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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Term 4, Week 10

What a unique year this has been for everyone. Personally, it was a year full of unimaginable joy, blessings, sleeplessness and nappies. My son, William, is now 10 months old.

Please allow me to take this moment to look back over the year that was, in order to prepare for the year that is coming.

2020: The year in review

COVID 19 has impacted us all in so many ways. During this year, our staff at Bli Bli SS have continually worked to support all of our students and to lessen the impact of this pandemic on our children. During lockdown, we worked to find creative ways of delivering programs and events in difficult times. We were able to support students at school learning as well as students at home. We provided curriculum based learning for all students regardless of their learning space, and ensured all students received feedback on all submitted work. We used a 'pop-up' tent to allow safe collection and return of learning materials, and checked in regularly with all families to monitor how everyone was travelling. We dedicated time towards building comprehensive work programs for all students whilst remaining in class with up to 50% of our usual class numbers. Our staff were juggling the needs of students and families across multiple environments, whilst managing their own families through this pandemic. I cannot stress more strongly how proud I was of the work our team did in these impossible times, as they continued to put our students first.

We learned lessons as well. We learned how important communication will always be, and how much we all rely on the relationships of home – student – school. We were reminded of

our role as the heart of our community and as we plan for 2021, we will be taking the lessons we learned this year and applying them to all aspects of our school community.

Other highlights and achievements for all children that we are proud to share ...

Academic achievement for all

- Creative and academic writing explicitly taught to all students: Our Writing Agenda has continued for our third year with children constantly outperforming their past achievements. Our Prep children are writing pages of planned, creative narratives that can be read by their peers and adults with ease. Last week, teachers from Sunshine Beach State School visited to observe the excellent teaching and learning occurring in classrooms across the school. They shared with us that they "were amazed with the quality of the classes (teaching staff and learners)", and that the teaching they saw was "so engagingly demonstrated with such passion and enthusiasm from your staff it was truly inspiring". These experienced teachers noted that Bli Bli SS sets "an exceptionally high standard to aspire to". It was lovely to receive this feedback that proved what we already know to be true - our great students and teachers make Bli Bli a great school.
- Targeted support for all students: Our Teacher Aides have continued to work across all classrooms, supporting children in a myriad of ways. Every child received support in their learning, whether it was in class, in explicit teaching episodes or in small groups with a targeted focus. Come the New Year, we will be working on ensuring that all parents are more aware of the range of support carried out every day in every classroom.



- Extension programs, vertical acceleration: This year we ran a number of extension programs across the school, titled "Stretch", in Maths. Small groups of children worked under direct tutelage of a trained Teacher Aide to extend their conceptual understandings and ability to solve multi-step problems. In addition, from 2021 Bli Bli State School is proud to offer students from Prep to Year 6 excelling in English, Mathematics and Science the opportunity to participate in a selection of original enrichment short courses. Term One and Term Three's programs focus on Science and Mathematics respectively while Term Two and Term Four's programs focus on English and writing. We will be pleased to share more information regarding this innovative work with you in the new year.
- University competitions: Students continued to enter these competitions, with Mabel White (Year 6) awarded a <u>Top 5 Writer award</u> for her year level in the 2020 Mooloolaba Rotary Club/USC 'Telling Stories' competition. Congratulations, Mabel!



Supportive transitions for all

- Extensive Prep transition program, supporting families and children for successful beginnings: Our annual Prep transition program has run this term, encompassing classroom sessions, parent information sessions and personal interviews. The extensive information gathered assists us in building balanced classes for 2021. Please see further article and photos under DP News.
- High school transitions with our local state and private high schools: Our year six students have been (and continue to go) off to their high school transition days, preparing for the big step into Year Seven. Our children are going to a range of high schools, including Maroochydore High, Nambour State College, Burnside High and Good Samaritan College. We wish every student a smooth start to their high school journey and every success in the years to come.
- Planned, committed and structured transitions
 between year levels every year: Our interschool
 transitions have been carefully planned, with 2021
 classes built with meticulous care and thought. Whilst
 we use a computer program to produce the final
 lists, there are hours of work that goes into preparing
 the information for input listing and confirming
 'learning friends' (parent approval of the five is of the
 highest importance here and we appreciate every
 parent who engages with us here), considering
 incompatible matches for children based on social,

academic or personal reasons, considering individual needs of all students, reflecting on academic and behaviour results. This information is used to create a range of drafts for each year level, that teaching staff then pour over for hours, considering the reality of the mixes (academic, behaviour, gender), looking at individual children, checking for one learning partner for every child, cross-checking individual information shared by parents and carers. Changes are made here to create the next draft of classes which are checked over again, before final approval is given. Our Class Swap session occurred yesterday, with all 2021 teaching staff invited to be present for this day. All children were provided with their Teacher Introduction letter from their new teacher which included important information about 2021 from their teacher, from the school and from the SafeST Committee.

Digital technologies for all

- Laptops in the Senior school: These have been a
 huge success, allowing our Year Six students to
 access multiple digital programs in their learning. I am
 excited to announce that the P&C Committee are
 generously providing all of the funds necessary to
 provide a full mobile laptop classroom for Year 5
 in 2021. This mobile classroom is shared across the
 four classes, and consists of 30 new laptops. Thank
 you to our wonderful P&C for their generous support
 of all of our children.
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
 lessons for every child: Mrs Linda Callendar has
 become a permanent member of our school staff this
 year, and will continue to lead us in innovative
 programs and pedagogy within Digital Technologies.
 All children have engaged with Mrs Callendar in
 STEM lessons this year, alongside their classroom
 teacher, in our dedicated STEM room.



Exceptional Performing Arts program for all

Locally recognised and requested Choir: Our choir, under the conductorship of Mrs Jenny Aitken, was again requested to perform at our local Remembrance Day service. We all followed the current COVID restrictions and the year six choir students performed beautifully, as always – '400 Seasons' and the National Anthem.



- Rock Band, Orchestra, Guitar Lessons, Performing
 Arts groups: all of our performing arts students
 continued with their commitments and lessons, even
 rehearsing at home during lockdown and
 participating in virtual numbers. (Did you see our
 Music Captains perform the National Anthem
 together, whilst all home individually? It was an
 amazing feat of individual performances synchronised
 into one harmonious piece.)
- Instrumental Lessons: From 2021, we have a new Instrumental Music Teacher joining our team. Ms Rebekah Du will be offering strings lessons once a week for all children from year 4. Children are welcome to learn a second instrument, with the understanding that these lessons continue to occur in learning time and as such we will work with each child's parent and teacher to ensure the additional responsibilities are not having a negative impact on learning. Ms Du joins Mrs Christine Walton as our woodwind and percussion instrumental teacher, and Mr Steve Shultz as our guitar teacher.

Our Staff

Retirement

Mrs Merrilyn McSweeney (Prep P) is retiring at the end of this vear.

Mr Kerry Bowd (4B) is retiring at the end of this year after many years at Bli Bli SS.

Mrs Helen Petts (2PG) is retiring at the end of this year after over 30 years in Education Queensland.

Mrs Jo Heisner (Business Manager) will be taking LSL for Term One of next year and then retiring at Easter. Jo has been with Education Queensland since 1977 and has been here at Bli Bli SS for 38 years!

Congratulations on your retirement! Wishing you endless days with your friends and family.

2021: The new year

What an exciting year we have ahead of us in 2021! Air-conditioning across the school, a new hall and a school musical are just a few of things we all have to look forward to.

School Hall renovation: Our school hall renovation continues, with a finish date in early 2021. We are excited to begin planning our next year's school musical that will be staged in our own performance space.

Air-conditioning: We are preparing for the installation of air-conditioning across the school in 2021. An electrical audit will be conducted over the upcoming school holidays, followed by the release of the tender in Term One with installation work to start once that process is complete.

Our Student Leaders

It is my pleasure to announce the **Student Leaders for 2021**.

After weeks of application writing, speech writing, voting and nerves, Ms Catherine Dolphin announced the year five students who had been elected by their school community to represent them in the new year. I congratulate each child here for achieving this honour and I look forward to working with you all in 2021.

STUDENT LEADERS 2021				
School Captain School Vice-Captains	Anae K and Ethan R Wyatt L and Toby M			
Music Captains Music Vice-Captains	Emily C and Syvana M Mya F and Christina F			
Kabi Sport Captain	Abbi-Rose L			
Cook Sport Captains Cook Vice-Captain	Xander M and Charlie M Paris H			
Russell Sport Captains	Bridie L and Mahlia M			
Petrie Sport Captains Petrie Sport Vic-Captain	Austin L and Izabella S Daisy R			
Prefects	Aaron D, Mia S, Lucy C, Charlie P, Deni F, Indigo B, Khobi S, Madison D, Raina H and Ava R			





Our Staff

Welcome to Bli Bli SS

Welcome to **Mr Kristian Kearney**, who is transferring into our team from Palmwoods SS, as our **HPE teacher** for Term One. A big thank you to **Mrs Nicki Liddle** who has stepped into this role on an ongoing basis for 3 years.

Welcome to **Mr Nathan Capps**, who is transferring into Bli Bli from Cherbourg.

Welcome to **Mrs Donna Adams**, who is transferring to Bli Bli from Yandina and Buddina.

Welcome to **Mrs Jayde Greentree**, who is currently on Maternity Leave and will join us in the second part of the year.

Welcome to **Mrs Jodie Lee** who will be our acting Business Manager for Term One, 2021.

Class and Staff Plan 2021

Please find following the complete teaching staff plan as it stands today. As always, this plan is dependent on student numbers and may require changes following enrolments in January.

Prep	Prep M Ben McClure	Prep K Mandy Kent	Prep B Samantha Brown and Charlotte Bell	Prep/1C Gemma Carson and Jacqui Ranclaud	
Year 1	1T Tonia Davidson	1B Rob Bauer	1DJ Teri d'Unienville and Rebecca Jenkins		
Year 2	2C Mel Cranney	2K Paul Kratzmann	2D Dallas Carter and Jacki Goss	2B Leanne Beasley and Jacki Goss	
Year 3	3B Joanna Bateman	3H Tracy Halyday and Nicole Walton	3D Deb Duncan	3AB Donna Adams and Tamara Brazier	3K Jane Kitson
Year 4	4V Leonie Victor	4CW Sarah Chancellor and Nicole Walton	4M Tracey Oliver (Sarah Mewha on Maternity Leave)	4/5MK Kelly McCall and Tammy Kelly	
Year 5	5W Rosa Williams	5G Amy Green	50M Owen Ogden and Sue Murray		
Year 6	6G Mark Greenland	6S Deb Steele	6F Tracey Fraser	6C Nathan Capps	

Specialist and Speciality Staff

Nicole Merritt - LRT	Tammy Kelly - Writing Coach	Jacki Goss - Writing Coach	Janet Thomson - Behaviour Support	Libby Howlett – Guidance Officer
Jenny Aitken - Music	Kris Kearney – Physical Education	Franca Cooke - Teacher Librarian / Health	Raphaela Wynne - Italian	Linda Callender - STEM
Sandy Vella - Inclusion / HOSE	Jodie Rickard – Inclusion	Julie Lowry – Support Teacher	Christine Walton, Rebekah Du and Steve Shultz - Instrumental Music	
Gerard Quinn - Principal	Trevor Durbidge - Deputy Principal	Kyla Bonney – Deputy Principal	Joel Batson – Head of Curriculum	Catherine Dolphin – HOSE / Deputy Principal

Farewell

It has been a privilege to act as Principal for the past term whilst Gerard has been on leave. It is an honour to lead this great school with this outstanding team of professionals beside me. I speak here of our staff – groundsman to cleaners, administration staff to support staff, specialist teachers to classroom teachers – and of our leadership team, Mr Trevor Durbidge, Ms Catherine Dolphin and Mr Joel Batson.

On behalf of our great team, I want to wish our entire school community a safe holiday filled with festivities, friends and family.

Kyla Bonney Acting Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' NEWS

This Term's Athletics and Cross Country Events

Due to the interruptions of COVID-19 restrictions, our annual timeline of athletic events was impacted. Representative level competition in both cross-county and athletics events were unfortunately cancelled. However, we believed it extremely important to allow our students the chance to participate and compete in both of these events at a school level. So 'better late than never' these two events were staged in the first weeks of Term Four.

A modified program format replaced our traditional carnivals and allowed us to meet our COVID restrictions obligations that were still in place in Queensland state schools.

The program was broken up into a number of sessions across the first 3-4 weeks of term. Each year level competed separately, with distances and times recorded so that comparisons of students of the same age across multiple grade levels could be made.

The entire school participated in the cross-country program, while students in Year 3 – 6 completed a program of both track and field events over multiple sessions. Students were able to do sprint distances, 200 metres, 800 metres as well as shot put, long jump and high jump.

While this format lessened the traditional 'carnival feel', our students participated in excellent numbers and really enjoyed themselves. The weather was a delight with a cooling breeze on most days.

Petrie house had a clean sweep this year, winning both events. The cross country was very close with Petrie narrowly leading out Cook, then Russell followed by Kabi. In the athletics program Petrie won narrowly followed by Russell, Cook and Kabi houses.

Age Champions for Athletics

8 Year Olds - Born 2012 Runner Up Boy - Harlem T Winner Boy - Jack C Runner Up Girl - Lucia W Winner Girl - Ava K

9 Year Olds - Born 2011 Runner Up Boy - Ari B Winner Boy - Luis C Runner Up Girl - Neve E Winner Girl - Lily S

10 Year Olds – Born 2010 Runner Up Boy – Harry B Winner Boy – Charles D Runner Up Girl – Ava R Winner Girl – Paris H

11 Year Olds – Born 2009
Runner Up Boy – Xander M and Oscar P
Winner Boy – Maxx G
Runner Up Girl – Electric F
Winner Girl – Mahlia M

12 Year Olds - Born 2008 Runner Up Boy - Jayden R

Winner Boy - Jeremy R and Cayche R

Runner Up Girl - Emma S Winner Girl - Sienna H



Age Group Winners for Cross Country

Prep

Girls:

1st - Milla M

2nd - Matilda L

3rd - Indie S

4th-Jora B

5th - Rosie S

Boys:

1st - Dublin B

2nd - Will T

3rd - Reid E

4th-Will E

5th - Jobe S

Year 1

Girls:

1st - Evie D

2nd - Lakey W

3rd - Isabelle E

4th-Lisanna T

5th - Charlotte J

Boys:

1st - Leo B

2nd - Oscar S

3rd - Harvey M

4th- Heath L

5th - Bentley M

Year 2

Girls:

1st - Lakey B

2nd - Chelsea B

3rd - Milla R

4th-Phoebe B

5th - Sienna R

Boys:

1st - Jakub G

2nd - Isaac H

3rd - Jaxon H

4th- Jax M

5th - James W

Born 2012

Girls:

1st - Taite V

2nd - Lulu W

3rd - Willow B

4th-Rachel F

5th - Ava K

Boys:

1st - Harlem T

2nd - Nate D

3rd - Lucas P

4th-Banjo R

5th - Zack R

Born 2011

Girls:

1st - Lilly S

2nd - Neve E

3rd - Tahlia R

4th- Neave F

5th - Enya M

Boys:

1st - Ari B

2nd – Jarrah M

3rd - Nash C

4th- Mason C

5th - Marlee T

2009 Born

Girls:

1st - Bridie L

2nd - Daisy R

3rd - Anae K

4th- Ally G

5th - Montana R

Boys:

1st - Maxx G

2nd - Oliver B

3rd - Jacoda M and Xander M

4th- Aiden K

2008 Born

Girls:

1st - Amaia V

2nd – India F

3rd - Emma S

4th-Sienna H

5th - Ruby C

Boys:

1st - Jeremy R

2nd - Jonathon K

3rd - Cayache R

4th-Noah G

5th - Jett W





Outdoor Classroom Day

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to inspire and celebrate outdoor play and learning, at home and at school.

Children are spending less time outdoors than ever before and this is affecting their health, wellbeing and love of the natural world. Time outdoors – on Outdoor Classroom Day and every day – will make children happier and healthier, as well as helping them form habits that will stick with them for life. They will have a love of the natural world and will take action to protect it.

Our school celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day on November 5

Please enjoy these photos of various activities done by classes across our school to take learning outside.





Transition to Prep

As noted in the previous newsletter, we welcomed our latest new members to the Bli Bli State School family recently, with an orientation process for kindy students and their parents. We are now close to finalising our Prep classes for 2021 and new preppies can expect a letter from the school, with details of their class name, teacher and location.

This coming week we will travelling to the Kindy centres in our catchment with our Year 5 choir students to sing a few chosen Christmas carols.

The Queensland government have provided some guidance materials for families to aid with transition to Prep. You can access these materials here.



Farewell

A farewell from your Deputy Principals to all our families, students and staff.



The Dress Code for 2021: keep in mind for holiday uniform shopping

A summary is included here for your information and application, especially as you begin your uniform purchases for the new school year.

- Official school polo shirt (maroon, aqua and gold with new logo)
- Maroon skorts, skirt, shorts
- · Checked school dress
- Plain white socks
- Bli Bli School Hat 8cm broad brimmed hat maroon
- Hair ties/Scrunchies maroon, white, gold, aqua.
 Long hair (that touches a shirt collar or falls in a child's eyes) must be tied back
- Fully enclosed black footwear such as joggers or school shoes (no boots, sandals or thongs allowed for safety reasons)

Key areas to note:

- The old style school shirts (maroon / white with old logo) were phased out in 2019 and can no longer be worn from January 2020.
- Footwear is white socks and black shoes only.
 Black shoes mean all parts of the shoe are black including soles, laces, eyelets and tongue.

The correct uniform is available through the School Uniform Shop which is coordinated and managed by P&C volunteers. In addition to new uniforms, a small selection of good quality second hand uniforms may also be available.

The uniform shop will be open every day in the week before school starts – please see the P&C facebook page over the holidays for the opening times.

Trevor Durbidge & Catherine Dolphin Deputy Principals





HEAD OF CURRICULUM NEWS

End of Semester Reports

On Wednesday of Week 10, families will be emailed the Semester Two report cards for their children. Although sometimes reading reports can be a little daunting for some parents, we know that you will find many successes to share as a family.

On the report card pdf file, you will find important information organised in sections to do with the subjects covered this semester, behaviour, effort and an overall comment. Please note that we will only be *emailing* reports so ensure that your email address and contact information is up to date with the school office.

The First Page

The first page contains relevant information on the codes used to show a student's achievement in on the pages that follow. These codes vary depending on the year level but are always based on a five-point scale which represents a very limited understanding to a very high level of understanding.

The Learning Areas Section

The learning area report pages show the student's achievement codes, effort ratings (a five-point scale again) and comments for each subject. The comments section describes the learning and outlines examples of what the students were expected to have demonstrated in the semester in that learning area.

Achievement Codes

Prep – Becoming Aware, Exploring, Working With, Making Connections, Applying.

Year 1-2 - Support Required, Developing, Sound, High, Very High

Year 3-6 – E, D, C, B, A.

Effort Codes

Year 1-2 - Support Required, Developing, Sound, High, Very High.

Year 3-6 - Unacceptable, Needs Attention, Satisfactory, Very

Good, Excellent.

Note: Prep does not receive effort ratings.

The Behaviour and Overall Comments Section

Below the Learning Area section is the behaviour rating (a five-point scale) and a generalised comment on behaviour exhibited by the student. Finally, the overall comments section is where the teacher makes specific comments about the student's attitudes, learning strengths and areas for development in literacy and numeracy.

Behaviour Codes

Year 1-2 - Support Required, Developing, Sound, High, Very High.

Year 3-6 – Unacceptable, Needs Attention, Satisfactory, Very Good, Excellent.

Joel Batson Head of Curriculum

OFFICE NEWS

Farewell Jo

Bli Bli State School has had the honour of having Jo Heisner as our Business Manager for the past 38 years.

The time has come for us to say Farewell - **Thank you Jo**, you will SO be missed!







Remembrance Day

The Mudjimba RSL Sub Branch extends their thanks and appreciation for our raising of \$294.60 in poppy sales on 11 November. This money will support ongoing costs of welfare services for local veterans.

Remaining Year 6 Orientation day:

• Burnside SHS Tuesday 8 December

A reminder to advise the Office if your child is going to be absent from school to attend this day.

Please contact the high school direct for more information.

Booklists

Booklists went home recently for next year. Attached is a further copy should you require.

Last Day of School 2020

Please note school finishes for the year at 3.00pm on Wednesday 9 December 2020.

This is a normal, <u>full</u> school day for <u>all</u> year levels and normal <u>uniform</u> applies.

First Day of School 2021

Please note school will re-commence at **8.45am on Wednesday 27 January 2021**.

This is a normal <u>full</u> school day for <u>all</u> year levels and normal full school <u>uniform</u> applies.

Permission Forms & Payments

The following excursion is taking place today. Please note children who have not paid do not attend.

Please note dress code and travel times on the permission slip (copy attached)

EXCURSION				
Grade:	Year 6			
Excursion title:	Super Fun Day			
Cost:	\$37.00			
Date:	Tuesday 8 December 2020			
Note / money due back by:	closed Fri 27 Nov			

School Photos

Should you have any queries regarding your school photos, please call Qld School Photography on **3216** 6777.

Dental Van

The Dental Van has moved on - should you need to contact dental staff for any concerns or in the case of emergency dental care for your children, please phone **0407 126 138**.

P&C NEWS

Our Amazing Volunteers

We cannot let 2020 - a year we will remember - come to an end without thanking those who have been part of the P&C Association this year.

To our Fundraising Team – Sarah, Tanya, Ellie, the SafeST Committee – Carrie, Sam, Tanya, Holly, Scholastic Book Club Co-ordinators Jenny and Chantelle, School Banking Coordinator, Claire, our regular P&C meeting attendees – Toni, Karen, Tracey, Jana, Jen, Mel, Tony, Carrie, Celia, Laura and special mention to our dedicated Executive Team – Wendy, Kathy, Amy and Sam.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

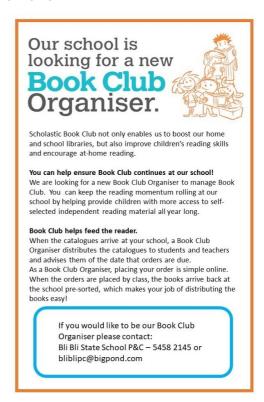
Tuckshop Day

On Friday 6 November we celebrated the wonderful work that our Busy Bee Café team of Leanne and Tina do day after day. We also acknowledge that without our amazing volunteers it simply wouldn't be possible to provide such delicious and nutritious food for the hundreds of children, staff and parent who order from our award-winning menu. Thank you to you all.



Scholastic Book Club

If you have a wondered how to show your children how much you value their school, please consider joining our Scholastic Book Club organiser, Jenny, in a shared role. All it takes is a few hours every couple of weeks to place orders or sort and distribute them. It can easily be done at school with little ones in tow or at home.



Book drop off - 2021

The Safe School Travel committee are already thinking about making the return to school a little easier, by making book pack drop-off available during the week before school returns.

The first day of the school year can be a day of mixed emotions for both students and parents/guardians, to enable a smooth transition into the school year:

 Student's books/stationery can be dropped into the school on the 20, 21 & 22 January 2021 -Wednesday (9:00am - 11:00pm), Thursday (4:00pm - 6:00pm) and Friday (9:00am - 11:00am). Please ensure each student's books/stationery are in one box (one box for each student) and the box has their name and class on it. Prep and Year 1 student boxes can be delivered to under the Year 1 building (Block M) and Year 2 to 6 student boxes can be delivered to the undercover area near the tuckshop. These areas will be manned by volunteers who will take your boxes to the classrooms ready for the first day of school. Please ensure you take your boxes to these designated areas as the classrooms will not be open.

Parking on the first day of school 2021

The school oval will be available, weather permitting, to park on for the first school morning only.

The entrance to the oval will be off School Road just after you enter the 40 kilometre zone, as you come down from the lights at Willis Road. This area will be manned by volunteers who will direct you where to park, please be patient if this area is busy.

Clare Stampa P&C Operations Manager

SAFEST COMMITTEE

Thank You

We would like to send a HUGE thankyou from the Safest Committee to the following amazing super stars this year in helping to keep our kids and community safe on the roads.

Safest Committee team: Sam Delaney (secretary), Holly Wells & Tanya Cliff (committee members) for their outstanding commitment and passion. It is so lovely to work alongside these 'go getter/get the job done' ladies.

Clare Stampa (school operations manager) for her ongoing support alongside Principal Gerard Quinn. Clare you are amazing.

Thanks goes to our amazing crossing ladies who literally put their life on the line each day controlling the traffic and children to keep everyone alive and being obedient everyday. They definitely have eyes in the back of their heads and take deep breaths when there is a close call.

Kim, Sally and Rae you are legends.

Your role at the school is so important.

Thank you to all our kiss and go staff volunteers. You keep the traffic moving and more importantly keep your cool with the kids and parents/carers as traffic banks up. Well done for your consistent effort that goes unpaid after school hours.

2021

Please see attached letter for more information on parking and traffic plans for 2021.

Carrie Rea Safest Committee Chairperson

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A new school year will be upon us shortly and to ensure the safety of our school community we have provided some us information about parking and traffic around the school for the first day of school.

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GENERAL PARKING AND TRAFFIC AROUND THE SCHOOL

Parking and traffic around schools between 8:00am to 10:00am and 2:00pm to 4:00pm is always busy, and our school is no exception.

- Some guidelines for driving and parking around our school:
 Please ablide by all road rules around our school, i.e. 40 klm/hr speed limit, no parking on street corners or yellow lines, no crossing double lines to ge into a carpak or log against the flow of traffic.

 Please ensure your children walk safely through high traffic zones into/out of our school grounds and use the supervised
- Trease ensure you muniorin wan salety munoign inghi valit. Zones incyou of our saleto gournes and use the supervised pedestrian crossing.
 Do no park on our neighbour's footpath/road verge and refrain from ungo un elighbour's driveways to turn around. These areas should be kept clear for pedestrians to use and for our neighbours to maintain.
 Do not park on any grass areas. These areas are safe spaces for pedestrians to use.

- so alternative to parking, you and you children could."

 Use the Yisis and Go's area to drop off and pick up your ron. Prep students. To ensure this area is orderly and safe please complete and return to the office a 1 cok Out. "registration that you can get from the office. A family name card will be prepared and sent home with your student, which you attach to your whilele's front passenger sun visor (so that when the sun visor is down the name can be clearly seen by the teacher volunteers).

 Carpool. Willy not get together with your friends and take turns driving your children and their friends to school. The state of the continued of the complex of t

Please be aware that from time to time our school is monitored by the Council and the Police, always take care driving and parking around the school.

The safety of our children and school community is paramount, please be patient and courteous driving and parking around our

Tanya Cliff and The Safest Committee

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

With holidays fast approaching our last couple of week's lessons for PBL turn to safety.

Personal safety when engaging in the big wide world out there but also personal safety online.

As a parent of a child growing up in this fast paced digital world here is some information from the Queensland Government State Schools website to assist keeping your child safe whilst they are on line.

Information for parents

To help keep your child safe when they are online, you can:

- put computers in open spaces within your home
- remind your child that content can be posted instantaneously, the downfall is that they can potentially post something without thinking about the ramifications.
- educate your child about appropriate online behaviour and the need for respectful communication with other internet users
- keep an eye on what your child is doing online (both in the home and on any mobile devices they may have access to e.g. phones, music devices and tablets)
- set clear rules about what sites and activities they are allowed to access
- install software to limit their use and monitor/restrict the sites they visit
- discuss a plan with your child about how to address any cybersafety issues that may arise (make sure they know you will be supportive if they mention anything and that they will not get in trouble)

 encourage them to find someone they feel safe talking to, such as yourself, a relative, a teacher or a trusted adult.

Access Online awareness: Information for parents and caregivers which provides important information for parents about cybersafety and cyberbullying. It suggests what parents and caregivers could do if their child is the target of, or is responsible for, inappropriate online behaviour.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner also provide a suite of resources, helping Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online. In particular, there is a parent page which provides advice for parents and carers, along with a blogposts page which currently contains information about staying safe online during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tips for learning at home

With children increasingly using the internet and technology at home, please consider ways to protect them whilst they are online.

Manage screen time and online content

When students are connected to the internet, consider installing some form of internet filtering and parental control solution so you can set time limits, filter and block content and reward good behaviour. There are many options available, including free and paid products where some cover a single device and others cover multiple devices. The eSafety Commissioner's Taming the Technology has more information.

Set clear rules and boundaries

Establish rules about what apps, websites and programs your child is allowed to access. Set screen time limits that best suit your household and set boundaries about where technology can be used. Make clear rules about who your child can connect with whilst they are online, and what language is appropriate and acceptable. These conversations are crucial so your child understands your family's rules and consequences.

Check online contacts and friends

Remind your child that sometimes people pretend to be someone they're not, even using profile pictures from real people's accounts. Just because it looks like the profile of someone they know, doesn't mean it is. It's best to check whether a profile is legitimate before accepting friend requests or messages. Where your child is speaking with others they do know, encourage them to engage in a respectful manner and to alert you or a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable at any stage.

Be responsible and positive

Ensure your child knows not to share personal information online, such as their school, address, date of birth, phone number or location. Remind your child to think before sharing any posts, images or messages online. All posts should be positive, useful and true to present themselves in a positive way and remain respectful of others.

Communicate with your child

This is a great time to have open discussions about their technology use and reassure your child that they can talk to you or another trusted adult about any online concerns, if they have made a mistake, or if someone makes them feel uncomfortable. The eSafety Commissioner's Start the chat and stay safe online booklet has more information.

For more information about learning at home, visit learning@home.

Social media tips

Social media applications (such as Facebook) are extremely popular with young people and the usage of these sites is only likely to increase.

Some tips to help your child stay safe while using social media include:

- make sure they never reveal their home address, phone number, email address and passwords
- review the age suitability for any sites and apps your child joins or installs
- look at who their contacts and followers are—this will help reduce the risk of them encountering inappropriate people and content
- educate yourself on the issues that children face
- establish an open relationship with your child so they trust you to view their profiles
- reinforce the need for them to keep passwords private and to update them regularly
- ensure your child understands the implications of posting images and content on the internet.

Consider creating an account on the social media application your child uses and request to become friends or follow their account. Your child may resist this but it may still be a good idea to open an account to increase your understanding of the site or app they are using.

Reporting inappropriate content

Social media providers may remove content that breaches their terms of service or acceptable use policies. Most websites and apps have a 'report/block this person' or 'report/flag content' function.

If you don't know who the person responsible is or if they refuse to delete it, you can report the content to the social media administrators for review and possible removal.

Common links for reporting inappropriate social media content:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Google (including YouTube)
- Twitter
- Snapchat
- Tik Tok

Additional resources

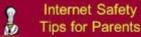
- eSafety's Parents page —learn about what children do online and how you can encourage them to be positive digital citizens at different ages.
- Stay Smart Online —read about how to protect personal and financial information.
- ThinkUKnow Parents Portal —contains information about technologies that are popular with kids and advice about app safety.
- Computers and your child —learn how you can help your children to stay safe online, and set boundaries for how to use technology.
- Who's chatting to your kids? —provides tips to help you keep your children safe from online predators.
- Bullying. No way! —information about bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence in schools.
- Social media and the school community (PDF, 1.5MB) —a guide offering information to parents and caregivers about how to use social media in relation to comments or posts about their school community.

Janet Thomson Student Enagagement Teacher











- Set up rules for using the computer and internet.
- Never let your child give out personal information.
- Check the websites and services that your child uses.
- · Get to know your child's online buddies.
- · Location of computer

CHAPPY NEWS

Vance Havner, once said, "If you don't come apart, you will come apart." While not all stress is bad for us, too much of it over too long a period of time can be a killer. Literally. Most of us are wound pretty tight, which can result in everything from mild anger and irritation all the way to road rage and even a complete emotional breakdown. The old Greek motto wasn't far off: "You will break the bow if you keep it always bent."

It's interesting that most faiths and many worldviews recognise the importance of rest. You may recall "... and God rested on the seventh day from all work which had been done." (Jewish and Christian view). Didn't need to, but chose to. But why? God



certainly wasn't tired, God rested because the work was complete. And perhaps as an example to follow . . . to pattern our lives after.

Emma's and my hope as Chaplains is that over this Christmas and New Year you will find refreshment from a year that has seen most of us under new levels of pressure and stress.

Here are four searching questions only you can answer:

- 1. Can you deliberately and regularly take time each week to rest?
- 2. When you're taking time to relax, do you mentally release yourself from your responsibilities?
- 3. Have you begun to cultivate hobbies that relieve your stress and free you to be creative?
- 4. After you have rested and gotten recharged, do you return to your responsibilities without any guilt for having taken the time off?

In all my years working and caring for people, I've never known or heard of anyone near death, wishing they had spent more time at the office.

Merry Christmas & Take Care,

Chappies Tony & Emma School Chaplains



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Recruiting for 2021

Recently students in Year 3 received letters to learn an instrument.

Education Queensland provide group lessons for students each week and this gives students the opportunity to learn a new skill, join the school Concert Band and hopefully play music for the rest of their lives! If you have an interest in learning an instrument and you have the time to practice, then you should consider joining.

For Sale

A parent of the school has two serviced saxaphones for sale. One is a Yamaha for \$800, and the other a Nuovo for \$400. Please call 0419 550 115 to enquire.

Christine Walton Instrumental Teacher





INCLUSION NEWS

As we come to the end of an action-packed term we wish all our families a safe and happy holiday period. Good luck to our year six students moving onto high school in 2021,

may the next chapter in their journey be filled with excitement, friendships and discovery.

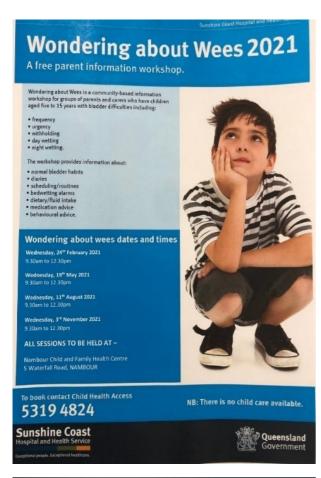
Over the past few weeks our Inclusion students have been familiarised with their new settings for 2021. Frequent walks around year level classrooms, eating areas and play areas help them adjust to changes for next year. Students from the junior school will receive a transition booklet to take home over the holidays. This booklet will have photos of their new surroundings for 2021 and their class teacher. Keep it handy to allay fears of the new school year.

Don't forget our Rise and Shine Program will be up and running from week one, term one next year for those students that require a quiet, organised start to the day - doors open at 8.20 am.

<u>Planning ahead</u> - Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service are offering free parent workshops on different aspects of toileting for children ranging in age from 5 to 15 years. The workshops begin early February - more information can be found on the flyers attached below.

Sandy Vella Inclusion Support & A/H.O.S.E.







COMMUNITY NEWS

Riverlife Community Church Christmas Service



Brazilian Skills Soccer

Soccer Skills Development Program for 5 to 12 year olds -Enrolments open for Term 1 2021! Bookings and timetable at www.brazilianskills.com.au.

Juiced Up Groms

Juiced Up Groms have wrapped up at Bli Bli SS for the year. There will be holiday sessions at Maroochydore – for more information, visit www.JuicedUpGroms.com/park-sessions or call Chris on 0409 757 724.

Summer Reading

Public Libraries are running the Summer Reading Club again from 1 December until 31 January.

Sunshine Coast Libraries program will be completely online this year with our Beanstack platform.

If students aren't members we still have the online functionality happening where they join up online and have immediate access to all library resources.

https://sunshinecoast.spydus.com/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGT RN/WPAC/BRWREG



Celebrate summer with a huge range of online programs and take home activities. Register for the Summer Reading Club or take the Scavenger Hunt challenge in your library or online. Learn about horrible histories, engineering and coding online or book a pack to take home and get creative.

At home activity packs include:

Teddy Bears picnic 3 – 5 years Cardboard Castle build 4 – 12 years Imaginators wooden construction pieces 6 – 12 years Robot Mouse 6 – 12 years DIY projector kits 13+ years

iPad covers to decorate 13+ years
Bookings essential for at home packs.

Registrations open 21 December 2020. Packs available to collect from 4 January 2021

Sunshine Coast Libraries

07 5475 8989 or library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au





Summer Reading Club Myths, Legends, Fairytales

Get lost in stories, folk tales and legends and experience the magic of the Summer Reading Club.

Step 1. Register online or at your local library.

Step 2. Get reading!

Step 3. Complete challenges and daily reading logs for a chance to win great prize packs.

The more days you read, the more entries you get!

Major prizes include: Story Seat book packs, Big Book vouchers, Neoformers prize, Board Games prize, Sphero SPRK+ prize and an Adventure experience.

Bonus prizes are also up for grabs.

Winners announced Wednesday 3 February 2021.



Sunshine Coast Libraries Registrations open Tuesday 1 December 2020 and close Sunday 31 January 2021.

07 5475 8989 or library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au



Majestic Cinemas Nambour

Majestic Cinemas Nambour have some exciting films coming up for the December/New Year holiday period. It's been a tough and unusual year for everybody, and unfortunately Majestic were hit hard – let's say thanks for these discounted tickets by supporting them over the holidays.



Flying Fish Swim School



December School Holiday Workshops - Tween Girls

We have two workshops on offer this December Holiday period.

Both workshops will promote healthy self-esteem and self-confidence and will empower each girl to realise she is perfect just the way she is!

'Beauty - The Real Picture' - For girls aged 10-12 years Wednesday 16 December | 9-3pm Goodlife Community Centre, Buderim

'Just Be YOU!' - For girls aged 8-9 years Thursday 17 December | 9-11am Goodlife Community Centre, Buderim

Register Now, Places www.headstartpsychology.com.au

Limited.

Visit:





Eumundi Dragons Rugby Union

Despite the disruptions surrounding COVID-19, the Eumundi Dragons were still able to maintain a number of teams and able to complete a pretty much full season.

This was to the delight of all concerned – players, parents, coaching staff and supporters.

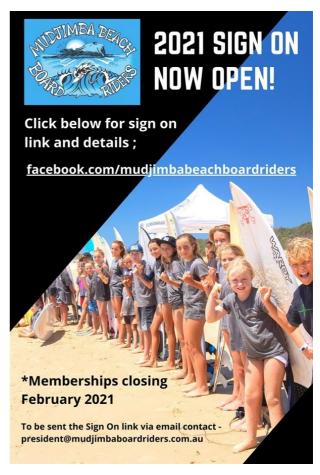
To put the icing on the cake we even managed to put together a viable Reserve Grade team for our adult Dragons – for the first time in 101 years!!

The outlook for 2021 looks even better.

We are confident of nominating the following for Sunshine Coast Rugby Union competitions:

- U6s
- U7s
- U8s
- U9s
- U10s
- U11/12s
- Senior Male Reserve Grade
- Possibly a Senior Colts team U19s / U20s

Mudjimba Beach Boardriders



Nambour Swimming - Monday Nights

Nambour Amateur Swimming Club's Season has started!

We know times have changed, and really want to get kids back into routine physical activity and having fun while performing a physical activity.

The kids do not have to do squad training to be a part of the Club - it can be simply a matter of coming to Club Nights to practice racing.



Yandina Cricket Club



Suncoast Calisthenic Club



Mypolice Blog

"Mypolice Blog" is a reminder for Sunshine Coast families to actively participate in being "crime wise" and keep abreast on criminal activity as well as promoting positive policing community events on the Sunshine Coast. Households can subscribe (no cost or commitment involved) to the Blog.

It is a great way for kids to read and learn about personal safety and being responsible with their property eg; locking up their bikes, also the "feel good" stories teach kids that police are there to help them and are approachable if they ever need police help.

Any thoughts, questions or inquiries regarding the Blog or crime concerns in general can be addressed to:

Sandy Atkinson Acting Sergeant

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