

NEWSLETTER NO.1 – 28th January 2015

Congratulations to all students, families and teachers for their preparations to start the school year. Despite the very hot weather, the beginning of school has been magnificent with everyone prepared for the year ahead and because of that, the school has settled into a great routine very early. Well done to everyone!

50 & 5S
Parent
Afternoon 11/02/15

1/2S Parent
Meet &
Greet 3:10-
3:40pm 12/02/15

Grip
Leadership
Year 6 17/02/15

Year 3
Safety
Circus 24/02/15

Welcome to all our new staff for 2015 – Mr Neisler who has come all the way from Herberton to be our school's very first deputy! Mrs Wayman who won the job as Master Teacher in 2014 and who will be working assisting teachers with their teaching skills for the next 3 years at our school. Welcome to our new classroom teachers, Mrs Whitney (year 5), Ms Zaghoreos (year 1) and Mr Smith (PE). Welcome back to Mrs Berts who is returning from leave and Mrs Goodes (year 2) who has been appointed to our school permanently. All of these teachers are happy to be at this school and all have settled in very quickly to the way in which our school works, so well done to them and the teachers who have been assisting them to 'learn the ropes'.

Parking!

It is one of the major issues at most schools particularly at the beginning and end of the school year. There are 3 entrances to the school where some parking is available, Kemp St, Old Shoal Pt Road & Boden St as well as the Stop, Drop & Go zone. When parking in these areas, please, be very considerate of the parking rules and particularly parking in driveways and on footpaths. In front of 18 Kemp St, there is a fire hydrant and so no one should be parking there in particular. Parents should not be using the staff carpark as a drop off and pick up zone. There are multiple vehicles using this park including Tuckshop and school deliveries, Asset Maintenance and various contractors, as well as staff. This is their safe, child free place to park. Police will be patrolling and I know some infringement notices have been issued. If there is a neighbourhood altercation, it is my advice to disengage and remove yourself (and your car if it is an issue) from the area.

Snakes

Our first snake sighting (it was a tree snake) has already occurred, so please talk with your children regarding safety around snakes. The process at school is to inform admin immediately if a snake is sighted and leave it alone.

Student Absences

When students are absent from school, whether they are sick, for family reasons or weather events, it is important that the school is informed. You can do this by either ringing the office on the day the student is absent and/or the student can bring in a note on their return. There is also facility on our school webpage to send an email which is directed to the school admin. The website address is www.bucasiass.eq.edu.au. If the school is not informed, we are unable to assume the reason and must record the absence as 'unexplained', which will then appear on the child's report card as an 'unexplained absence'.

Great Results Guarantee

Our school has received additional funding from the *Great Results Guarantee* and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy.

Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee.

If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please get in touch.

QSchools app

With the start of the school year, it is important for families and staff to keep up-to-date with the latest information from their school. The QSchools app provides an easy way to access vital school information, including latest news, events and newsletters.

In addition, the QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device, including emergency alerts and important updates.

QSchools favourites

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Critical

Information

261

148

148

users have added your school to their QSchools favourites

users have subscribed to receive push notifications from your school

Find out more on the [DETE website](#), or download the app for your device:

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- [Android](#)
- [Windows phone](#)
- Windows PC

*Have a great week,
Belinda Eckford*

Tuckshop News**Tuckshop Volunteers**

Marika is always happy to have tuckshop volunteers assisting with the day's work, so if you have spare childfree time between 9am and 11am any school day, please pop into the tuckshop and give Marika a hand. The weather is very warm and the tuckshop does have air-conditioning ☺

As always please do not hesitate to contact any P & C member with any enquiries or concerns you may have. Kylie West, P&C Secretary, 0408569728.

P&C Notices**P & C News**

Our next meeting will be our AGM on 25th February, at 6:30pm. Followed immediately at 7pm by the regular General Meeting, in the school library.

This is our first meeting of the year, for all existing parents and new parents please feel welcome to attend. It is relaxed and informative. All Executive positions will become vacant if you are interested in standing. The P&C is about helping our kids, so we hope to see you there.

School Uniforms Needed

Our stocks of second hand uniforms are just about depleted, if you have any that you wish to donate could you please send them to the tuckshop.

School Banking Coordinator

We are looking for someone to help out with our school banking. Hands on training will be provided. You only have to be able to count and give up half an hour a week.

Welcome to our new Preps of 2015

Bucasia State School has welcomed three prep classes this year. The teachers have been delighted by the happy, smiley faces they see each morning. We hope that the children have a wonderful first year at school.

Helping Hands Before and After School Care



Helping Hands Bucasia Outside School Hours Care – Your child’s “home away from home”

Helping Hands Bucasia provides quality childcare for school aged children. Located on school site guarantees safety and convenience for children and their families. We offer a pick-up and delivery service to Prep and Year One classrooms so you have peace of mind that your little ones are safe at all times. Our qualified staff ensure your children are fully supervised at all times.

Service opening hours: Before School: 6:30am – 8:50am, After School: 3:00pm – 6:00pm, Vacation Care 6:30am – 6:00pm

We currently have vacancies for Before & After School Care and Vacation Care. For more information, enrolments and bookings contact Amy on 0427 007 113.

Existing and New enrolments are welcome. To attend the Helping Hands Vacation Care program your child must be enrolled (free).

For all bookings, enrolments & enquiries phone Amy Heath on 0427 007 113

Tennis Lessons at your school

Mr Harris will be conducting tennis lessons starting the third and sixth of February.

Prep, 1 & 2: Tuesday Morning 7.45am – 8:45am

3, 4, 5 & 6: Friday Morning 7:45am – 8:45am

Contact Alan Harris on 04 0329 0444