Principal’s News

Final Parade Term 3

Our final parade for this term will be held next Tuesday, 12th September, at 2.30 pm. The change in Week 10 is due to the Yr 6s being away for the rest of the week on camp.

Interschool Netball Wednesday September 13th

Our Yr 5 students are participating in the 8th Annual Interschool Netball Carnival in Biloela next Wednesday. Schools from all over the district are taking part in an interschool netball carnival with the focus of the day being about fun and having the opportunity to have a go at netball.

The carnival will be held at the Magavalis Sports Club, Valentines Plain Road, Biloela. Games commence at 9:00 am and will conclude by 2.30 pm.

Many thanks to Christine Lewis who has assisted every Wednesday afternoon for the past month to prepare our students for the carnival.

Thanks to Julie Maslen for being our umpire on the day.

Thanks to Bronwyn Bayles for also assisting on some Wednesday afternoons.

Thanks to Charmaine Hamilton for organising our school’s participation in this event and assisting with coaching where possible.

We will need someone to transport our shade shelter and first aid kit for the day – please contact the office if you are able to assist.

Drinks, food, fruit and slushies will be available for purchase at the canteen on the day, but not at the pre-order prices.

P & C Meeting

I look forward to meeting with you tomorrow at our P&C Meeting at 1.00 pm in the old library.

Thank you to the P & C for all of the wonderful work that has been happening with lasagne cooking and distribution.

Thank you to everyone in the P & C who was such a great support to us yesterday with the Southern Cross Poker Run visit. I truly appreciate the support that you give to our school.

Also, a big thanks to Nadine Kurtz for her great presentation last Friday on parade about magpies. This has been very helpful for our students and they have been recounting their new ways of dealing with magpies at this time of year.

Year 6 Camp

Our Yr 6 students and Mrs Butler will be off to camp next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

I am sure that they will have a great time at North Keppel Island.

On camp, our Yr 6 students will be joined by the students from Keppel Sands State School.

Thank you to the P & C for your financial support of every student attending camp.

Goal Celebrations Friday

All students who have achieved their goals in Yrs 4 – 6 will be given the opportunity to participate in the Callide Dawson MILO T20 Blast School Cup this Friday. I really hope that all students enjoy the experience.

The competition will be held on Friday 8 September 2017 at Magavalis Sports Complex, Valentine Plains Rd, Biloela.

All students will need to arrive by 9:00 am. Games will commence at 9.30 am.

I would like to remind all students about the importance of sun protection. It is strongly recommended that all students wear hats, sunscreen and protective clothing. It is also highly recommended that all students bring their own water bottle and drink plenty of water throughout the day.

Parents are asked to arrange transport and SMS messages will be sent to all parents of students who have achieved their goals after 10.00 today.

Best of luck for a great day of cricket!

Students in Yrs P – 3 who have achieved their goals will be enjoying a Picnic in the Park on Friday at lunchtime. They will be taking their lunch with them.

SMS messages will be sent today to notify parents.

Elaine Pelling

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland

CHILDREN’S EDUCATION FUND – 2017 (For School Year 2018)

The St Vincent de Paul Society is once again offering assistance to families with the purchase of uniforms and resources for the next school year (2018).

Applications open in August 2017 and close on the 22nd September 2017.

Who is eligible?

- A recipient with a CRN (Centerlink Referral Number) and
- In receipt of FBT (Family Tax Benefit A & B) and has children noted on the Centerlink Income
- Statement
- Is residing in Queensland
- Is attending Catholic Primary School and State or Independent Primary and Secondary schools.

How to apply:

St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting interviews between 10am and 1 pm at the Support Centre, 21 Dawson Hwy, Biloela on the following dates. Please phone 4902 3000 for an appointment on one of the following dates:

- 5th August
- 23rd August
- 6th September
- 21st September

You will need to bring a current Centerlink Income Statement/s (both if partnered); Pay slips of other Income.

No applications can be accepted after closing date as claims have to be submitted to Brisbane for assessment.

Learning Knows No Bounds

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Miss Rynne’s News

How is it the end of Term 3 already! We have had a fantastic and very exciting last couple of weeks. From dressing up for book week, to achieving academic goals, to riding around the oval on motorbikes…we have done it all!

Book Week
We all had a terrific Book Week! I was amazed at the effort all students (and parents!) put into costumes, they all looked great! Book Week is a great way for all students, of various ages, to recognise and appreciate the importance of reading and learn to love reading! On the day, I truly enjoyed learning about the students’ favourite books and loved the enthusiasm from students. Here is a picture of the P-2 students all dressed up (we had a few wardrobe malfunctions throughout the day!).

I got to dress up as my favourite book character. It was really fun! Sherri Bauer

I was dressed up as the man from Snowy River. I really like him because he has a whip. McKennon Haley


Goals
Students have worked extremely hard to achieve their academic goals for Term 3. Each student has been aware of their two goals and working towards them all term. Students in P-3 who achieved their goals will be having a picnic in the park this Friday during lunch time. Students will take their own lunch over with them, however extra little party nibbles will be supplied. I congratulate all those that achieved their goal and look forward to celebrating success with students on Friday!

Poker Run
On Tuesday we had some very excited little (and big) kids! Students were fortunate enough to be a part of the Annual Southern Cross Poker Run in aid of fundraising for children with Spina Bifida. It was great to be part of this organisation and for students to learn how fortunate they truly are. Students were given the opportunity to ride on the back of, or side of, a motorbike. I loved the excitement and enormous smiles of all children.

Miss Jessica Rynne
Mrs Butler’s News

Goals
Congratulations to all of the students who achieved their learning goals for this term. Students have worked extremely hard and the evidence can clearly be seen in their work. As usual their hard work will be rewarded. Years 4 to 6 will travel to Biloela on Friday to take part in the T20 Gala Cricket Day. More information will be included in this newsletter so keep an eye out for it or ask your child. It’s hard to believe that we still have some students in this classroom who do not give their parents notes that are sent home, hence the need to check with your child.

Maths
I am very proud of the effort that Year 5 students have made in Maths this term. They have spent the last couple of days completing assessment and have improved on the time it takes to finish the test (because they have taken the time to read the questions properly the first time), and have had a much better understanding of the content. Each term we revisit the basic maths strategies as well as learning new content. I would expect that by the end of Term Three these strategies are becoming ingrained in the student’s long term memory, thus improving the completion time of tests.

Assessment
With only six days left to complete assessment for Year 5 and four days for Year 6, never has it been more important for students to attend school every day until the end of the term. Unless students are ill, please ensure that every attempt is made to get them to school, otherwise they will be missing out on playtime at every break until they have completed assessment. Any student who does not get work completed by the end of this term will have the same conditions apply at the start of Term Four. We take assessment seriously at Banana State School and so should you!

Civics and Citizenship
How lucky were students in Year 3 and 4 to have a visit from Councillor Brooke Leo last Wednesday afternoon? They got the chance to ask her questions about our community. Some students wanted to know if more play equipment could be put in the park, as well as toilet facilities, while others asked for the car park out the front of the school to be bituminised. Councillor Leo was able to answer all of the questions and gave the students some great advice on how to go about getting their requests heard by the Banana Shire Council. Students will be writing letters to council as well as conducting a survey on what type of play equipment children would like to see in The Opportunity Park. Another approach is to get a petition going and asking the community to sign it so that we can make the front of our school more attractive by creating a bituminised car park. One exciting bit of information that Councillor Leo shared with us was the arrival in the coming months of a portable skate park that will be shared among those communities in the Shire that don’t have a permanent structure. Students were made aware of the responsibility that children have to take care not to damage the structure, otherwise they run the risk of not getting another turn at having it return again.

Homework
This is the last week that students in Years 5 and 6 will be having homework for this term. Homework is due on Thursday for those grade levels due to the Gala Day in Biloela on Friday. Because of school camp next week, the Year Fives will also get a reprieve from homework. Think of it as a reward for all of your hard work this term.

Stationery
With school holidays fast approaching, now is the time to check with your child as to what, if any, new stationery needs to be replenished. It will mainly be pencils, rubbers, glue sticks etc. that will need to be replaced. We don’t want to start Term Four off without being organised for learning, do we?

Term Four
School will resume again on Tuesday the 3rd of October at 8.55am. To everyone that has helped out this term, the students and I would like to thank you. To those who have voiced their appreciation of the part that teachers play in their child’s life, thank you for the acknowledgement. Everyone likes to be appreciated every now and then. I must admit, at least one student in my class makes me feel special every day. Some days it makes all the difference in the world. Have a great holiday and if you are travelling, please drive safely.

Kay Butler

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P& C and Community News

P&C meeting has been changed and will now be held this Thursday 7th September commencing at 1pm in the end classroom upstairs. I would like to thank all our parents who have assisted with making the lasagne for our drive. It has been great fun working with you and once again a successful fundraising venture for the P&C.

Tuesday was a lot of fun with all the different motor bikes here. I am sure all the children have really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the parents who helped out with the BBQ it was greatly appreciated.

I hope our Year 6 students enjoy their school camp next week. We look forward to their return to school in Term 4 to hear all about the experiences and fun they had. Book Fair is being held at Banana SS in the 2nd week of Term 4. We are looking forward to our delivery of books to see what is new in 2017. This is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping while supporting the school. Every book that is sold earns the school points to be used to purchase books for our library so everyone benefits.

Don't forget Earn and Learn stickers can be left in the box at Woolworths or here at the box at the office. Please tell any friends or family who don’t have school age students to collect the stickers for Banana SS. Our tuckshop volunteers for Thursday 7th September are Nadine and Fiona. Thursday 14th September is Belinda, Alli and Leanne. DollarMites Banking is held every Friday, students are asked to put their banking books in the basket in the office before school on Friday. If you would like further information about banking please see Alli.

As this is the last newsletter for this term I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing break on the holidays.

Leanne Stevens
Secretary

Central Telegraph Book Week Photo Competition
The school has submitted photos to the Central Telegraph Facebook page of our students dressed up for Book Week. The CT is running a competition to have our photos printed in the upcoming newspaper on Friday, September 15. To get our photos printed we must receive as many likes as possible. Please help us achieve this by heading to the CT Facebook page and liking our photos. The most liked photos will be printed. Looking forward to seeing some of our students featured.

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SEP Snapshot

Hi Everyone,

This term is flying by, not sure if it is because I’m getting older or if it is the busyness of our lives. Students and staff will start to show signs of fatigue the closer we get to the end. To assist the students, please encourage your child/children to go to bed earlier and eat healthy.

Disability Action Week 2017

This year Disability Action Week 2017 is celebrated from 10-16 September. It is a time to remember how everyone can change the lives of people with a disability. We need to see the person not the disability. Below is a link the Queensland Government website for Disability Action Week. It is a great website to visit and check out the important work being done to support people with a disability in all walks of life. As the NDIS scheme rolls out, it is important that everyone takes ownership to ensure disability is seen as an opportunity to include everyone and not a barrier to preclude someone.


Disability Action Week will have a focus on “Everyone Doing Their Part”. A highlight of this campaign is people sharing stories on –

- strategies for how people can support people with a disability by –
  - employment opportunities
  - inclusivity
  - everyday services
  - community for all

The website for this campaign is – https://www.allabilities.qld.gov.au/

I will be organising a lunch time activity during the week to help students understand the difficulties some students overcome to succeed. The activities last year were lots of fun and it gave the students a deeper understanding of the challenges some people have to complete the simplest tasks.

Below is the A-Z of Etiquette as produced by Independence Australia. Their website is below

https://www.independenceaustralia.com/a-z?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIvbzhzzAZ7gF9sB9qEALALoQ1fD_BwE

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A = ASK before you help; it may not always be wanted

B = BE patient and don't pretend to understand or interrupt someone with a speech impediment

C = COMMUNICATE naturally with your language and expressions

D = Give specific DIRECTIONS considering distance, weather and obstacles e.g. steps

E = Get down to EYE LEVEL during longer conversations by sitting or kneeling

F = FOCUS on the person, not the disability. Don't bring it up unless relevant.

G = Avoid patronising GESTURES like patting a head or shoulder and back slapping

H = A wheelchair is not a place to HOLD your bags without permission

I = Always respect a person's dignity, individuality and desire for INDEPENDENCE

J = JOIN the conversation and talk as you would with anyone else

K = KNOW that most people with a disability can make their own decision

L = LEAVE accessible car spots for people with a disability

M = Never MOVE a wheelchair without permission; it is personal property

N = Speak NORMALLY; don't shout or raise your voice unless asked to do so

O = Avoid OUTDATED terms like "handicapped", "crippled" and "wheelchair bound"

P = Don't PAT an assistance or guide dog if they're in working mode with their owner

Q = Increase QUALITY of life with a donation to disability support services

R = REARRANGE furniture to create a clear path for wheelchairs

S = SPEAK directly to the person with the disability and not to their companion

T = Offer a seat to people with limited mobility on public TRANSPORT

U = UNLOCK and unblock all ramps and wheelchair accessible doors

V = VIEW a wheelchair as freedom to move about independently

W = Only push or lean on a WHEELCHAIR with permission

X = See their X-FACTOR and not their limitations

Y = YIELD and GIVE WAY to wheelchairs on the move

Z = ZIP it! Not everyone wants to talk about why they're in a wheelchair

Hope you have a relaxing holiday and look forward to working with the students next term.

Judy Galos
HoSES, Moura Cluster

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