NEWSLETTER NO.13 – 13th May 2015

Supporting School Projects/Fundraising
There is currently a lot of information and fundraising happening at this time. All of us who work at the school understand that financially times are tough. Please do not feel as though you have to support everything that happens – it is enough that you support what you are able to, and we as a school expect you to do no more. I feel privileged to work with this school community in particular because I know the contribution that parents make – some of which is seen and some of which is not and I would like to take the time to commend this community on their commitment to our lovely school and the students in it. Thank you.

NAPLAN testing time again
It has been a very quiet and concentrated week at school this week with our Year 3 and 5 students participating in the annual National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.
From my observation, the children are certainly working conscientiously and thoughtfully toward their best – well done children, I’m always proud of the way you attend to your learning.
The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can.
Further NAPLAN information for parents and carers is available online. Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. http://www.nap.edu.au/
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Stop, Drop & Go – We can make this process more efficient!
Write your surname in large letters on a sheet of paper and secure with rubber bands on the passenger side visor and flip it down when you are in the stop, drop & go lane – teachers are then able to see who is approaching and instead of saying ‘blue car’ are able to locate the children quickly if they are not looking.
If you would like a print out of your name, please ask at the school office and the ladies will print it off for you.

School-wide Positive Behaviour Support
At Bucasia State School, staff and children are held to a high standard of behaviour. To assist students to achieve the beautiful behaviour they do have at this school, teachers actively teach the behaviours that should occur for a safe and enjoyable environment. Our school-wide positive behaviour is based on STAR – safety, teamwork, attitude and respect. Each week the focus lesson/behaviour for the week will be published in the newsletter and introduced on parade. Teachers will then work with children on this concept. The teamwork aspect of STAR that is being focussed on is: Attitude – Trying your best always will result in learning. It is very pleasing to see children working hard at their learning and although everyone learns at different rates – the fact is everyone does learn. Well done to the students who apply themselves always – you will do well.

A big thank you to Coles Northern Beaches for their generous donation towards the supply of snacks for students completing Naplan this week.

Have a great week,
Belinda Eckford

Library News

Sausage Sizzle
The Library is holding a sausage sizzle this Friday 15th May 2015 to raise funds to subsidise attendance at the 2015 Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival.

Sue Drew
Teacher Librarian

Sports Day for 2015
Mr Hamilton-Smith (HPE Teacher) and Ms Swettenham (Year 1/2 Teacher) have been working with Admin to finalise arrangements for this year’s sports days. Due to our school experiencing growth we are looking at holding 2 days for 2015. Junior Sports Day - Wednesday 17th June (9am - 1pm)
Senior Sports Day - Thursday 18th June (9am - 3pm)
We are giving families plenty of notice to ensure everyone knows the new format and can make arrangements with work if they want to attend the days. More details will follow on the facebook page as well as in weekly newsletters.

School Houses
Brampton – Red
Carlile – Yellow
Keswick – Blue
Please see your class teacher if you are unsure of your sports house.

Tuckshop News
The Tuckshop is asking for a couple of volunteers for 25th & 26th May 2015 to help in the tuckshop while our convenor attends Menu Management training. Our Tuckshop Convenor will also be absent from 1/6/2015 until 14/6/2015, We are seeking volunteers to assist during this period to keep the tuckshop running. If you are able to assist from 8:30 am until around 11am on any of the above days please see Manika at the tuckshop or call Stacie (P & C president) on 0408181221. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Tuckshop Closed This Friday
For the Whitsunday Voices Sausage sizzle, It will be open for over the counter snack & drink purchases. Please make sure your child has lunch if they are not participating in the sausage sizzle.

P&C Notices

Mother’s Day Raffle
The Mother’s Day Raffle was won by Angela Tindall (1st prize) & Stacie Forbes (2nd prize). Congratulations and thankyou to everyone who purchased tickets.

6c Challenge
WOW!!! In just 3 weeks You have collected an amazing 6,123 6c pieces!! Our total for week 3 is $308.15
The top 5 fundraisers are-
1. 4A $57.25
2. 4C $49.85
3. 6B $38.90
4. 1W $21.05
5. 4B $20.95
For your chance to win your class a pizza party keep collecting those 6c pieces!

Angela Tindall
Co-ordinator

Students of the Week for 7th May 2015

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<tr>
<th>Prep B Mrs Becker</th>
<th>Gall Cullen</th>
<th>Thankyou for everything you do. We are the luckiest class.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Prep C Mrs Clarke</td>
<td>Dangahla</td>
<td>Fantastic work in reading groups this week.</td>
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<td>Prep M Mrs McAuley</td>
<td>Madison-Lee</td>
<td>An improvement in letter and sound knowledge.</td>
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<td>1B Miss Born</td>
<td>Tristan</td>
<td>For working hard on your work and continually trying your best.</td>
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<td>1W Mrs Wilson</td>
<td>Alethia-Rose</td>
<td>For focusing on and trying super-hard in all your learning.</td>
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<td>1/2S Miss Swettenham</td>
<td>Tahlia</td>
<td>For applying your knowledge of letters and sounds in everyday writing.</td>
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<td>2B Mrs Borts &amp; Ms Goodes</td>
<td>Klana</td>
<td>For being an amazing problem solver!</td>
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<td>2K Ms Kirkpatrick</td>
<td>Alex</td>
<td>For fabulous class participation. Well Done!</td>
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<td>3AM Mrs Aldridge &amp; Ms McLean</td>
<td>Jessica</td>
<td>Always putting in 100% effort during class and having a positive attitude about her school work and towards her class mates</td>
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<td>3P Mrs Pollonen</td>
<td>Molly</td>
<td>Being super organised and co-operative.</td>
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<td>4A Miss Armstrong</td>
<td>Cameron</td>
<td>For striving to be the best you can be. Keep it up.</td>
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<td>4B Mr Brandon</td>
<td>Tinus</td>
<td>For excellent classroom work.</td>
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<td>5S Mrs Stonys</td>
<td>Luke</td>
<td>Exhibiting great listening and following instruction skills.</td>
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<td>50 Mr O'Hara</td>
<td>Callum</td>
<td>For continuous effort in Math!</td>
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Back Row (L-R): Peta (6S), Luke (5S), Callum (5O), Abigail (3AM),
Middle Row (L-R): Aaliyah (1/2S), Kiana (2BG), Tahlia (1/2S), Madison-
Lee (Prep M), Gail (Prep B), Danihala (Prep C), Alethia-Rose (1W),
Tristan (1B), Ryan (Prep C)
Front Row (L-R): Kayne (1/2S), Molly (3P), Alex (2K), Jessica (3AM),
Tinus (4B), Mason (Prep C)
Absent: Eliza West (6M), Cameron Wonnacott (4A)

Bunnings 6M Sausage Sizzle

Last Sunday the Year 6’s hosted a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings. We have made a great start in raising lots of money for our end of year graduation. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day and feeding up to the event. Our next BBQ is on Saturday 22nd August.

Student Council News

Thank you to everyone who wore their boardies on Boardies Day and made a donation. We raised $355.50 for Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club. You guys rock!!

Our raffle is still running for another couple of weeks! Tickets can be purchased before school at 6M’s classroom or at parade on Friday. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5 Thanks for your support!

The Scentsy drive is also still running. Order forms and money due into the office Friday 22nd May. Mrs Miller has a few of the scents in her classroom if you would like to see what they smell like. They all apparently smell pretty good though! Scentsy circles can be used in cars, bathrooms, toilets, socks/underwear drawers...anywhere that needs a bit of freshness!

The Grade 6’s would also like to give a very big THANKS to Jodie Sager who has organised the raffle and the Scentsy drive with all profits going to the end of year graduation! You are amazing Jodie and we appreciate everything you have done for us!

Lauren Miller
Year 6M

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Community Notices

C.A.T.A Tee Kwon-Do beginners classes will be starting at the Bucasia State School hall. Session times will be on Monday & Wednesday nights from 6.30pm - 7.30 pm.
Please phone Ross for details on 0496 085 088

The Northern Beaches Guides are inviting girls from the age of 7 who would like to have some fun and make new friends to come along and see what Guides is all about.
When: Monday Nights from 5.30pm - 7.00pm
Where: Guide Hall, Fisher Streeet, Bucasia **No membership fees are required for the first 4 weeks**

Ladies you don’t have to miss out either! Due to our expanding number of girls enrolling we are also looking for another volunteer to join our leadership team if you are interested in becoming a leader we would love to hear from you. Full training is provided all you need to do is share some of your time and talents. For any further information please contact Lara on 0412 226 901

Farleigh Palm Market
Where: Farleigh State School
When: Sunday 17th May from 8am - 1pm
Come and enjoy the friendly market atmosphere in our lovely grounds. Talk to other palm, caycay and garden enthusiasts. All types of palms, caycays, foliage plants, shrubs, heliconias, gingers, bromeliads, homecoking, jewellery, novelties, arts, crafts, and garden ornamentals.

Mackay Under 8’s Celebration Morning
When: Saturday 16th May
Where: Queens Park, Goldsmith St, Mackay
Time: 9.30 – 11.30am
All children and their families are invited to attend this fun day.
For further information please contact 0417 191 463 or linda.vella@dete.qld.gov.au
Letter confirming parent contact details and preferred QPAO

Preparing for QParents

To make the QParents registration process as smooth as possible, please help us out by filling out the details below and returning them to us at your earliest convenience.

Decide which parent is the preferred QParents Account Owner (QPAO) and write their name, email address and mobile phone number below. Please print these details clearly.

Name of preferred QPAO ....................................................

Email address .................................................................

Mobile phone number ....................................................

Why are we asking for this information?

If you are invited to be a QPAO and we have your email address, the invitation (which contains your unique invitation code) will be sent to you by email. This will make it easier to start the registration process by simply clicking on a link in the email. If we do not have your email address we will send a letter with the invitation code and instructions for registration.

Yours sincerely,

Belinda Eckford
Principal
Bucasia State School