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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Term 4, Week 10

2022 reflections

Students

Congratulations to all our students who have finished another year of schooling here at Bli Bli. It has been wonderful to see the amazing growth academically and socially experienced by our children. Every child has many reasons to be proud of their achievements and efforts across the year.

Sometimes we lose sight of the 'real growth' made by the children as we see it continuously build across the school year. I always ask staff to recall the first day of the school year, when they first started with the nervous group of students sitting at desks in front of them, and compare this to the confident young people they are passing on to the next teacher.

To our Year 6 students, we wish you well for your next adventure in education – high school. You have all the tools you need to continue your journey and strive for outcomes that will open as many doors as possible for your future. We are proud of you and look forward to seeing your journey over the coming years.

Staff

We are so fortunate at Bli Bli to have an amazingly talented group of educators and support staff who are dedicated to ensuring 'every child succeeds' at our school. The work in classrooms is testament to the levels of commitment our staff have to providing a positive engaging environment for our students to work in. Our staff provide our students with care,

kindness and a strong philosophy of high expectations to help our children achieve the best outcomes they can.

Parents/Carers

The saying goes 'it takes a village to raise a child', while I agree with this, I also believe it takes a village to educate a child. It is the relationship between you, your child and your child's teachers that make the difference. Thank you for working with us to ensure we can offer your child the best opportunities to learn and grow. We always strongly encourage your involvement with your child's learning and encourage you to stay in touch with their teacher regularly.

We also know that some children get very excited about returning to school while others become a little anxious with the 'unknown' elements of a new year. Please continue to work with your child to promote the great parts of a new year, but if you believe their anxiety is beyond the normal school nerves, please reach out to us, or access this information page from Education Queensland that has a number of links that may be helpful:

<https://education.qld.gov.au/initiativesstrategies/Documents/anxiety-about-going-school.pdf>

P&C

This year our P&C committee has worked closely with our staff to support our key agendas. This group of dedicated people work tirelessly behind the scenes and we are so appreciative of their ongoing support, enthusiasm and commitment to our journey of developing a 21st century school for our 21st century students. Great things happen when like-minded people come together. I encourage all parents to join our P&C and become active participants in the decision making for our school.

After a great year, I believe everyone deserves a break, a time to recharge, relax and enjoy as much time as possible with our

own families. Thank you to all who make up our Bli Bli State School community. It is certainly a great place to work and play.

Staffing for 2023

Please find below a copy of our school's teaching staff plan for 2023. We have worked tirelessly to develop our strong team here at Bli Bli:

Deputy Principal – Catherine Dolphin

Kyla Bonney, our school's substantive Deputy Principal is continuing her Acting Principal of Chancellor State College – Primary Campus. They have asked her to stay on for 2023.

Catherine Dolphin, who has already been successful in a panel application process, and doing an amazing job, will continue to be our Deputy Principal in 2023.

HOSES – Sandy Vella

Sandy Vella, who has also been successful in a panel application process, and doing a wonderful job, will continue to be our HOSES.

Teachers Joining Us:

Danielle Adams – Joining Year 1 - Danielle is transferring from Northern Peninsula Area State College.

Catarina Shefford – Joining Year 2 – Catarina is transferring from Wynnum State School.

Mikarlah Born – Joining the Year 5 team – Miki is transferring from Hopevale Campus of Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy.

Wendy Gaines – District Relief Teacher – Joining us from Coolumb State School.

Change in our Guidance Officer:

Rebekah Brown has been successful in relocating to our school from Palmwoods State School.

I know that we all look forward to meeting and working with Rebekah. Rebekah will be here 3 days per week in 2023. Welcome to our great school, Rebekah.

I know that you all join with me in thanking **Anna Suffolk** for the wonderful work she has done as Guidance Officer since Libby Howlett's retirement.

Anna has been asked to fill a short-term vacancy for Guidance at Golden Beach State School for the first 4 weeks of 2023.

If Anna does not then move on to other posts as Guidance Officer, she will return to us to work as part of our Inclusion teaching team.

While we will be sad to not have Anna with us at times, I know that we all support her in following her passion, when these opportunities may present themselves.

Returning:

Franca Cooke will be returning to Health Specialist lessons in 2023. She will be two days a week, sharing the role with **Kirsty Peepall**.

Very loud and clear, I want us all to thank Franca for her years of work and passion for the Library coordination role. Franca has been 'sitting on Trevor's shoulder' as we have planned out the Library refresh – a project that Franca has been looking forward

to for a good while. I am glad she will still get to have input and to see the project unfold in the new year.

Contract – Term 1:

Carol Mason has been contracted to Year 5 for Term One, to backfill for Mark Greenland's Mondays. Mark will alternate a WHS role with leave for these Mondays in Term One. Welcome Carol, we know you will fit in very nicely into the Year 5 team.

Leaving us:

Our wonderful S.T.E.M. teacher, **Linda Callender** has received a transfer to Palmview State School. This move supports Linda getting closer to home. I know you all also join me in thanking Linda for her great work and her positivity and energy.

Chloe Hetherington who has been 0.4 part-time contract in Year 2 and doing a terrific job in her first year of teaching, has been snaffled by the private sector – We are all very excited for Chloe as she takes up a position in Prep at Peregrine Beach College.

Kristy Vanderhor who was contract in the Library in Semester 1, and **Natalie Kerrigan** contract in Year 4 this term have both secured contracts at Good Samaritan College. Have a great year in 2023 to you both.

Current Teacher Aide, **Jemma Ferguson** is heading off too, but instead, she will blaze a path in her new career as a teacher. Congrats Jemma on completing your studies. We know you will do well, as we have had the honour of seeing your skills as an educator up close already.

Of course, we say a temporary 'see ya later' to Teacher Aide, **Amy Martin** as she takes leave to bring the world another beautiful soul. Amy will be with us for the first week or so of 2023.

At this stage we have no teaching vacancies for Leanne Janson, Christine Dahtler, Cherie Dutra and Jo Jackson. We thank them for their great work for us this year. Hopefully they will be able to gain contracts elsewhere with our department or be available for casual work across our school in 2023.

Long-time Bli Bli staff member, Teacher Aide, **Jo Hayes** has recently decided to retire. This was a tough decision for Jo who dearly loves her job, the kids and of course us. We will miss you too Jo. Congratulations on your retirement.



Holiday Safety

Please remember to take care over the break, and if travelling be conscious of the road rules. We know a lot of people travel

long distances to celebrate Christmas with family and friends, and want all to be safe over the festive season.



We know that there is always a lot more traffic locally over this period, with our shopping centres being exceptionally crowded and the concept of getting a car park can be challenging, please just be patient and kind. Whether in the shops or in the carpark, remember there are always going to be those who steal a park, jump a queue, or are impatient, but it is up to us as to how we react. It is also a great time to show a little extra courtesy to the many retail staff who are working tirelessly to stock, serve and survive this exceptionally busy time.

I wish you, your family and friends all the best for the festive season and school holidays. Take care and we look forward to seeing everyone back ready for school on 23 January in 2023.

Mon Pfingst
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' NEWS

Introducing our 2023 Student Leaders

At this week's assembly, the 2023 School Leaders were announced. This group of committed students have given a great deal of their own time to applying and pursuing their leadership aspirations. Our current leaders welcomed each newly elected group to the stage to the applause and excitement of the crowd. To be a student leader is not an easy task. It takes a wide variety of skills, a huge amount of commitment and a big heart to help lead their peers. It will be a challenge that we are sure our excellent students are more than capable of meeting.

Congratulations to all of the Year 5 students who applied for and won an official School Leader position at Bli Bli State School in 2023. You should be very proud of yourself for all that you have achieved. We will hold the formal badge presentation ceremony in the initial weeks of the 2023 school year.

Introducing the elected leaders for 2023:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Captains	Hudson F	Mackenzie M
Vice Captains	Kyeesha B	Skylah T

CULTURAL CAPTAINS

Captains	Macey A	Taliah S
Vice Captains	Rachel F	Neave F

SPORTS CAPTAINS - Petrie

Captains	Ava K	Zara R
Vice-Captain	Quinlan J	

SPORTS CAPTAINS - Kabi

Captains	Jack C	Lulu W
Vice-Captain	Lachlan B	

SPORTS CAPTAINS - Cook

Captains	Artie L	Olivia M
Vice-Captain		

SPORTS CAPTAINS - Russell

Captains	Jaxon B	Shilah T
Vice-Captain	Banjo R	

PREFECTS

Bella Boonstra	Kye D	Holly D
Isla Gray	Elise H	Eva M
Poppy Shepherd	Alicia S	Evie T

The Dress Code for 2023 - keep in mind for holiday uniform shopping

At Bli Bli State School, we wear our full school uniform with pride.



As our parents and carers begin to prepare for the new school year, we'd like to take the chance to remind our school

community about the school's dress code and uniform requirements:

- 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:

- 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 old style school shirts (maroon / white with old logo) were phased out in 2019 and **can no longer be worn**.

*Need new
school shoes?*

Make sure they are black.



BLI Bli State School's endorsed Uniform Policy states that school shoes must be fully enclosed all black footwear such as joggers or school shoes, with black laces, soles, eyelet and tongue. (No boots, sandals or thongs allowed for safety reasons).

BLI Bli STATE SCHOOL

The correct uniform is available through our 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 'P&C News' for the opening times.

Goodbye Year 6



Meet our Teachers

A big part of our great school is our great teaching staff. Recently the staff answered 3 questions to tell you as our community, a little bit more about them professionally.

- *In your work role, what is one thing that is uniquely wonderful/ special about you?*
- *What will your students remember you for?*
- *What is your special area of professional interest or passion?*

I hope you enjoy reading their answers and getting to know our great teaching staff that little bit better. Great school, great teachers!

Trevor Durbidge and Catherine Dolphin
Deputy Principals

HEAD OF CURRICULUM NEWS

This year has seen some great results for our avid writers in the school with Charlee G taking out the top gong in the University of the Sunshine Coast/Rotary Club Telling Stories Competition beating all other entrants in the region from Year 6 – Year 12.

Additionally, Clara H took out the School Champion Award in the Lions Club of Mooloolaba's Writing Challenge for us here at school with Gloria H being awarded the Junior Encouragement Award. Please enjoy reading these brilliant pieces of work.

Congratulations Charlee, Clara and Gloria!

Joel Batson
Head of Curriculum

I wonder why that boy dances?

If only, he liked football like the other boys. Then he could be the same.

Ollie stood in the change room. He was the only boy so he had his own room. The long mirror was his only friend. He longed to be in the other room with the beautiful Milla, the crazy Charlee and wonderful Allee but he was different ...so he was alone.

Snap! His bones creaked like he was 111 years old not 11 as he stretched moving his body like a rubber band.

It was time.

He opened the door and walked each step, slowly, silkily like a snake. It was the only way to keep the tap shoes quiet.

I wonder why that boy chose tap? thought the dance teacher as he walked by. *If only he choose jazz. Jazz is perfect for a big strong boy like that.* The dance teacher mused again.

The music started and Ollie let his face light up on the very note. He leaned towards his cane, beckoned one leg and then he was off.

5,6,7,8!

He swished. He swayed. He shuffled. And, he entertained.

And with every hand gesture, with every step, with every smile it all went away.

The boy from his school who called him a nasty name – gone!

His Dad whose forehead grew an extra line when Ollie bought makeup home – gone!

The men outside the dance studio who laughed when he turned up in silver – singlet – gone!

The feeling of everyone not believing in him – gone!

He danced to make the ghosts go away. He didn't dance for his family or his friends he danced for himself.

I wonder why that boy is so good? thought the grandma sitting in the front row.

Ollie's body was the perfect servant. If he commanded it to leap, it flew high. If he asked it to bend, it bent far further than it should have. If he asked it to sparkle, it glistened.

Out of the blue at dusk

Suddenly through the rainforest there was a sound. I heard a noise like thunder mixed with running steps. I felt vibrations from the ground. It was getting dark and I was getting scared. My name is Gloria and I am a 7 year old girl from Bli Bli State School. I like going on adventures with my family, especially hikes up mountains. I am going to tell you my fun adventure that you might not think is true. But it is!

One time we were having an afternoon walk to experience a new hiking trail we thought is short. But we discovered it wasn't. It was a wonderful area we haven't been before. The forest was fresh and quiet. It was a relaxing afternoon. But it took a while to finish the walk and it was getting dark and scary. It was getting quieter and I was getting tired. There was a hill that we had to go down. But instead my sister and I had a race down the dusty path. My parents were behind us. Suddenly I heard crunching leaves and vibrating ground. Like giants footsteps behind me. I was frightened. Mum yelled out "Stop running!" to us. We stopped and looked at what was happening. A big shadow was running towards me and my sister. It was fast and it was giant. I was shocked. Then I realised it wasn't a shadow. It was an Emu. It stared at us. Mum told us to sit down. Then a surprising thing happened. The Emu copied us and sat down as well next to us. The Emu sat on its knees. I thought it looked uncomfortable. I touched its wings. They felt dry. The Emu's beak was black, its eyes orange and its neck was blue. The Emu made a noise from its throat like you are hitting your chest. The Emu's beak tried to get my hair ties out of my braids. It was funny and weird. We stood up and then the Emu stood up too. The Emu was very tall and its knees stood out. We started walking again. It was getting darker and the Emu kept following. My sister and I had a race with the Emu and that was when I got excited. The Emu leaped when it was running and looked like it was filled with joy. We got to the car. Mum said "Quick, get in the car or the Emu will come in too". Then the Emu went away.

When we went back to the same place, the Emu wasn't always there. I really enjoyed it sometimes just popping out. We were lucky to see the Emu three more times.

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Clara Halls, 6C

Lions Club of Mooloolaba Inc Writing Challenge 2022 –Adventure story

What friends are for :

Suddenly through the forest there is a sound frightening me and Buddy, but right now anything is better than home. *Our new home is scary* and empty. Luckily my friends are kind and know what I am going through. So they invited me on a picnic in Dean National Park to explore some nature near my new house. I arrived there a bit early since I have to take care of my baby brother Buddy and he needed a play before eating. My parents are always working and I just graduated so I am always home. I am not a bush girl so when I see a butterfly I kind of overreact. The wings are blue and shiny in the afternoon sun. Bump, I swiftly turn around to see my brother has thrown my keys and is toddling towards the car park. I drop my brown bag containing snacks, water and sun-safe equipment and run towards Buddy. Clink, clink, I hear a noise again. But this time it sounds like metal crashing together. My head shoots up to look at where the noise comes from. I can see that in-between the canopy of leaves is a bird - a very noisy bird. Looking a little closer I see a shiny set of keys in his beak - my keys. Forgetting Buddy for a moment, I start to climb. The bark is thick and bumpy making it hard to grip. Slowly I approach the bird realising it's a kookaburra. Just as I reach over to grab the keys out of its mouth it flies away. I leap off the tree scared and surprised, mind scrambled. Quickly I grab Buddy and strap him to my back while scanning the sky for the bird. I totally forget how dangerous it is to run with a toddler and start chasing the kookaburra into the forest. I focus on catching the feathery creature and don't notice my friend's shiny blue car parking in the space next to mine. I am running as fast as I can to keep my eyes tracking the bird. I can't focus on anything else. Every bone is aching. While chasing the bird I suddenly realise the denseness of the forest is changing. I am surrounded by trees. I block out all other noises and listen. Finally, the keys enter my sight. It looks like they are facing a hard death as the bird is beating them against the branch it is sitting on. Is he trying to eat them? As the animal takes off again, I keep running. It looks like I am running in circles. The bird grasping my keys is still in my view so I am not giving up all hope. Cling, crash. While adjusting the keys the kookaburra must have dropped them as I see the bird fly off without holding anything in his mouth. This freaks me out. In a muddle, I look around searching for the keys. I can see a glimmer near a big fig tree. But as I get closer, I realise that the sparkle that I had seen was just a puddle. I run around the spot where the keys must have dropped and noticed a trail of bully ants. I continue walking towards the dirt mound. Oh dear! Fishy fish sticks! In it are my keys, surrounded by bully ants. What did I do to deserve this? Could this get any worse? My brother is allergic to ants. I grab a stick to stay a safe distance from them. Finally, I hook on to the tip of the keys and fling them into my hands, quickly grabbing hold of them. But while enjoying a spontaneous victory dance, I stumble over a root bulging out of the ground. My hands start to swell up and bleed. My eyes are filling with tears. I look around and notice that I have no idea where I am or which direction to turn back to the car park to. *My brother starts to cry* in the baby carrier. *We are lost and hungry.* What use are keys if I can't use them? Frustrated I scream hoping to be heard. But no one answers. I was smart enough to pack food and drinks. But that's when I realise I have left my bag at

OFFICE NEWS

Last Day of School 2022

Tomorrow **9 December** is our last day of school for 2022.

Please note this is a normal school day, **finishing at 3.00pm**.

Students are welcome to wear **free dress** to school.

The theme is **fun and colourful**, there is no donation. We ask that items are SunSmart - a school hat must be worn to play and shoes must be closed in.

First Day of School 2023

Our first day of school next year is **Monday 23 January 2023, starting at 8.45am**.

Please note the first Thursday back (**26 January**) is our **Australia Day** public holiday.

Office Hours 2023

The week before school reopens, our office will be open as follows:

8.30am – 3.00pm
Monday 16 – Friday 20 January 2023

Story Dogs

At Bli Bli State School we have 5 dog teams currently operating at school. **Fiona and Andy, Marilyn and Millie, Jane and Toby, Trish and Shimmer and Clare and Ziggy**. These teams bring a great deal of joy to each child and our school.

Story Dogs is a fun and unique reading support program that involves children's reading and communication skills by reading to a trained companion dog and handler.

Last month we held a fundraising event to help support the program where students were asked to wear orange and bring a gold coin donation.

We raised \$445.00! Your help and support in our Story Dogs program is very greatly appreciated.



Medication at School

Please note the new guidelines for the administration of medication at school.

If your child requires any medication to be taken at school, you will be required to collect from the administration office a *Consent to Administer Medication*.

General medications that are purchased over the counter must all have a chemist label with child's name and dosage that matches medication paperwork.

Short term medications that are prescribed by the doctor must have a chemist label, that shows the prescribing doctor's information and dosage to match the school medication paperwork.

Long term medication - Asthma, must have an Asthma Management Plan from a Doctor and the student's name on the inhaler/s. We are sending home reminders to all students with asthma that we require a new Asthma plan.

Long term medication - Ritalin, must have a Doctors letter to go with consent to administer medication, name and dosage must match prescribing medication.

Anaphylaxis and Allergies that require a EpiPen or medication, must have a current action plan for the start of the school year.

If you have any questions about what medication paperwork you require please contact the administration office.

Booklists 2023

An email went home last month attaching your student/s' new booklist for next year.

Please also find a copy **attached** below.



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WORKLEARN

2023 Stationery Order Form

- This list includes the mandatory stationery supplies for your child, carefully selected by school staff for the 2023 school year.
- WorknLearn is the school's chosen and preferred stationery supplier.
- By ordering with WorknLearn you will receive competitive pricing and a portion of the purchase is paid back directly to the school to support the school community.
- It is encouraged that you select the whole Stationery Pack, however you can select just the items that you do not already have.
- All book packs will be delivered to a Sunshine Coast address (no PO Boxes). There is a single delivery fee of \$9.95 per family (if all book packs are ordered at the same time).
- Ordering available from 8th November

Steps for Online Ordering:

1. Go to worknlearn.com.au and choose Bli Bli from the 'Schools' menu or click on the Bli Bli school icon. Or alternatively click [here](#)
2. Use BB319 as your school code to view the book packs.
3. Select the book pack and modify quantities of individual items as required.
4. Repeat step 3 for all children.
5. Select Checkout and follow the prompts.

NOTE ORDERS PLACED BEFORE DECEMBER 16TH QUALIFY FOR \$5 DELIVERY DISCOUNT

It is recommended that all orders are placed by January 5th to be ready for the new school year.

www.worknlearn.com.au E-mail address: customer.service@worknlearn.com.au
15/24 Hoopers Road, Kunda Park QLD 4556, Australia Ph: 07 5329 2464

P&C NEWS

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as P&C Association Operations Manager here at Bli Bli State School. It has been wonderful to be back here and to see so many familiar faces. Thank you to this amazing community for the warmest of welcomes.

This year has been a huge success for the P&C Association. We have committed **\$280,000** back to our school from the profits of our three businesses – OSHC, Tuckshop and the Uniform Shop. Our contributions have funded projects such as:

- Library upgrade, renovation, and new furniture
- Upgrade to all home readers for our students
- Support for chaplaincy
- Cycle skill program for year 4
- New books and resources
- School magazine
- Grade 6 graduation
- Support for literacy and numeracy resources
- Digital resources
- We have also saved **\$300,000** towards the OSHC extension

A huge thank you to all our community in supporting Tuckshop, OSHC and the Uniform Shop.

I would like to extend our thanks to all of our parent and carer volunteers who have helped out at fundraising events during the school year and attend our P&C meetings. I would also like to offer a sincere thank you to the P&C Executive team – **Kathy, Holly, Mel and Kate**, who all work for our school as volunteers

to ensure the profits head to projects that have the most impact for our students. A big thank you also goes to our business managers – **Tracey and Leanne** who manage our OSHC and Tuckshop within our school – thank you for all your hard work and efforts this year in providing such essential services to our students, teachers, parents and the community.

We would love your involvement in 2023 – our first P&C Meeting is on **Wednesday 8 February 2023 at 6.30pm in the staff room**. We hope to see you there!

The last week of the school holidays will be a time of organisation for us all and the Uniform Shop will be open so that you can grab your school supplies. I can't wait to see how much all our students have grown over the summer..

Enjoy the summer holidays everyone.

Sam Delaney
P&C Operations Manager



SAFEST NEWS

Booklist Dropoff

As we head towards a new school year we are as always doing what we can to ensure the first day is safe and calm for our students and families.

To that end there will be volunteers at the school to accept student's books/stationery supplies **the week before school recommences**:

- **Wednesday 18 January (9:00am - 11:00pm)**
- **Thursday 19 January (4:00pm - 6:00pm)**
- **Friday 20 January (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. Please ensure you take your boxes to these designated areas as the classrooms will not be open.

On the first day – Monday 23 January 2023 - 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.

Have a happy and safe Christmas, and see you all next year.

Holly Wells
SafeST Team

TUCKSHOP NEWS

What a year it's been - your hard working Busy Bee Cafe staff and volunteers have been very busy bees indeed!

Together we've:

- peeled **320** boiled eggs
- prepared **430** fresh sandwiches
- wrapped **450** wraps
- chopped up **950** fruit salads
- **360** people like BBQ chicken pizza
- **950** people like pineapple on their pizza
- **1,788** people just like ham and cheese (try pineapple guys, you might like it!)
- buttered up **1,180** freshly made pikelets
- cooked up **1,200** serves of our homemade Mac n Cheese and Pasta Bolognaise
- kids have snacked their way through **1,200** snack boxes
- made **1,300** apple slinkys
- baked **1,400** muffins
- the kids have chased and caught **1,800** Gingerbread Students; and
- **3,900** of you munched on a Chicken Burger!

Pssst there were 77 Late Order Packs - we'll always make sure the kids are fed.

Thank you to our school community and staff for all your support - all proceeds assist our P&C to support our students and school! We can't do it without our amazing volunteers - Sue S, Kerry and Joe, Linda, Emmily - thankyou for your help!

We'd love to see some new faces assisting in tuckshop next year, pop in to say Hi and collect a volunteer info pack.

Big fond farewell to the awesome Year 6 tuckshop helpers, we'll miss you!

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday break - see you in 2023!

Leanne, Teresa & Dijanna
Busy Bee Café
Bli Bli State School Tuckshop

CLASSROOM NEWS

Thankyou to our P&C

A massive 'Thank You' to our P&C who provided renovation funds to the Year 6 classrooms and area – with the funds we

purchased outdoor seating for the Year 6 students to have an 'Outdoor Learning Area' outside their classrooms, up on their verandah. The Year 6ers are loving it and it is much appreciated.

Tammy Kelly
6K Teacher



6C

In our final week, your children have deservedly celebrated their great achievements of this year.

On Tuesday evening it was great to see your children have their Year 6 Graduation. Many awards were handed out and I congratulate those who received awards, scholarships and all students for graduating.

This week we held the Year 6 Clap Out and the final assembly for 2022. I was very proud to see your children conduct their leadership responsibilities with such distinction. Thursday was a very fun day as the children attended the Bli Bli Aqua Fun Park. The children had an excellent time jumping around on the inflatables.

I would like to thank my fellow Year 6 teachers Tammy Kelly, and Deb Steele. Your knowledge and support this year were a massive help. Their experience and expertise enabled this year to run smoothly and allowed your children to participate in many great functions and activities.

I must give a big thank you Mrs Jo Hayes and Mrs Kristy Green for all of your support this year. Mrs Hayes and Mrs Green has carried out many crucial tasks for 6C this year which contributed greatly to the learning experience of your children.

I thank Mrs C for all her volunteer work this year. Her work with your children was greatly beneficial.

Thank you to Mrs Julie Lowry for her assistance with your children's writing. Her knowledge and assistance were invaluable.

Thank you to Mr Kearney, Mrs Callender, Ms Aitkin and Signora Wynne for teaching the specialist subjects this year.

I would to thank the administration for all their support this year.

I would like to also thank all the parents of 6C for your support. Your work and encouragement with your children have enabled to them succeed.

To the students, I would like to leave you with this quote from Dr. Seuss: *"You're off to great places, today is your day. Your mountain is waiting so get on your way"*.

I wish all families a happy holiday and I wish your children success in high school.

Nathan Capps
6C Teacher

DIVERSITY NEWS

While the school holidays are a welcome break from the hustle and bustle of school routines, there is never a break from parenting. The following tips will help you have fun and connect with your children so you make the most of the holidays.

<p>1. Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get your kids involved in making a list of activities that they would like to do • Plan for good and bad weather • Schedule downtime and time-out as well as time for one-on-one and family group activities 	<p>6. Accept that things may not always go to plan</p> <p>Even the best made plans may need to be discarded at the last minute due to unforeseen events such as weather, illness or accidents. Whilst stressful, these unforeseen events often teach us and our kids valuable life lessons and may even become the source of family bonding or stories down the track</p>
<p>2. The best things in life are free</p> <p>Make sure the list includes plenty of free activities such as picnics, bike rides, trips to the beach, the local library and the great outdoors</p>	<p>7. Don't forget self-care</p> <p>Look after yourself and take time out to relax, even if it's half an hour whilst you have a cuppa and read a book. Remember, happy and relaxed parents make for happy children</p>
<p>3. Boredom is good</p> <p>Unstructured time and time away from electronic devices is good for young minds</p>	<p>8. Support and company</p> <p>Having a support system can be crucial to any parent. It also gives parents the opportunity to interact with other parents whilst giving the kids a bit of play time</p>
<p>4. Use opportunities to teach new skills and self-reliance</p> <p>Not having the pressure to rush out the door in the morning can allow for kids to develop new skills such as</p>	<p>9. Consider your child's mental health and wellbeing</p> <p>Whilst it may be a family tradition to go on an annual family holiday or attend a family dinner, maybe your child is anxious or your child with ADHD may feel judged. Consider if it's really worth maintaining the tradition when it may be at the cost of mental health and wellbeing</p>

getting their own breakfast and lunch or taking the dog for a walk	
5. Ask for help Don't be afraid to ask for help to share the load. For example, asking friends or family to help care for children or to provide assistance in other ways	10. Holiday connections help us the rest of the year School holidays provide unique opportunities to connect with, listen to and get to know your kids. Use the time to spend one-on-one time with each family member

Happy Holidays!

Sandy Vella
Acting Head of Diversity

STEM NEWS

Outstanding STEM achievement

Congratulations to Hudson F in Year 5 who won the Premier's Coding Challenge by designing his own website about digital jobs. Hudson taught himself real world text-based coding, which is far beyond my level of coding expertise and created his website independently. WOW! Lucky for us Hudson has future plans to create digital solutions for environment issues. Information about the competition can be found here:

<https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/events-awards/award-s-competitions/premiers-coding-challenge>

BYOD Survey

Thank you to the families who completed our Bring Your Own Device Community Survey, we had 173 responses with the results very close, Yes 53% and No 47%. Your comments around device management, cost, type of device, screen time, equity issues, insurances were very much appreciated by the Digital Futures Team. Moving forward we will continue to research the latest findings regarding the use of technology in schools, continue to grow our staff and student's ICT's capabilities skills and purchase more school-based devices in 2023.

Holiday Activities

Here are some free coding/creating applications that we use at school:

Computer	iPad
Scratch - https://scratch.mit.edu	Scratch Jnr and PlaySchool Art Maker
Kodu - https://www.kodugamelab.com/	Stop Motion, iMotion, KomaKoma – all stop motion apps

Computer	iPad
Microsoft – Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Paint, Paint 3D	Flipaclip – Draw a digital flip book SketchesSchool - Drawing
Minecraft Education Edition – Students can log on with the normal school log in. The first page will require their email address which is their username (first initial, first four letters of their last name followed by a number) followed by @eq.edu.au	

Thank you and Goodbye

In the last three years, I have witnessed the growth of the student's ICT skills and their enthusiasm for STEM. I leave Bli Bli with my bucket overflowing. I personally wish to thank the P&C for their generous annual contributions to improving technology across the school and sharing our school vision to create Digital Citizens.

Linda Callender
STEM teacher

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas at Lifepointe



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Girls aged 8-12
Goodlife Community Centre, BUDERIM

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Girls aged 9-12
Goodlife Community Centre, BUDERIM

'Beauty - The Real Picture'
16th Dec 9am-3pm
Girls aged 10-12
Goodlife Community Centre, BUDERIM

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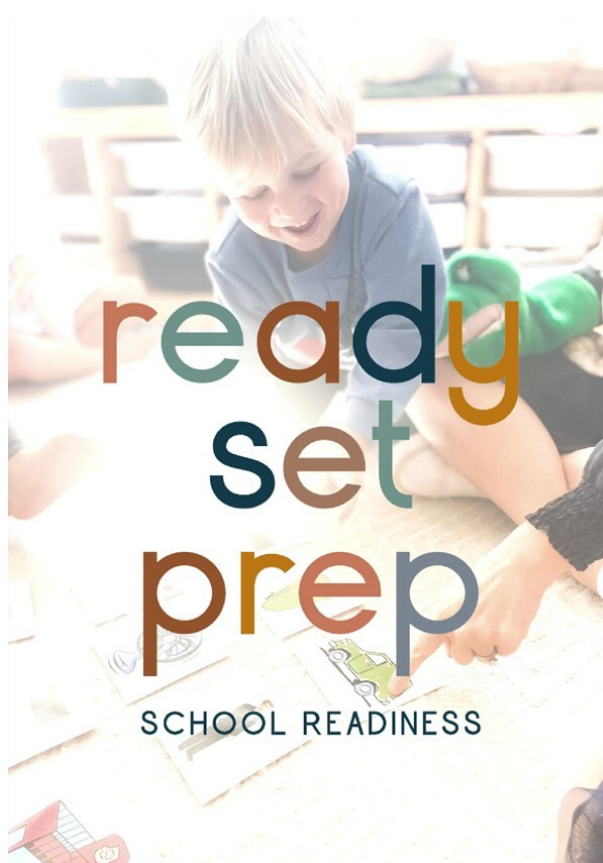
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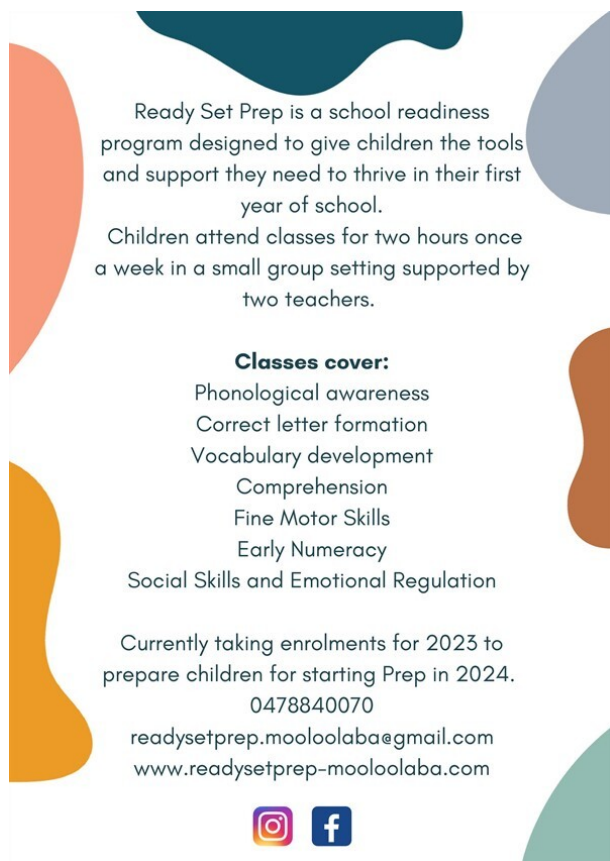


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SCHOOL READINESS

School Holiday Workshops - Girls aged 8-12 years

We have a full holiday workshop schedule on offer this December.





Ready Set Prep is a school readiness program designed to give children the tools and support they need to thrive in their first year of school.

Children attend classes for two hours once a week in a small group setting supported by two teachers.

Classes cover:

- Phonological awareness
- Correct letter formation
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Currently taking enrolments for 2023 to prepare children for starting Prep in 2024.
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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

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