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24 March 2023

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

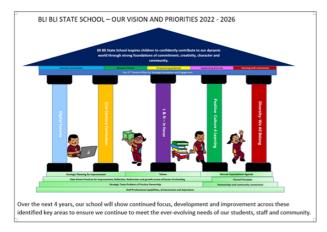
Term 1, Week 9

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2023. It is hard to believe that we are heading full steam towards the end of Term 1. School life is always busy and it seems that the days disappear in the blink of an eye.

To all those who have joined the Bli Bli family this year, we welcome you, and hope you are loving the journey of education and care that our wonderful school offers.

Annual Improvement Plan 2023

In line with our four-year strategic plan, we are continuing to focus on 5 key 'pillars' to ensure our students get the best education here at Bli Bli. Our goal is to provide a modern school that meets the needs of our 21st century learners.



21st Century Curriculum

As we continue to plan for the release of the newest version of the Australian Curriculum in 2024, there are certainly exciting

times ahead. Our Head of Curriculum (HOC), Mr Batson is working closely with our year level teachers to design highly engaging, student centred integrated curriculum units in readiness for the new version's release, which will be introduced in the coming years.

Literacy and Numeracy in Focus

This year we have introduced a new systemic approach to reading, utilising Promoting Literacy Development ('PLD') to teach synthetic phonics. This system helps our children break down the range of sounds within words to help them become fluent readers. This approach also assists with spelling, vocabulary development and assists with writing skills and comprehension. Across the school children are accessing the program at the appropriate level to meet their learning needs. It is wonderful to see the high level of engagement being achieved from Prep to Year 6. Stay tuned as parent support sessions will be coming soon.

Positive Culture for Learning

This year we are reviewing our strategies related to acknowledgement of students and how we can continue to reinforce the wonderful achievements of our students including academic progress, behaviour and engagement.

We will also be focused on attendance, ensuring we optimise the days of learning at our school for every student.

Respectful relationships will be an area that we will also be investigating in 2022, ready for implementation in 2023.

Our team is also working on staff, student and community well-being, with a small subsidiary team being established to commence work on our school's framework.

Diversity - We All Belong



Our focus continues to be ensuring that everyone has a sense of belonging at our school. We have identified some key agendas to build on:

- Gender equity
- Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander learners
- Students identified under NCCD processes

We continue to work with staff to enhance their understanding and professional capacity to support our learners, families and community in these key areas. We also review our school data to support students through intervention and engagement with internal and external agencies.

Digital Futures

This team continues to investigate and provide resources to support student learning utilising technology to enhance engagement and improved outcomes. Our team updates IT resources across the school and engages a Technical Officer to ensure our systems and devices are continuously updated and working to capacity. We also are continuing to provide professional learning opportunities for our staff by operating a Tech Cafe each week.

Our teachers and students continue to shine with the high level of work being achieved across all areas of learning in our school. Being able to meet up with students who are always keen to share their work, listen to their stories and generally hang out and engage with them is truly bucket filling for us all.

Attendance

We continue to focus on the importance of every day attendance at school. Whilst we know children get sick and as such these are certainly times when they need to be at home, there seems to be a pattern emerging where families regularly take Monday and/or Friday off school.

Please know that regular absences do impact on your child's learning, not only now but into the future. While many children can 'catch on' enough to get through in their younger years, it is later when the lack of depth of knowledge can impact their academic progress.

Regular absences can also impact your child's social well-being. Often we deal with children who feel left out, as their friends have joined other peer groups in their absence, or they do not know how to join in games that have been started while they were away. Children often rely heavily on their friendships and consistent absences does impact this.

Last year we dropped to 86%, which means on average our children missed almost 30 school days for the year. This is 6 weeks of learning.

This year we are aiming for at least a 92% attendance rate across the school.

We do have a high number of students who attend more than 95% of the time, while there are some students who are averaging less than 85%. The table below shows the current attendance rate for each year level. We are doing well! Please keep up the good work!

Yr level	Attendance
	rate (%)
Prep	92.78
Yr 1	92.22
Yr 2	90.56
Yr 3	92.34
Yr 4	92.35
Yr 5	94.1
Yr 6	90.84
Overall	92.17

Remember every day counts.

Facilities

Our new amenities block has finally opened. It is so nice to be able to offer our students such fresh modern facilities.

It does continue to amaze me that we have to continuously remind students that playing in the toilets is not appropriate! When you ask if they would play in the toilet at home they pull all sorts of faces - but will play here where some 300 other children use the bathrooms!!

This year we hope to see:

- More buildings painted
- Sound system fixed in the hall
- Walkways painted
- Tuckshop upgrade
- Resource Centre (library) upgrade
- Prep buildings refreshed
- New Prep playground planning/construction
- Air-conditioning in music rooms and administration

Another busy year of trying to ensure our students have modern facilities to enhance their learning.



Safety

I am sure it is not surprising to anyone when we discuss how dangerous the traffic situation can be around our school. In recent weeks we have had both the police and Department of Transport monitoring our traffic and working with those who are not following the road rules that are essential to keep our kids safe.

Please remember as drivers, it is our responsibility to follow all road rules, and to be really conscious of the number of children who are in and about our roads, particularly in peak times. Children can be unpredictable, so please slow down and stay alert around our school.

We continue to work with the Sunshine Coast Council, Department of Transport, bus company, and our P&C to consider all available options to reduce the traffic issues, particularly around 3:00pm. Remember our staff are on duty until 3:30pm at the front of the school. It is amazing how quickly the rush of traffic dies down by approximately 3:15pm.

Have a great Easter break. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone again in Term 2.



3:00pm

3:15pm

Mon Pfingst Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' NEWS

Introducing our 2023 Student Leaders!



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	Lilly S	

SPORTS CAPTAINS - Russell

Captains	Jaxon B	Shilah T
Vice-Captain	Banjo R	

PREFECTS (9)

Bella B	Kye D	Holly D
Isla G	Elise H	Eva M
Poppy S	Alicia S	Evie T
Amelia P	Mackenzie C	

Crazy Hat Parade - Monday



Full School Parade - Tuesday



Cross Country - Friday

On our last day of term we will be holding our annual cross country - Friday 31 March.

Students are welcome to wear a **shirt of their house colour** and their **preferred running shoes.**

If boggy, wet grounds, we suggest that you bring your normal shoes to change into afterwards and a plastic storage bag for your wet gear.

Parents and families are very welcome to attend.

Please see the attached flyer for a basic timetable of the day.



ANZAC Day 2023



Our school will be attending two events this year.

Details of events at Mudjimba and Bli Bli will

be shared via email once they are confirmed. Our choir will be singing, and our leaders will be speaking and representing our school.

As always, **families are welcome** to attend the events and students are encouraged to march with the school group.

How often do you arrive late or leave early?



While it is likely that at some stage, situations may arise that result in your child's late arrival

to school, being late on a regular basis or leaving early too often will certainly have an impact.

Not only does a student who is regularly arriving late to school establish bad punctuality habits, their late arrival can also disrupt the learning of other students in their class. Leaving early from school, for less than important reasons, can also be an unfortunate disruption.

A study by *Caldarella, Christensen, Young & Densley, 2011*, investigated decreasing 'tardiness' in primary school-aged students. The researchers found that students who are frequently late to school often miss out on important opening announcements and academic activities.

Arriving late to school can also mean your child could miss out on activities designed to build connections with their peers, potentially impacting their social interactions and creating a greater sense of alienation from their classmates. At Bli Bli State School, our teaching staff very kindly open their doors at 8:40am, allowing students a full 10 minutes to transition into their learning at the official start time of 8:50am.

Being late occasionally is nearly inevitable. Things happen to all of us. Milk spills and shoes get lost. Conversations need to happen. There are a multitude of things that can cause families to run behind. Ideally our daily routines would include time to account for mishaps, to reduce the chance of being late. If you are finding that your child is late one or more times per week, though, you may need to change your routine to ensure a successful start to your day. Sometimes it can be as simple as laying out school clothes the night before, having lunch prepared in advance, putting the car keys in the same spot every day or not having the TV on as a distraction until all other routines are done.

Official learning starts at 8:50am. We hope to see your child settled and ready to learn by then.

References:

Caldarella, P., Christensen, L., Young, K. R., & Densley, C. (2011). Decreasing tardiness in elementary school students using teacher-written praise notes. Intervention in School and Clinic, 1053451211414186.

Trevor Durbidge and Catherine Dolphin Deputy Principals

OFFICE NEWS

QParents

In Term 2, Bli Bli State School will be delivering school **excursion/incursion permission notes and invoices via the QParents app.** This will enable parents to digitally approve students' attendance for excursions/incursions, instead of completing a paper copy and returning to the teacher and/or office.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child's school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including:

- Online consent management for excursions/ incursions
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Academic report cards

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

Please register with QParents via the link in the email that you have received.

QParents won't replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at

https://qparents.qld.edu.au/

It's 3pm where do I go?

A reminder to please **let your children know of a morning** what the arrangements are for after school eg; 2 minute zone, walk, OSHC, etc and any alternate arrangements for wet weather.

This also minimises disruptions to classes' learning time when messages are phoned in throughout the day.

No medication in school bags

If your child requires any medication to be taken at school, you are required to complete a form from the office that is a **"Consent to Administer Medication".**

This is especially relevant to any general 'over the counter' medications.

The medication must have a chemist label on it, with child's name and dosage that matches the school medication paperwork.

A example of over counter medication can be Panadol, Ear drops, Allergy creams or Eczema cream.

Any over the counter medication must be presented and kept at the school office, it cannot stay in a child's school bag.

If you have any questions about what medication paperwork you may require, please contact the Office.



School Photos Term 2

Mark your Calendars!

2023 School Photos are on Thursday 4 and Friday 5 May.

Please note:

- we are unable to cater to individual requests for a particular time or day; and
- we are unable to distribute the timetable, as class photo times move and are subject to change right up until the day of photos

Please be prepared for your child/ren's photo/s to be held at any time across the 2 days. We don't want you to miss out!

Excursions

The following permission form and invoice were emailed home earlier this term.

A further copy of the permission form can be found below, as well as in the Office on the right wall as you enter.

Payments are made online via the link on the invoice. Please note children who are not paid for by the due date, do not attend.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact our Business Manager, Jodie Lee, on jlee180@eq.edu.au to arrange a payment plan.

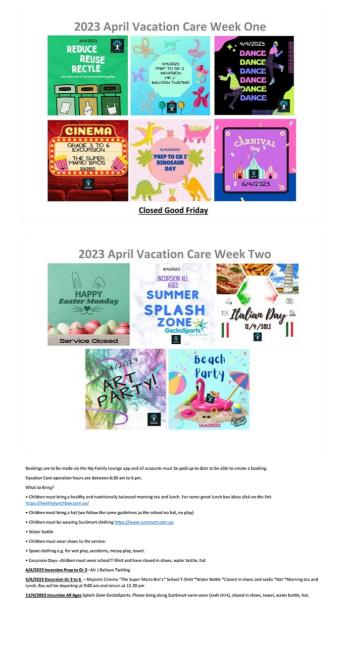
Year:	4
Excursion title:	SeaLife Mooloolaba
Cost:	\$25.50
Date:	Wednesday 29 March 2023
Note / money due back by:	CLOSED Wed 22 March

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Easter Vacation Care

Open for bookings!

Please see schedule of activities below.



CLASSROOM NEWS

Prep C

Learning patterns!

We have discovered that patterns are everywhere. Alice said "a pattern repeats". Leonardo said "patterns are when something is over and over and over".

We explored AB and ABC patterns using various materials in our classroom.



Clean up Australia Day at Bli Bli Prep playground

Prep C helped care for the environment and their community by participating in clean up Australia Day. We were VERY excited over wearing gloves and going on a rubbish hunt. We were most surprised over how many itty bitty pieces of plastic we found around the playground!



6A

We have had a very busy first term and I am very proud of what the students have achieved.

In English we focused on our Letter to the Future task which required your child to use subjective language to describe the world around them. I had some very expressive and detailed responses which was great. In some of the responses the students included similes which further enhanced the reader's perception which was excellent. We conducted reading groups this term and it was great to see the progress that was made by your children and we will continue this next term along with our PLD Spelling Program.

Maths was very interesting as we completed two assessments. The first being a data interpretation assessment which required your child to interpret a set of data tables and draw conclusions. I was very impressed with the effort that the children have placed into their first assessment and it was great to see so much thought given to their answers. The second assessment focused on interpreting timetables. Students first understood how to read 24-hour time and then had to use that knowledge to interpret a series of timetables for different modes of transport. This assessment required the use of justification, which is a skill that will be used in all subjects in high school. We will continue to complete our daily Maths Mentals tasks as it practises the basic mathematical concepts that your child will need next year.

In Science we focused on electricity and how it is created and transformed into different types of energy. This unit was very engaging as students had the opportunity to participate in an incursion day which was very fun and interactive. Students had the opportunity to make a range of circuits on the day which further enhanced their understanding about how circuits are constructed (Please see below for a student constructed circuit). Students also learnt about the different ways that we can generate electricity for homes.



A big thank you to families who consistently returned homework this term. The students who consistently returned homework will be rewarded for their great effort.

In class we handed out the camp forms in preparation for camp next term. Please return those forms as soon as possible and if families can start preparing for camp that would be excellent as it is going to be a fantastic camp this year.

I would like to say thank you to all families in 6A for making this term a great one and I am looking forward to having another fantastic term after the school holidays.

Have a lovely break,

Nathan Capps 6A Teacher

CHAPPY NEWS

The truth is, we all experience stress. Some stress can actually be good; maybe it pushes us to reach a goal or keeps us alert in a difficult situation. Bad stress impacts us negatively, and may impact our ability to function in our day-to-day life. We've probably all heard about taking deep breaths, slowing down, finding time for you and on and on the recommendations go but sometimes to put these into real life feels comical. But maybe we can make working on our stress as easy as it should be and just download an App!!



Here are my top recommendations:

App: HEADSPACE - This app helps anyone who wants to learn meditation to reduce anxiety & stress and improve their attention & awareness. The skills taught include mindfulness, breathing exercises, meditation, tips for relaxation and concentration.

App: PACIFICA - Pacifica is free for iOS and Android. This app is based on cognitive behavioural therapy, which is often used to treat anxiety. In the app you can learn some guided relaxation and meditation methods, set goals, and practice breathing exercises. You can also track your thoughts and mood.

App: WORRY BOX - In this app you can write down thoughts, anxieties and worries, and then get anxiety-reducing advice. Its password protected for privacy and available for free to Android users.

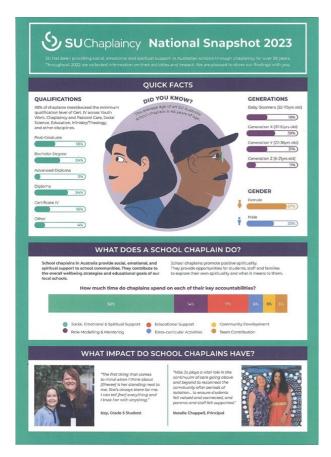
App: WORRY WATCH - Worry Watch is an anxiety tracker. Use this app to track your worries so you can later visualize them and assess whether they were realistic. The app is free for iOS.

App: ANTI-STRESS QUOTES - Sometimes all you need is to know that everything is going to be alright. Read through positive quotes on this app to help lift your spirits. Anti-Stress Quotes is free for iOS.

App: TAKE A CHILL - This app has tools to help manage stress and bring mindful practices into your daily routine. Using mindful exercises and thoughtful activities, you can begin to overcome the stressful moments in your life and prevent negative thinking.

Take care,

Chappy Alyssa School Chaplain



LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair

Mark your Calendars!

We are holding a Book Fair on Friday 19 to Tuesday 23 May 2023.

Please follow the *Bli Bli State School* facebook page for updates closer to the event.

PLAYGROUP NEWS



COMMUNITY NEWS

A message from CDC Bus Services

For network maps, route information and links to detailed timetables please visit our website from the link below.

https://cdcqueensland.com.au/bus-services/sunshine-coast-s chools/

To stay updated, CDC post alerts on our CDC Queensland Facebook page.

Please see below flyers for further information.

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Getting to school information CDC QUEENSLAND This quick quide provides all the essential information you need to know for getting to and from school using our Sunshine Coast school bus services. What are my school bus options? To view school services including network maps and detailed route information, please visit **cdcqueensland.com.au** or scan this QR code. We strongly recommend that you check the website for any service changes prior to the beginning of term. What are my fare options? You will need a valid student bus pass, issued annually, or TransLink go card to travel on all services Due to COVID restrictions we cannot take cash fares. All bus fares are determined by the Queenslan Government and fares collected belong to TransLink (Department of Transport and Main Roads).

How do I apply for a student bus pass?

The Queensland Government's School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) provides assistance to enable eligible school students to attend education facilities. There are two types of assistance available to students travelling on bus services to school:

Distance based assistance

Safety-net assistance For more information visit the School Transport Assistance Scheme page at cdcqueensland.com.au/bus-services or scan this QR code.

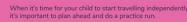
I'm not eligible for a bus pass so how do I get

a go card for my student? For more information on how to buy and top up a go card or find your local retailer visit translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/go-card or scan this QR code.



Need more Email info.sunshinecoast@cdcbus.com.au Call 07 5476 6622 Visit cdcqueensland.com.au/contact/feedback

Helpful tips for parents and guardians



Plan

Plan the journey in advance to confirm route and stop location. Check for service updates before your child

• Use the journey planner to identify other services your child can use in case they miss their regular service. • Discuss safety when travelling alone

Familiarise yourself with the Code of Conduct, and ensure your child understands their responsibility as a passenger.

Make sure they have the correct ticket, student ID, and are wearing their uniform.

Provide your child with a way to contact you, should they need to.

Practice

- Walk to and from the stop, so your child is familia with their surroundings.
- Arrive a few minutes early (5 minutes is best).
- If catching a bus, teach your child to stand at a safe distance to hail the bus as it approaches. Identify which stop to get off at and when to ring
 the ball
- Practice touching on and off with their go card



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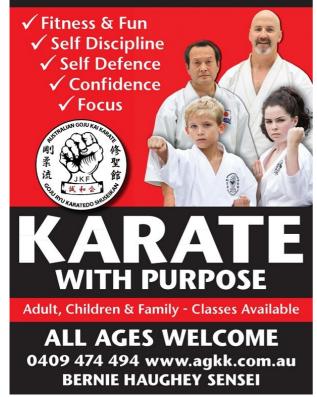
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Easter Workshops - Girls aged 8-12yrs

Join us this Holidays for two of our favourite workshops! Workshops are already filling fast - don't hesitate to secure your daughter's spot! To find out more or to REGISTER visit:

https://www.headstartpsychology.com.au/sunshinecoast-workshops

We also have the following program starting in Term 2 - to REGISTER or find out more they can visit:

http://www.headstartpsychology.com.au/



Healthy Sunshine Coast

Want to share some special time with your little ones?

Come along to a Family Yoga Session after school at 3:45pm on Mondays at Zenko Yoga Maroochydore.

This yoga class is designed for parents and kids aged 5-12. The class will explore themed yoga poses, partner yoga, fun yoga games, calm breathing, heartfelt affirmations and a guided relaxation.

It's a wonderful class to connect with your little yogis through the magic of yoga.

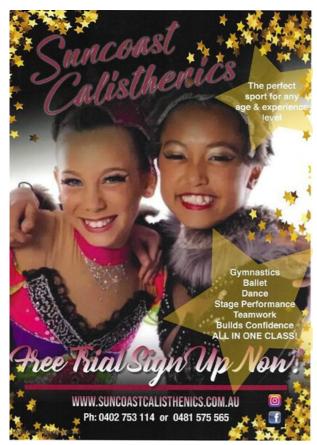
Please note classes will continue over the upcoming Easter school holidays – with **no class only on Easter Monday 10** April 2023.

Classes cost \$10/Adult and \$5/Child and all attendees will need to register on Council's website.

This session is part of Sunshine Coast Council's Healthy Sunshine Coast program - a holistic community program suitable for everyone. It is all about creating a happier, healthier, more connected and resilient community.

Visit Council's website and search 'Healthy Sunshine Coast' to register and see a wide range of other activities part of the program – search for these at the Healthy Sunshine Coast activities portal.

Suncoast Calisthenics



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 Sunshine Coast Crime Prevention Unit Postal: PO Box 553 Maroochydore QLD 4558 Office: 2/47 Brisbane Road, Mooloolaba Website: www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/sunshinecoast Email: Atkinson.SandraL@police.qld.gov.au Ph: 5475 2563

