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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### Term 2, Week 9

Welcome to our Newsletter for Term 2. It has been an amazingly busy term for our staff, students and families. We have certainly felt the change in weather in recent days, with the very cool start to the school day. In the seven years I have lived here on the coast I don't think I have ever felt it as cold as I have in the past week or so.

Staff carpark -what I think it feels like at 7:00am



#### Journey of Improvement – a quick update

Our continued journey, focusing on ensuring we are meeting the needs of our 21st century learners has certainly continued to grow, and gain momentum in Term 2.

As a school community we have committed to continuing to build our school into a modern innovative learning place for our students, and the changes we are making will take time to evolve. It is so pleasing to see growth in each of the key areas we are utilising to ensure we continue to meet the needs of our current and future students.



# Here is a brief snapshot of what we are working on...

#### **Digital Futures**

Our team continues to work towards improving our access to technology, with recent works completed to improve our bandwidth, and enhance our Centre of Network. This includes upgrading our switches in readiness for replacing our limited wifi with a new upgraded system.



We have also been working on the development of skillset checklists for each year level, as well as an audit of our 'teacher capabilities' to ensure we are offering our staff the correct professional development to support the children in their classes.

#### 21st Century Curriculum

Our team is very excited with the release of the new updated Australian Curriculum, known as version 9. We have been working closely with our teachers to ensure we all have a strong knowledge of the updated curriculum.







There are three dimensions:

Learning Areas English

Mathematics

Science HASS

Arts

Languages

H&PE

Technologies

General Critical and Creative Thinking

Capabilities Digital Literacy

Ethical Understanding

Intercultural Understanding

Literacy

Numeracy

Personal and Social Capability

Cross-Curriculum
Priorities

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Histories and Cultures

Asia and Australia's Engagement with

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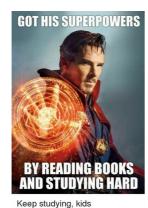
Sustainability

#### L & N in Focus

Our team has been working to ensure our school maintains our high standard of writing focus continues, while we investigate the latest research into 'best practice for teaching reading'.

Our team have been completing professional development and some have even visited schools that are engaged in focused reading improvement. As we learn more, and begin the process of 'bringing reading onto the front page', we will keep you in the loop.

We have also ensured that our students continue to receive support within our classrooms to improve literacy and numeracy skills.



### **Positive Culture 4 Learning**

Our team continues to review and analyse our data to promote positive Buzz lessons each week, reminding students of our clear school behaviour expectations.

We have been participating in professional learning sessions to assist in our knowledge and understanding of 'trauma' and the impact in can have on children, including their behaviour and ability to learn.

We continue to focus on the amazing students here at our school who just continue to do the right thing. We are also very proud of the students who are now becoming 'upstanders' who don't accept other students being unkind to peers. We always urge students to report concerns to an adult so that we can help resolve issues proactively.



### Diversity - We all belong

Our team has been working towards a clear definition of 'diversity' for our school. We want all in our community to feel like they belong at our school. We have also been working with our staff to ensure we are engaging with the latest research and departmental approaches to support gender diversity within and beyond our school.

We are very excited with the work that we are doing and look forward to seeing the positive impact this will have on our students, staff and families as we continue to move our school forward. We also use our regular P&C meetings as a way to share our progress and encourage all parents to get involved with this amazing group of volunteers who are helping us make a big difference in the life of every child who steps through our gates.



#### Farewell - Miss Bonney

As we have previously announced, Miss Bonney will be taking up a role at Chancellor College as of the commencement of Semester Two. No words can sum up the impact Miss Bonney has had on our school and just how much we will miss her. We thank Miss Bonney sincerely for the many hours of blood, sweat and tears she has given Bli Bli in her time here and know that our children, staff and families will always hold a special place in her heart. Congratulations on your well deserved position and we look forward to hearing the amazing work you will do at Chancellor to bring them up to our standards!!



Congratulations on a sensational semester of learning and fun. We look forward to the adventures that await us in Term 3.

Kind regards,

Monique Pfingst Principal

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' NEWS**

### Wow! What a spectacular term!!

How spectacular you ask? Well, here are the numbers! Did you know that this term:

- 286 children ventured out on educational excursions all across the Sunshine Coast:
- 87 year two children explored the forces of gravity and motion through a hands-on incursion here at school:
- 68 year six children climbed, swung, mountain biked, swam and played on a three night, four day camp to Noosa Northshore;
- 17 Concert Band instrumentalists, under the direction of Ms Clare Deady, won a Gold Award at the regional Fanfare competition;
- 190 focused year three and five students
   participated with ease and calm in NAPLAN Online
  for the first time ever at Bli Bli;
- Almost 100 talented Prep to year 6 children auditioned for Bli Bli's Got Talent in front of their peers and teachers;
- Over 60 Senior Choir children performed in the charity concert Singspire, under the direction of Mrs Jenny Aitken, to raise funds for the important community charity The Shack;
- 194 musicians and vocalists from year three to six will perform at next week's Winter Warmers, showcasing their amazing learning and skills;
- 42 teachers constructed 663 Semester Two Report Cards, illustrating the impressive growth and learning of their students.

We are both very proud of all of the amazing work of every child and member of staff in our school this term. Well done, everyone!





### **Under Eights**

This year we will be celebrating being 'Under Eight' via a variety of lunch clubs and performances across the week, concluding with the main event on **Friday 24 June between 11:30am and 1:30pm.** Hope to see you there, families are vey welcome. Notes and cost invoice of \$7 have been sent to all Prep to Year 2 classes.



#### **Sports Days**

Weather permitting we will holding our successful program formula from 2021.

The first two days which involve all classes from Prep – Year 6 will be in the last week of school, **Tuesday 21 June and Thursday 23 June.** 

Another fun sports rotation event will be held for Prep – Year 3 students, next term on **Wednesday 20 July**. If you'd like to be involved as a spectator, please check over the program closely.





#### **NAIDOC** Week

We will be celebrating NAIDOC Week. We do this each year to stop and take a special moment to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for our students and all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

We will be holding special lunch club events and celebrations as well as doing class activities. Each year level will be involved in a special fun packed hour of activities on the oval and surrounds, involving craft, music and movement.

If you would like to contribute to this week in any way, please contact Trevor Durbidge. tdurb2@eq.edu.au



Life Education
Harold is Coming!

Each year the school organises a visit from the Life Education Program. Life Education Queensland offers individual modules for each of our year levels, different from year to year.

All modules are aligned with the Australian curriculum for health and physical activity and are developed to support teachers reach these specific learning outcomes. The modules empower children with the skills they need to make healthier lifestyle choices.

The program provides students with age appropriate health and safety knowledge, skills and strategies to counter peer and social pressures, an understanding of how values and attitudes can influence lifestyle choices and behaviour, interactive print and online teacher and student resources with lesson plans and activities, and animated videos with relevant themes.

So, from 12 - 20 July our classes from Prep to Year 4 will enjoy a session with teacher, Jenny and Harold the giraffe.

If you would like to know more about Life Education and the program details, please visit their website. A link is provided here for you.

https://lifeeducationqld.org.au/life-education-hub



## Please join us to celebrate our students!

We invite you to join us for our end of term Spirit of Bli Bli assembly next Friday 24 June at 9am in the hall.

We will be celebrating the achievements of our Spirit of Bli Bli students, as well as enjoying the Grand Finale performances from our Bli Bli's Got Talent competition. It will be a jampacked parade, so set aside your morning to truly enjoy it!



### Farewell... for now, from Miss Bonney

On a personal note, I wanted to sincerely thank everyone for your warm congratulations and kind wishes as I get ready to head off on a new adventure. I am excited for the new

challenges of acting as Principal of Chancellor Primary School for the next six months and yet, it is bittersweet.

Our Bli Bli State School family is very dear to me. I am so proud of the community we are building here together, and the way our key values of character, commitment, creativity and community live in everything we do. I am honoured to have served as your Deputy and Acting Principal, and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Kyla Bonney and Trevor Durbidge Deputy Principals

## **OFFICE NEWS**

### **Upcoming Excursions**

The following **permission forms** have been sent home, and further copies can be found below, as well as in the Office on the right wall as you enter. These forms are to be signed and returned to the class teacher by the due date.

**Invoices** have been emailed home and payments are to made online via the link on the invoice by the due date. Please note children who are not paid for by the due date, do not attend.

Please email our Business Manager, Jodie Lee, on jlee180@eq.edu.au if you would like to arrange a payment plan.

Year:	Prep to Year 4
Excursion title:	Life Education – Healthy Harold
Cost:	\$9.00
Date:	12 – 20 July 2022
Note / money due back by:	Monday 11 July

Year:	Prep to Year 3
Incursion title:	Under 8s Day
Cost:	\$7.00
Date:	24 June 2022 11.30am-1.30pm
Note / money due back by:	Wednesday 22 June

#### **Newsletter Scheduling**

Please note, we have moved to a once a term newsletter which will be distributed in week 9 only, starting in term 3.

## **P&C NEWS**

#### About the P&C Association

One of the things that make Bli Bli State School such a great place is our active, friendly school community. We want to make sure every family has the opportunity to get involved.

In 2022 the P&C Association have welcomed three new Executive members and thirteen new committee members.

We know how busy all our families are, balancing work and life commitments, so we are very grateful to the parents and carers who make the time to help out when and where they can, share their experience and provide feedback on P&C and school issues.

The aim of the Parents & Citizen's Association (P&C) is to provide social, financial and community support to the school.

On a daily basis the P&C operate:

- Busy Bee Café (Tuckshop)
- Uniform Shop
- Outside School Hours Care
- Fundraising Activities such as discos and Mother's and Father's Day Stalls
- Scholastic Book Club

Our Tuckshop, OSHC and Uniform shop are operated to provide services to the school community. Funds raised from these businesses and fundraising activities are donated to the school or used to purchase equipment and resources that benefit all students.

So far, in 2022, the P&C Association has donated **\$120,000** to improve the educational outcomes of students at Bli Bli State School.

Parent support at our monthly meetings is vital to maintain a strong P&C and we benefit from a broad cross-section of opinions from parents.

Upcoming meetings in term 3 and term 4 are:

- Wednesday 27 July 2022
- Wednesday 24 August 2022
- Wednesday 19 October 2022
- Wednesday 16 November 2022



Other events on the calendar are:

- Disco Friday 5 August 2022
- Father's Day Stall Wednesday 31 August 2022

Joining our school P&C Association is a great way to support your children and their school. Being involved is not a commitment to every event, just helping out where and when you can.

Clare Stampa
P&C Operations Manager

## **TUCKSHOP NEWS**

#### **Volunteers**

Thanks so much to **Joe and Kerry** - our amazing Friday Dream Team! Thanks to **Sue** - the best and most fabulous laundry fairy there ever was! Thanks to **Emmily** who we've welcomed in for an hour on Monday afternoons, and is quickly learning the ropes. Thanks to **Linda** who pops in and out to check our drink fridges are all organised.

If you can spare an hour at any time, we would love to have you! Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are particularly busy days.

#### Lettuce

Unfortunately due to flooding we are seeing a shortage in many of our regularly used fruit and veggies. You will be aware that lettuce is increasingly hard to come by - as a result for the rest of term we will not be supplying lettuce for burgers or sandwiches and have removed salads from our menu. We will be supplying coleslaw as an alternative salad option and still have available all our salad add ons such as carrot, cucumber, tomato and beetroot.

We will keep you updated as to lettuce supplies and in the meantime we have some delicious hot food items on our menu to keep turns filled and warm!

### Menu Update

Term 3 menu will be live from Tuesday 12 July when Busy Bee Cafe reopens after the holiday break.

You will see that we have had to increase prices slightly across our menu. We have been absorbing price increases from our suppliers for as long as we could to keep pricing down for our school community, but with further increases for transport, packaging and from our wholesalers, it is no longer sustainable.



#### Pie Drive

Thanks so much to our school community for your support of our first Pie Drive in over 5 years!

Fun facts:

- Sausage Rolls are more popular than a Pie for lunch!
- Apple Pie is your go to for dessert is there custard and/or ice cream with this?

 Succulent Beef is your favourite dinner, then Beef, Bacon and Cheese, with Chunky Chicken and Veg in third place!

Enjoy your pies!

## Last Day of School

Next Friday is red food day for first break! Be sure to follow our facebook page 'Bli Bli SS Tuckshop' for more details..

And a reminder we are <u>closed</u> second break of the last Friday of each term.

Leanne Hayward Tuckshop Manager Busy Bee Cafe

## YEAR 6 CAMP

Please enjoy the two recounts below by Year 6 students about their Year 6 camp last week, together with some photos.

Tammy Kelly 6K Teacher

# Camp Year 6

As our year 6 friends jumped on the bus excitement pulsed through our bodies. The adventure had begun! When we arrived, we learnt so many skills from the camp leaders. After that we ventured off to our activities which included the giant swing and crate climb, followed by archery and mini golf. The food was outstanding! On the second night the dessert was outstanding we had sticky date pudding and everyone was jealous of those who got seconds but the night wasn't over yet. There was a variety of night activities including trivia, lazer tag (which by far was the best) and the night hike through the national park. That night was very cloudy, so unfortunately, we couldn't star gaze but we saw sleeping birds and other nocturnal animals. Overall everyone came back exhausted but made unforgettable memories that will last a life.

By Enzo and Kelian 6K

## Camp Year 6! Camp was a mind-blowing experience, no one will ever forget. We had heart racing activities such as the giant swing and archery while also having cool and mellow activities like mini golf and team games. But the best activity was definitely laser tag! It was a heart pumping and an unforgettable night of outside laser tag games. We had a variety of water activities such as surfing, stand-up paddle boarding, body boarding and raft building. With a lot of laughter and joy-filled shouting, most rafts didn't float out in 1 piece, in the cold teatree water. The food at camp was absolutely outstanding. It included food like curry and naan bread, chicken schnitzels, nachos, burgers, pancakes and a lot more. Another awesome activity was mountain bike riding where we learnt how to do small jumps. It was such a fun and exciting bike journey. Crate climbing was thrilling as we had to keep stacking crates until we fell and it was the next person's turn. Luckily, we were all safety strapped into a harness Although the water activities made us freezing cold, they were a lot of fun. Stand-up paddle boarding was when we had a lot of face planting into the water and on the board! As camp ended everyone was ready to go home and sleep all weekend. It was a thrilling journey we were all very lucky to experience and we will forever treasure Charlee G and Lilly S 6K







## **CLASSROOM NEWS**

#### 6C

This term has been a very busy term as we have finished all of our assessment.

In **English** your children submitted their Advertising Assessment. Students have worked very hard to include language features and to justify their language and aesthetic choices. I am very proud of everything that your children have achieved.

This Term students investigated angles and practiced using the order of operations. **Maths** was interesting as your children had the opportunity to revise decimals and integers. We continue to work on our Maths Mentals booklets which give your children the opportunity to practice key maths skills they will need for high school.

In **Science** we finished our Natural Disaster Theory assessment and the Viscosity Prac assessment. The latter required your children to test the properties of three different liquids with different viscosities. Students did very well to make observations. A big thank you to everyone who studied at home in preparation for their assessment.

Well done to everyone who has consistently returned their **homework**. There will be a prize for students have consistently done so.

Thank you to all families for your support this semester.

Have a lovely holiday,

Nathan Capps 6C Teacher

## **HPE NEWS**

## **Nambour District Cross Country 2022**

Last month the BBSS X-Country team contested the unforgiving "Big Pineapple" course and it lived up to its reputation.

All students gave it a red hot go, and all runners should hold their head high with their achievement.

	Boys	Girls
12yrs	Harry B – 2nd Olly Y – 10th Will S – 31st	Rivah W – 11th Ginger M – 18th Marli H – 22nd Abbey T – 28th
11yrs	Ari B – 2nd Nash C – 12th Lachlan P – 44th	Clara H – 21st Tiffany A – 28th Neave F – 32nd
10yrs	Jakub G – 12th Jax M – 41st Max H – 44th	Phoebe B – 3rd Aster M – 17th Ally F – 36th Lulu W – 38th Ziva P– 40th

Congratulations to Harry B, Ari B and Phoebe B who were selected to represent Nambour District at the Sunshine Coast regional trials at Maroochydore.

#### Bli Bli SS Sports Representatives

What a start to the year we have had in the Sporting Environment.

These are the wonderful athletes we have had represent the District and Sunshine Coast region at sporting events recently:

Nambour District Touch

Ari B

Lily S

Nambour District AFL

Rivah W

Nambour District Soccer

Ari B

Sunshine Coast AFL

Rivah W

**District Netball** 

Aster M

District Softball

Well done to these students who have done themselves and school very proud. Keep up the good work!

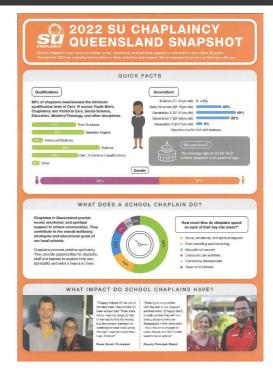
Kristian Kearney
HPE Teacher

## **DIVERSITY NEWS**



# Catherine Dolphin Head of Special Education Services

## **CHAPPY NEWS**



Tony Gibson School Chaplain

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Work for Home Care



### School Holiday Cartoon Workshops



## School Holiday Workshops - Girls Aged 8-12yrs

Our June/July School Holiday events include our very popular 'Tween Talk: Navigating Friendships in a Girls' World' and our BRAND NEW 'Tween Talk: EveryBODY is Beautiful' Workshop.

Please see the flyer to find out more or visit the website for more information and to register:

https://www.headstartpsychology.com.au/sunshinecoast-wor kshops



## 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.

Sandy Atkinson Acting Sergeant

Sunshine Coast Crime Prevention Unit

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