Principal’s News

A little amusement to begin with …

I often find some amusing answers when marking student work, they’re not meant to be funny but sometimes their errors make me giggle.

Last week, one of our Yr 6 students, when choosing the best word from the list to complete the sentence wrote …

*Children can be evaporated to protect them against many diseases.*

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jahmaul Lowther and Shearia Cox, who are the first 2 students from our school to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge in 2016.

Congratulations to Lucy Donohoe who has moved up a whole level in *Words Their Way* this week.

News from Chappy Selma

The Banana School Year 6 class have just celebrated the end of Term Two with their “Island Survivor” camp on 10-11 June. All students successfully carried all their food, water and equipment over rough terrain, helped set up camp, cooked their own food and took part in the group activities with good humour and camaraderie.

It was a wonderful experience with our host, Chappy Pete from Rockhampton, who taught us and showed us heaps about the island’s flora and fauna and its history.

Also, in Term Two, I used “Reconciliation Week” to discover how to resolve conflicts in the playground and be reconciled with our friends. As part of “Reconciliation Week” activities we also learned, and performed at Parade, the song “Down by the Riverside”, adding our own verses to echo the peaceful intent of the lyrics.

School Opinion Survey

If you have already completed your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you and please disregard this notice. If not already completed, the online surveys will remain open until 29 July 2016. This is your opportunity to have a say about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

If you haven’t received any survey access details yet, please contact Charmaine on telephone 49959 333 or email admin@banananss.eq.edu.au

Coal and Country Art Competition

We have been finding some time for students to complete their entries at school, if any student wishes to complete an entry at home, they are welcome to do so and hand it in at the Office – entries need to be A4 size.

This year’s theme is “Where do you belong?” – students might like to draw a picture of their family or family home, favourite holiday spot, their grandparents or even a sporting team.

P&C

I hope that all parents will consider supporting the P&C with their chocolate boxes, as well as their catering for the Clearing Sale on the weekend.

I wish them well with their ventures.

Staffing

We are working towards solving our staffing gap and hopefully, in the next fortnight, we will have a new staff member in our school.

Things will be somewhat different in our school for the rest of this term.

The new teacher will be working in partnership with me in managing the P – 3 learning environment.

This means that I will still be teaching classes, setting homework and preparing lessons and assessment items for P – 3 students.

This is a necessity for us to focus on improvement, especially in the Early Years where learning is essential for your child to have a firm foundation for their future schooling.

Behaviour

After school behaviour has caused some issues in the past week; while children are in our grounds, they are required to meet our expectations for safe and responsible behaviour.

This protects our children and our school equipment.

Parents who collect their children after school are asked to keep an eye on their child’s behaviour and encourage them to act appropriately.

Please note that I am not referring to a single incident - on a number of occasions, I have been disturbed by the unruly behaviour of some students after school.

*Elaine Pelling*
P - 3 News
Birds fly around in the bush all day
They look so beautiful when they fly away
Try to take care
When they are up in the air
Watch them fly with daredevil flare
They try to share
With all who are way up there!
Lucy Donohoe
P – 2 Science
On Monday, we were out and about checking out our local landscape.
We were able to identify that the landscape around our school contains rocks, mountains, grass and trees with flowers.

We did take the opportunity to have five minutes of fun at one of the newest features of our local environment – Opportunity Park.

We also took a look at the new reservoir beside our school which provides our local water.

Yr 3 Maths
The Yr 3 students have been measuring objects using familiar metric units of length, mass and capacity.
They have been working in small groups to complete their measurement ‘scavenger hunt’.

Students have had to find items to measure that suit specific criteria, for example, several items that when weighed together have a total mass of close to 1kg.
The Yr 3s have had to give explanations, such as, “We weighed the glue first, it was the heaviest. Then we weighed the book. Next, chose Corrina’s pencil box because we only needed something light.” Carissa Young

Yr 1 Maths
The Yr 1 students have also been busy measuring and comparing the areas, lengths and capacities of pairs of objects using uniform informal units.

Here is a sample of the beautiful work that the students have been doing in class and for homework.

Maths
This week, we are all learning about money in P – 3.
The Yr 1s would really like you to go shopping with them when you help them with their Maths Homework.
See if they can read the price tags themselves.
They are learning about Australian coins this week and the shopping exercise is a way to reinforce this classroom learning.

P – 2 English
We have been reading the book, ‘Stellaluna’, in English which is about a baby bat – my apologies to the Moura Kindy!
This book is a mixture of fact and fiction, so we have been learning about the facts.
Some of the children have started their Information Reports which will be used for their assessment in this unit.

Homework
I have had some feedback about homework – none of it very positive.
When comparing stories, you can’t compare homework because no 2 students in our class have exactly the same homework.
I differentiate to make sure that each child does homework appropriate to their learning stage.
I do hope that you don’t express your negativity in front of the children because we really need to show our students that education is valued both at school and at home.

Elaine Pelling
Mrs Butler’s News

Congratulations
We wish all students competing at the Dawson Valley Sports Carnival today every success and hope they achieve a personal best, but most importantly that they are great ambassadors for our little school.

Spelling
Congratulations to the following students for getting 100% accuracy in Spelling for Week Two: Jahmaul Lowther, Callum Ranford and Zaine Malsen.

English
Year Four will begin writing a traditional story with a moral or message for a younger audience as part of their C2C Unit this term. It would be great if you could share with them some of the morals that you know (your eyes are bigger than your belly etc.)

Friday Sports
This term students in Years 4/5/6 will be learning to play touch football. At the moment we are busy learning the skills required to play the game. It’s a bit more involved than what I gave the game credit for, but some students have already improved their ball handling skills in just one lesson. I look forward to the day when we can show our skills off to the parents and maybe challenge them to a game! We have all agreed that we had a great time last week and would like to thank Mr Stevens and Miss Stevens from Biloela for volunteering their time to coach us.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
We still have a month to go before the Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes. This still gives students plenty of time to read the required number of books. There are great books in our library for the students to borrow as well as a number available for students to read in our classroom. A reminder for students who regularly buy a book through Book Club: orders are due back by this Friday.

Lost Property Box
There are a number of jumpers that are in the lost property box with no names on them. Last week on parade we showed these to students and apparently they don’t belong to anyone in this school. All this does is highlight the fact that students have no idea as to what belongs to them. Frankly I am getting tired of trying to track down property belonging to students that has not previously been named. Please take responsibility for what belongs to you by putting a name on it.

History
Year 3 students are having a hard time trying to comprehend what life was like in Queensland 100 years ago compared to life in Queensland today. If students know of older people such as grandparents or elderly neighbours that they can talk to and share stories with, this might be a great way for them to begin to gain an understanding of how some things have changed over time while others have remained the same.

Classroom Supplies
Different term, same old story. Some students have not restocked their pencil cases over the holidays and still do not have glue sticks etc. Please ensure that your child has the required items in their pencil cases and they are clearly named. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The Last Word
“Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the things you can think up if only you try!” Dr Seuss
It’s funny to think about thinking. It seems like it’s something that just happens on autopilot, and not something that you can control. Realizing that you’re actually in control of your thoughts, and you can think deep thoughts or not-so-deep thoughts, happy thoughts or sad thoughts on command, it becomes clear that it’s your responsibility to think the thoughts you want to think. Dr Seuss seems to be encouraging you to think in all sorts of different ways, and different directions so that you can search the mind for really amazing ideas. This is something that students must understand and start doing in class if they want to become successful learners.

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

P& C and Community News

A reminder that we have 2 upcoming functions. If you can assist in anyway please contact Leanne Stevens.

1. Cooper Downs Clearance Sale Saturday 30/7/2016.


There will be forms later on in the term for the Lasagne Drive.

We have raffles the second Friday of each month. If you could sell tickets or just come along to support our raffles would be great.

Just remember all the money P&C raises go back to support all our children in one way or another.

Don’t forget every Friday is Dollar Mite Banking see Alli or Leanne.

Please note: there will be NO SonShine Club this Friday.

MILO CRICKET PROGRAM

You and your family are invited to attend our free "Come and Try" Milo Cricket Event from 4-5pm, on Friday 5th August, at Footy Fields, Moura Rec Grounds.

MILO Cricket Programs are fun, fast and dynamic non-traditional formats that ensures participation is maximized and that kids (ages 5-14) have fun!

Please bring lots of water and hats. A canteen will be operated by Moura Junior Tigers.

See you there.

Milo Co-ordinators
dawsonvalleyjuniorcricket@gmail.com

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