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**Newsl etter**  
**Term 4 2017 Week 1**

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**Principal’s News**

**Welcome to Term 4**

Welcome back to another great term of learning at Banana State School. We have a new timetable for Term 4, which includes Miss Rynne teaching P – 2 for English, Science, Geography and Technology and Mrs Butler teaching Yrs 5 and 6 for English, Maths, Science, Geography, Technology and Economics and Business. Mrs Butler will also be having fun on Friday afternoons in P – 3 Art. I will be teaching Yrs 3 and 4 for English, Science, Geography, Civics and Citizenship and P – 2 for Maths.

Mrs Butler will continue to assist with the delivery of our IMPACT lessons on Coding with Yrs 3 and 4 on Fridays. All staff will be involved with HPE lessons on Wednesday afternoons.

Swimming will take place on Wednesday afternoons in Weeks 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. We will discuss further the transport arrangements at this afternoon’s P&C Meeting. Parents will receive more information about swimming after this afternoon’s meeting.

**Parade**

Parades will be held every second week as usual in Term 4. We will take the opportunity to celebrate student achievement on parade in Term 4 and you are always welcome to join us at 2.30 pm on the Friday afternoons in Week 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

**End of Term**

The end of term will be different from previous years in Term 4. The last day of school will be a student and teacher day with parents joining us in the afternoon for parade. The teaching staff will be making further decisions about the end of term at our Staff Meeting next week and we will keep you informed of our decisions.

**Reporting and Parent Interviews**

We have started to compile Semester 2 Reports based on the learning that has taken place in Term 3. We will continue to work on these in Term 4. Reports will be issued in Week 9 and we will have Parent Teacher Interviews on Monday in Week 10. We would like to speak to every parent in Week 10 – please keep this in mind and keep the date free – December 4th.

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**Events in Term 4**

There are a number of events that take place in Term 4:

**Raw Metal Visit**, we will have a visit from Raw Metal at our school next week on Wednesday. P – 3 will have their session from 12.45 – 1.45 and the Yrs 4 – 6 session will be from 1.45 – 2.45. This Dance Group is visiting all schools in our cluster with the funding being provided via the RREAP Program. This funding is provided to rural schools to provide equal opportunities to those available to city schools. Our students will be involved in dancing, they will not be sitting watching a dance performance.

**Remembrance Day** will be celebrated in our school on Parade in Week 6, this will be November 10th.

**Swimming Carnival** will be held on Friday, Week 7, November 17th. This will be a half day carnival. We will leave the school at Morning Tea, commence the carnival at around 12 and be back at the school by 3.00 pm.

**Yr 6 Graduation** will be celebrated on Tuesday, Week 10, December 5th. This will be a family dinner at the Banana Hotel – more details to follow at a later date.

**Sun Safe**

We are a Sun Safe school, so these measures need to be taken in Term 4:

- all students must own a hat which is brought to school each day, there is a consequence for not bringing a hat – No Hat, No Play.
- sunscreen is available for all students to apply at break times, it will always be available downstairs and we encourage students to apply it.
- protective clothing must be worn by all students when swimming, that means all students must have a swim shirt.
- students should be bringing a water bottle to school or making sure that they drink water from the school facilities during the break.
- for parents, please make sure that students have a clean shirt each day as perspiration smells are offensive in a hot afternoon classroom.

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*Elaine Pelling*

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**Explicit Focus Area for 2017:**

- Teachers’ Pedagogy:
  - Differentiation for all learners
Miss Rynne’s News

Term 4 is here! I am looking forward to our final term of the year, I hope it is our best one yet! It was great to hear that the students had a terrific holiday. I hope parents did as well! I was impressed with how well the kids settled back into school yesterday. They are engaged and excited to begin their final term.

This term I have taken back Years P-2 Science and Geography, however I will still have Years 3 and 4 Maths! It has been great getting to build a relationship with the girls and I look forward to continuing on with them in maths.

English

This term in English students are exploring persuasive texts! They will be reading various traditional and fractured fairy tales and persuading me on which text has the best illustrations. We worked on our persuasion yesterday with students having to convince me that their holiday was the BEST holiday! Students also told me what they want/are currently trying to persuade their parents for, so I would watch out in a couple of weeks’ time, they may just be able to convince you (maybe!).

Goals

Students in P-2 have three literacy goals this term. All students are aware of their goals. These goals will be worked on in class, and also as homework. It was great to see the students’ dedication and commitment to their goals last term, and I look forward to working with them to achieve success with their goals this term also! If you wish to know and discuss your child’s literacy goals, please feel free to come and have a chat.

Languages

At the end of last term the P-2 class discovered something amazing! Some of us are experts on other languages. A few students were able to count to ten in Japanese and say hello and goodbye in various languages. This really excited me! Therefore, I am using Age Appropriate Pedagogy to incorporate languages into our Geography unit this term. In Geography this week Year 2 are learning to explore the connections of people in Australia to other places in Australia, the countries of the Asia region, and across the world. Every week we will learn to say hello and goodbye in another language. This week we are learning Spanish!

Book Week!

It was so great to see almost all our students Book week photos in the Central Telegraph! It was a lovely surprise. Thank you to all parents who voted! The students’ costumes were amazing, and it is great to see that they were acknowledged!

Once again, please don’t hesitate to come and have a chat throughout the term if you have any concerns.

Adiós!

Miss Jessica Rynne
Mrs Butler’s News

Welcome
Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable holiday and is ready to begin learning again. No doubt the term will fly by and before we know it we will be at the end of another school year. Lots of things will be happening throughout the term and hopefully we are over the worst of the illnesses that plagued us throughout last term. If you find that you have to make appointments for your child during school hours, please try to make them for as late as possible in the day so as not to disrupt learning. I know from experience that if you are given an appointment time and it is not suitable, practitioners are very accommodating and will endeavour to make an appointment time that suits you, so don’t be afraid to ask for a more suitable time if the first one offered isn’t.

School Camp
I think that it is safe to say that all of the Year 6 students had a great time at North Keppel Island. There was certainly lots to learn about, especially the importance of keeping our oceans clean as they play such a huge role in creating a healthy environment for us to live in. We also looked at renewable energy and what we can do to decrease our environmental footprint. Our kids enjoyed making friends with the students from Keppel Sands and demonstrated great behaviour throughout the camp. I was certainly very proud of them. Thank you P & C for donating money towards the cost of the trip.

English
Students will begin this term by listening to, reading, viewing and analysing literary and informative texts on the same topic. They explore and evaluate how topics and messages are conveyed through both literary (imaginative) and informative texts including digital texts. They identify the author’s purpose and analyse similarities and differences in texts. They also analyse and express a point of view about the effectiveness of each text.

Science
Students in Year 5 will need to bring in a shoe box to conduct an experimental investigation as part of their assessment by week 5. If you have a couple of spare shoe boxes at home, we would certainly appreciate them.

Term 4 Goals
Each student will have a reading, writing and maths goal for this term. Goals are individually set so as to give students the best possible chance of reaching them. All students in Years 4 to 6 will need to know the times tables that have been set for them. In next week’s homework the students will be given the ones that they need to learn for the term. They will need to practice these each week as part of their set homework. Students in Year 5 and 6 are also required to read each night as part of their reading goal. They must achieve an 80% or higher completion rate by week 8 of this term. Parents (or other adults) are asked to sign each night’s reading. Please don’t sign if you know your child has not read as this defeats the purpose and just teaches your child that it is ok to lie!

Sun Safety
All students are required to have their own wide brimmed hat as part of their school uniform. Although we do have spare hats in our classrooms for students who forget theirs, these are not meant to be borrowed every day by the same students. Please check that you your child is not one of the students who is continually borrowing a hat! While we are enjoying some welcome wet weather at the moment, it won’t be long before the hot weather is back upon us.

Here’s to a great Term 4!

Mrs Butler

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P&C and Community News
Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone has had a great break and are back ready for some learning. Book Fair will be held from Monday, October 9th until Friday, October 13th in our library. We will operate in the mornings from 8:30am and again in the afternoon from 3:00-3:30pm. Please come along and have a look, we have some fabulous books which will make great Christmas gifts and with only 12 shopping weeks until Christmas this will be a great chance to get an early start.

We will have a Drive-In Movie Night on Friday October 20th. The movie we are screening is A Dogs Purpose.

The Tuckshop also has second hand uniforms for sale. Please see attached to the newsletter the Term 4 Tuckshop Roster.

I would like to thank everyone that helped and supported the Lasagne Drive; it was a great success once again. Without the support of our parents, teachers and staff our fundraising would not be as successful - thank you.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program has finished but it is not too late to send in any stickers you may have at home. All stickers need to be returned tomorrow morning by 9am. Please if you do not have enough stickers to complete a sheet still send them in unattached and we may be able to make a full sheet from what everyone sends. Woolworths will not accept an uncompleted sheet.

Banana Progress Group
Banana Progress Association invites the Banana Community to the Opening of the Skate Trailer at Opportunity Park on Friday, October 6th commencing at 4pm. The opening and photos for the Central Telegraph will begin at 4pm and will be followed by a free sausage sizzle.

Banana Shire Council Mobile Library
Please note due to unforeseen circumstances there will be slight changes to the van times on Tuesday, October 17th. The van will visit the school from 1:15 until 1:45 and then head straight down to Sutherland hall until 4:00pm.

Chappy News
I hope everyone has had a fabulous holiday and I look forward to working with you in Term 4. Chappy time will commence this Friday.

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