



Banana State School Newsletter Term 2 2017 Week 9

*Explicit Focus Area for 2017 :
Teachers' Pedagogy
Differentiation for all learners*

Principal's News

Thanks

Thank you to the P&C Executive for the work that they do for all students and parents of Banana State School.

They do many jobs that go unnoticed, like ordering more Lunch Order Bags for our students to use each week at tuckshop.

I want our P&C Executive ladies to know that their work is greatly appreciated.

Age Appropriate Pedagogies

Research recognises the importance of using appropriate pedagogies to support all children to be actively engaged, creative and successful learners, and this year staff from our school will be working in the Age Appropriate Pedagogies Program, refocusing on ways of teaching and learning that respond to children's developmental and learning capabilities, thereby strengthening outcomes for our students.

We are working in collaboration with our coach, Ellen Brewer, gaining skills and knowledge in the implementation of these effective approaches.

Eleven particular characteristics have been identified within these pedagogies (ways of teaching), and while these do not always relate to every learner, learning context or outcome, they are qualities that educators need to consider when being responsive to the needs of the children that we have in our classrooms.

The first three are:

Active: requiring physical and embodied engagement across all areas of learning. Whether indoors or outdoors, activity is essential in order to activate children's full potential. Their focus, concentration, motivation and self-regulation are enhanced through moving, doing, and interacting within a range of learning environments.

Agentic: ensuring that children have voice in their learning. Their ideas and interests initiate, support and extend learning possibilities in order to build on their real-world understandings and experiences.

Collaborative: being social and co-constructed. Children and educators work together to identify ways of learning and

understanding through sustained shared thinking and action.

For further information about the Age Appropriate Pedagogies project, please visit Miss Rynne's classroom where she has a comprehensive display of all 11 characteristics.

Parade

The final Parade for Term 2 will be held on Thursday, June 22nd at 2.30 pm.

At this Parade, we will hand out Silver Certificates to those students who have successfully demonstrated behaviour in Term 2 in line with our Responsible Behaviour Plan and our school rule, "Be A Friend".

All students are well aware of the behaviours that we have been looking for and they have had plenty of opportunities to demonstrate appropriate behaviours.

These awards are earned and not given away – so, only those students who deserve a Silver Certificate will receive one.

Please join us for this final opportunity to celebrate student achievement for Term 2.

Goals Luncheon

All Superheroes who have achieved their Term 2 Maths Goals will be invited to attend a special luncheon on Thursday 22nd.

Invitations will be sent home on Friday with Semester 1 Reports.

Please return your RSVP on Monday for catering purposes.

We have been trying very hard to encourage every student to work hard to achieve their goals in Term 2.

Not every student has been able to do so, this is a difficult time for these students but there is nothing to be gained from either giving up or giving an award for the sake of it. Our goals are about improving individual achievement. Students will be having Literacy Goals in Term 3 and this will provide another opportunity for all students to strive to improve.

Pirate Day

It sounds like our school was overrun with villains and teddies last Friday.

Thanks to Mrs Butler for all of her work in preparing such a great day for everyone.

Parent Interviews Tuesday June 20th

All parents are requested to book an interview for next Tuesday. When booking, please nominate which teachers you wish to speak to.

Elaine Pelling

Miss Rynne's News

This term has gone too fast! I am a bit early, however if I do not see you before the term ends I wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Age Appropriate Pedagogy (AAP)

At the beginning of the term Mrs Pelling and I attended a Professional Development day regarding Age Appropriate Pedagogy. Pedagogy refers to 'how' you teach. One of our major focuses this term is to build upon our own professional pedagogies, and this program will assist in this. We have been trialling AAP over the last couple of weeks within the classroom in an attempt to deliver a 'range and balance' of pedagogies, using diverse approaches and characteristics. Approaches we are focussing on include event based approach, inquiry learning approach and play-based learning approach. While characteristics comprise of active, agentic, collaborative, language and rich dialogic, learner focussed and responsive. At present, this program is a focus for Prep students, however Years 1, 2 and 3 students are involved too. Throughout the year I will be attending further professional development days and coaching sessions, I am very excited to learn more and develop my knowledge and understanding of this program. I'm more than happy to discuss AAP with you if you would like any more information!

Athletics Carnival

I am looking forward to and excited about my first Banana State School athletics carnival next Friday! The students in P-3 have been practicing hard with myself, Mrs B and Miss Judy. I think we have a few little sporting superstars among us! I absolutely love seeing the enjoyment the students get from being active and trying their best. I am sure it will be a great day!

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Math Goals

This week I will be assessing Years 1, 2 and 3 math goals. Goals give students a sense of ownership in their learning, and that is exactly how it has been perceived in our class. It has been the students' responsibility to achieve their goals by putting in the effort and persistence required to achieve them. Students have understood that I am there to assist them in achieving this goal, however I ultimately can't be the one to achieve their goal for them. I have been very proud at the enthusiasm and commitment of students this term in achieving their goals and I look forward to celebrating the students' success next week.

Pirate Day

I **loved** everyone's pirate outfit last Friday. They were truly fantastic. In the P-3 class we discussed why we were dressed as pirates and that it wasn't just for fun! We discussed that today was to raise money for The Kids' Cancer Council. Here is what a few of the students had to say about Pirate Day.

*Pirate Day was so much fun because we got to dress up as scary pirates – **Charlie McCamley***

*It was fun being a pirate! – **McKennon Haley***

*I like it because we got to raise money for cancer – **Cooper Johnston***

*I think our group picture would look funny. We were all dressed as pirates – **Charlie Urquhart***

Miss Jessica Rynne

Mrs Butler's News

Pirate Day – Friday 9th June

Orlando Pirate Bear



Our winner of 'Orlando' was Alice Stevens. Congratulations Alice and thank you to everyone who supported the Student Council by buying tickets. Once again we had another great day at Banana State School by raising valuable funds to aid the research of childhood brain cancer and get to dress up as pirates. Here is what some of the students had to say about the day.

*Friday the 9/6/17 was Pirate Day when everyone dressed up as a pirate and brought along their pirate teddy. At big lunch we played pirate tug-o-war. Congratulations to the Best Dressed Pirate winners. In P-2 the winners were Ella and Eli, in 3-4 it was Lucy and in 5-6 it was Abigail, Sophie and Callum. Everyone had a great day! - **Heath Bayles***

*Pirate Day was a really fun day and even if the only game of pirates was tug-o-war it was still super fun. I might not be Treasurer, but I still think we raised a whole lot of money, especially with our little furry friends having to pay too! I think that Zaine and Mrs Pelling really missed out, but I'm sure Mrs Pelling was doing something really important and I hope that Zaine caught a big fish! - **Matthew Donohoe***

*On the 9th of June, students were captured and turned into pirates. Even the teachers were pirates. There was an 'arrghing competition'. We played 'tug-o-war' The day was dangerously awesome! Matthew's favourite saying was 'Touch my loot, feel my boot!', while Mrs Butler's was 'Always be yourself unless you can be a pirate. Then always be a pirate!' - **Lucy Donohoe***

On Pirate Day we played tug-o-war, had a colouring in competition and played Pirate

*Long Jump (walk the plank). Mrs Butler, Mrs B, Miss Judy, Miss Rynne and all of us kids had a fun day. - **Janique Dales***

*I liked Pirate Day because there were pirates and teddy bears. I liked them all and I liked the pirate costumes. - **Dwayne Ruth***

*Pirate Day was a blast! At play time we played tug-o-war and Miss Judy was helping me, Lucy, Mia and Matilda. My favourite phrase was 'Dead men tell no tales!' - **Corrina Dodd***

*On Pirate Day we all had fun! Miss Judy, Mrs B and Mrs Butler had fun too! **Carissa Young***

Stationery

Don't forget that the Tuckshop now supplies basic stationery needs for the students at very reasonable prices. Our focus is very much on writing and so students may need to look at their pencil supply and determine if they need to top up. Some students go through their supply a lot quicker than others and this could be due to a lot of reasons such as being heavy handed, sharpening pencils unnecessarily and so on. Please check with your child to see if they need to top up on their stationery supply and if so it is as easy as sending extra money to school on Tuckshop Day to do so.

Interviews

Interviews will be held next Tuesday in the new library. Times will be strictly 15 minutes per student so as not to keep anyone waiting. Please try to be on time so as not to inconvenience anyone else. I will not be available between now and then to discuss concerns or issues that you may have as I am far too busy marking and preparing report cards. I have been explaining to my students about how report cards are marked and about the effort comment. It is expected that if you get an 'A' then your effort comment should be 'excellent'. This may not always be the case though. The same applies for a 'C'. The effort comment for this is 'satisfactory'. This may go up to 'very good' if a student is applying themselves to the task or down to 'needs attention' if the student is not applying themselves. I take great care to match this comment with what I observe in class during each particular subject and with each individual student.

Mrs Kay Butler

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P&C and Community News

Well another term is nearly over and we have a very exciting last week. Sports Day will be held next Friday. Go King! Go Shirley! We will be doing food a little different this year. We are having Hot Dogs, Chicken Patty Burgers, Sandwiches, Cakes and Slices. It would be greatly appreciated if we could have donations of cakes and slices for the day.

Our P&C Meeting was held last night and we have discussed a few fundraising items.

1. Lasagna Drive if anyone would like to help please talk to Leanne or Rachel.

2. We would like to run a Banana Cup Race Day at the school. So come along on Wednesday 12th July at 3.15pm for the planning meeting for our Banana Cup Race Day.

Our Stationary cupboard is up and running, if you need pencils etc we have them you can either send your child with the money on Tuckshop day or see Belinda, Leanne or Charmaine.

Prices list is as follows and payment is required at the time of collection.

8mm ruled writing book 48pages	\$0.50
8mm ruled writing book 68 pages	\$0.60
Year 1 writing book	\$0.50
Year 3/4 writing book.	\$0.50
Eraser.	\$0.60
HB Pencil.	\$0.50
Glue Sticks 40g.	\$2.00
Wooden 30cm Ruler.	\$0.50

Dollarmites Banking is held every Friday. Please see Alli Struber or place your banking books in the basket in the Office.

Tuckshop Volunteers

15th June Kylie and Belinda
22nd June Leanne and Belinda.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 19th** commencing at **3.30pm**.



DATE CLAIMER	
15/06	Tuckshop – Kylie & Belinda Final Tennis Session
16/06	Report Cards Issued SonShine Club Dollarmite Banking
20/06	Parent/Teacher Interviews
21/06	CWA International Day
22/06	Tuckshop – Leanne & Belinda Goals Celebration Luncheon Afternoon Sports Events Parade 2:30pm
23/06	Athletics Carnival Final Day Term 2 Trivia Night – Moura RSL in aid of Amellia Moore (C&C Festival Entrant)
10/07	First Day Term 3
11/07	Mobile Library Visit
12/07	Banana Cup Race Day planning meeting @ 3:15pm
19/07	P&C Meeting 3:30pm
22/08	Breaka Beach to Bush 2:15pm



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