that we can provide.

Polling Booth
Our school library will be used as a Polling Booth for the federal election on July 2nd.

Thanks
Thanks to all parents who have worked in our grounds in the past fortnight, your time and effort is greatly appreciated.
Thanks to the P&C for their generous support of the school excursions that took place last Friday. Every child benefited from our P&C’s involvement in the community raffles that are held at the Banana Hotel on Friday nights.

Term 2
School resumes in Term 2 on Monday, July 11th. I hope that all of our students enjoy their well earnt school holidays and that they return eager to learn and work hard in Term 3.

Mrs Elaine Pelling
Miss Coombes News
I would like to say a farewell, as my contract has ended here at Banana State School and I will not be back next term. It has been an absolute pleasure meeting all of the students, parents and the whole school community. I have very much enjoyed my time here at Banana and I wish all students the best for the rest of the year, as well as their future.

Student of the week:

Week 10
Year 1: Sherri, Charlie, Cooper, Jhrayne, McKennon
Prep and Year 2: Sophie and Matilda
Year 3: Lucy, Mia, Corrina, Chelsea and Carissa

Week 11
Year 1: Cooper
Prep and Year 2: Matilda and Sophie
Year 3: Lucy
Well done to those students.

Spelling:
These are the latest spelling achievements; well done for practising your spelling words!
Week 9:
McKennon, Cooper and Sherri got all of their spelling words correct this week. Sophie got one word wrong.
Week 10:
Kevin and McKennon got all of his spelling words correct. Charlie and Sherri got one word wrong.

English:
In Writing, Prep and Year 1 students wrote about the Cooberrie Park excursion. Here is what they wrote.

Jackson:
My favourite animal was the cockatoo.
Charlie U:
My favourite animal was the crocodile.

Kevin:
I went to Cooberrie Park. I saw ducklings. I liked the ducklings because they were cute. I didn’t like the fox because it was scary. I loved the excursion.

Sherri:
I went on an excursion to Cooberrie Park. I saw a fox. I liked the monkeys. My favourite animal was the wombat, because he was cute and fluffy. I didn’t like the emu because he tried to chase people.

Charlie M:
I went on an excursion to Cooberrie Park. I didn’t like the emu. I liked the wombat because he showed his teeth.

McKennon:
I went on an excursion to Cooberrie Park. My favourite animals were the snakes because they were furious and one was a King Brown. I liked all the things on the excursion.

Franklin:
I went to Cooberrie Park and I saw some animals. I liked the kangaroos because they had long tails. I fed them.

Cooper:
I went on an excursion to see all the animals and I saw a crocodile. It frightened the heck out of me. I liked the crocodile because it was mad at me. I didn’t like the wombat because it tried to bite Rakalem.

Jhrayne:
I went on an excursion to Cooberrie Park. I saw all of the animals. My favourite animal was the wombat because it was being a show off. I didn’t like it when the wombat tried to bite me.

Cooberrie Park:
The excursion to Cooberrie Park was a wonderful experience for all students who attended. The students were able to see, handfeed and learn about all different types of wildlife. The students really enjoyed their day out and displayed wonderful behaviour and manners. Students represented Banana State School in an exceptional manner.
Mrs Bauer bought all students who attended a little animal souvenir to take home. A huge thank-you to Mrs Bauer, the students loved their little souvenirs.
Congratulations to all students for completing Term 2.

Miss Bethaney Coombes
**Mrs Butler’s News**

**Spelling**
Congratulations to the following students who got all of their spelling correct in Week 10. Dwayne Ruth, Nykeetah Lobley, Narmi Lowther, Callum Ranford, Sophie Cutting, Dale Lewis, Emma Hayes, Matthew Donohoe, Heath Bayles, Jahmaul Lowther, Alex Ranford, Zaine Maslen and Alice Stevens. Keep up the good work.

**Design and Technology**
Year 3 and 4 students began making their own pencil case last week as part of their Design and Technology unit. They will complete this in tomorrow’s lesson. We would like to thank the parents that volunteered their time last Thursday helping us to get started. We really did appreciate it.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Please continue reading over the holidays. I am really impressed with the improvement in reading of some of our students. I listened to Sophie reading yesterday and loved how she used all of her reading strategies to sound out new words. Well done Sophie. Clayton also worked hard on sounding out new words. Don’t forget to keep a list of the books you have read over the holidays so that you can enter them on your Premier’s Reading Challenge list at school.

**Term 2 Reflections by Year 5**

*Matthew Donohoe*
I have enjoyed Term 2 because there’s a lot of class activities and fun things to do. I liked playing on all of the fabulous equipment at Banana State School. I didn’t enjoy having to stay back in class to finish my work because I thought I might be missing out on fun things.

*Alex Ranford*
In Term 2 I enjoyed Big Lunch time when we played soccer. I also enjoyed Friday afternoons when we practised high jump, long jump, shotput, discuss, sprints, relays and our war cries.

*Heath Bayles*
I have enjoyed Term 2 because of many things. I most enjoyed starting the choir because it was something that Shearia and I wanted to do since last year. So when we asked Mrs Pelling if we could, we were really excited that we could do it. I had a problem with my heel so I didn’t really enjoy doing sports.

*Paige Hobson*
The Last Word
I hope everyone has a great holiday and if you are driving, please be careful on the roads. This is also the time when you will need to ask your child what they are running short of in class. There are quite a few students who still don’t have a glue stick. This also includes students who come upstairs from the P/3 classroom. Thank you to everyone that has helped out in my classroom during the term. I have really appreciated all that you have done to help us. I look forward to catching up with everyone when Term 3 begins on Monday the 11th of July. I think this week’s quote is a very appropriate one, don’t you?

*Mrs Kay Butler*
P& C and Community News
Well another term nearly over and what an exciting term we have had. We have had Pirate Day, sewing in the big class, fantastic excursions for all year levels and the best for last is Sports Day how great is that. Go King. Go Shirley. YAY.

We will be having the BBQ out at the oval again for Sports Day. Please see attached the menu for Sports Day.
If anyone would like to donate cakes or slices for us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Next term we will be holding a couple of Fundraisers.
1. Order forms will be handed out for a Mama Leanne's Lasagne Drive.
2. Cadbury Chocolate Drive anyone interested in selling or purchasing a box please contact Alli Struber.
3. We have a Clearance Sale at Cooper Downs on the 30th July we will be asking for donations and a helping hand.

Any parents interested in purchasing some wine there is Shiraz and Cabert Savignon at cost price that was left over from our Ball please get in contact with Kellie Cutting.

We wish Miss Coombes a Happy Birthday and we wish you well in your future endeavours.

Well, I hope everyone has a relaxing and safe holidays and be ready on board for next term.

Leanne Stevens
Secretary

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| 24 June | 10/11 & 12 Years
1:00pm on the oval |
| July 2 | Athletics Carnival
Final Day – Term 2 |
| 11 July | Election Day
Banana SS – Polling Booth |
| 12 July | First Day – Term 3 |
| 15 July | Mobile Library Visit |
| 30 July | Nominate your father by visiting qldfatheroftheyear.org.au before July 15th |
| Every Friday | P&C Catering
Clearance Sale - Cooper Downs
See Leanne if you can assist |
| Term 3 | Chocolate Drive
Mama Leanne’s Lasagne Drive
Cooper Downs Clearance Sale |
| P&C Fundraising Events | Please see Leanne if you can assist with any of the upcoming events |

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which Banana State School is built, the Gangulu people.