NEWSLETTER NO.20 – 30th July 2014

Discipline Audit
Our school will be undergoing a discipline audit on Tuesday 19 August. As part of an initiative to strengthen discipline in Queensland State schools, Discipline Audits will be conducted in every Queensland state school by November 2014. The purpose of the Discipline Audit is to provide quality feedback on how the school is ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and to inform school behaviour management planning processes.

During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal will visit the school to collect a range of data and information about school wide, programs and procedures in the area of discipline. Interviews will also be conducted with staff, students and parents to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices in relation to behaviour management.

The Discipline Audit will usually take one to two days, depending on the school’s context and size. The school will receive the auditor’s report within 15 days and key findings will be discussed with the principal, the school’s leadership team and school staff. The report’s Executive Summary and 5 page Profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school’s web site.

The principal will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning around strengthening discipline.
For further information about Discipline Audits, please contact your child’s school or visit the Education Queensland website.

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National Nutrition Week

National Nutrition Week runs from 14-20 October and this year's theme, Water - Tap into it! aims to get young people drinking more water instead of sugary drinks.

Nutrition Australia Queensland (NAQ) senior nutritionist Aloysia Hourigan said schools, which in Queensland will celebrate Tuckshop Day a fortnight later on 2 November, were in a good position to support this message.

'The amount of sugar and other sweeteners young people are consuming is concerning and what they are drinking is an important part of that,' Ms Hourigan said.

The 2006 Healthy Kids Queensland survey found soft drink consumption increased with age. The number of boys who consumed soft drink at least two to four times a week tripled for Year 10 boys compared to Year 1 boys.

'Changing people's habits will help address the growing numbers of overweight and obese children and adolescents,' Ms Hourigan said.

NAQ has organised a competition for schools, encouraging teachers and students to work together to find innovative ways to promote drinking water in their schools. There are prizes to win and the details are on Nutrition Australia's National Nutrition Week website.

Volunteers

In this week, where we are celebrating the tuckshop, it is well worth remembering the contribution that volunteers bring to our school in so many ways. So a huge thank you to all of you – there is so much that happens in this school that simply wouldn't be possible without you. On behalf of the teachers and the students in this school – thank you.

Prep-Program 2015

Book one of the following dates and come along with your 2015 Prep child to meet our wonderful team of educators. You and your child will go on a tour of the school, listen to a story in the library, participate in some outside activities and eat lunch with the Prep children. Parents will be invited to join our P&C for an informal chat and morning tea while your child is eating lunch and having a play.

REGISTER NOW! MEET AND GREET MORNINGS

Tuesday 26th August from 9:30am to 11.00am
Friday 29th August from 9.30am to 11.00am
Thursday 18th September from 9.30am to 11.00am

Call the office to secure your preferred day on 49697888 or email kcarv3@eq.edu.au

Pioneer State High School Enrolment Packs

Next year, all Queensland primary schools will finish their tuition at the end of year 6. This means that high school commences in year 7 for all high schools and all year 7 students. As such, parents at this school are able to enrol their child in a variety of high schools once again. Pioneer SHS has enrolment packs available at our office if you are interested in finding out what they offer. Please collect from our friendly admin team if you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity.

Every Day Counts

Every Day Counts is a statewide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school. It is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes and foster a shared commitment to improving school attendance.

Every Day Counts promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truantsing can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

Research shows that higher rates of attendance at school are related to higher achievement. Please send your child every day they can be here for the whole of the term.

School Opinion Survey

The eldest child in each family attending this school has received a blue online access letter that outlines how you can offer an opinion about Bucasia State School. Please take this opportunity as it is anonymous and that does give you the ability to comment on aspects of our performance.

Principal Word of the Week

A great predictor of success in literacy, particularly reading is a wide vocabulary. Most classes have instituted a 'word of the week' and to support this, I thought I also could have a word of the week. Many of these words will come from http://www.wordthink.com/ which focuses on words that can be used every day. My word of the week this week is:

Intuitive

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adj. Known automatically: known directly and instinctively, without being discovered or consciously perceived. "He intuitively knew that one day she would become a movie star."

COBUILD DICTIONARY

website: http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/

Have a great week,
Belinda Eckford

Library Notices

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR GARDEN ... CATCH THE READING BUG!

Book Fair is going to be at Bucasia State School from Monday 4th - Friday 8th August, 2014. The Fair will be held in the Library and will be open at the following times:

Monday - Friday

Before school: 8:30am - 8:50am
First break
After school: 3:05pm - 4:00pm

School Notices

Year 5&6 Camp's Information Session

Parents of Year 5 and 6 students are invited to attend an information meeting about the Term 3 Kroombit Park Camp. This will be held on Monday, August 11th in the Library room at 3.30pm. Information to be shared at this meeting includes: Camp activities, what to bring, Ms Power-Point presentation on Kroombit Park, contact details, question and answer section.
Year 5&6 camp
Notes went home last week. Please fill out medical information, pay any outstanding money by Friday 15th August. Equipment list was attached to the note that went home.

Jeans for Genes Day
Jeans for Genes Day is on Friday 1st August and students are encouraged to wear jeans for a gold coin donation.

Shorts Donation
Donations of school shorts would be greatly appreciated for use in the CLC (SEU).

Maggies
Nestling season is on! Parents are advised to talk to their children about the dangers and asked them to be more cautious when walking/cycling especially in area of high trees.

Sports Notices
Last week students competed at the Cumberland athletics trials. We fielded our largest team ever and the following students have been selected to represent Cumberland Sub-District at the Mackay District Carnival.

Congratulations to the following: Micah, Jack, Jacob, Latifah, Ashlea, Taylah, Jacqulyn, Atalia and Lulu
These students will compete at North Mackay Little Athletics Oval (Pioneer High School Oval) on Tuesday 29th July 2014

P&C Notices
Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 13th August at 6.30pm in the school library. All welcome.

Our P&C are looking for individuals to fill the following vacancies:
Fundraising Co-ordinator – Whose job it will be to organise events within and around our school, purchase items for the event and co-ordinate our volunteers.
Relief Tuckshop convenor – this position is to cover the tuckshop convenor, Marika, during times of illness or absence. The person will need to be available at short notice (in events of illness) as well as longer durations (covering holidays etc.). Please apply by contacting P&C executives.

The government is offering Certificate III qualifications for persons interested in learning new skills, through the P&C. this may suit some parents who have been out of the workforce and would like to update their skills to show future employers. If you are interested please see Kylie West for further details.

School Logo Embroidery
If you are interested in having any school uniform embroidery done including logo, names or initials, come and see Amanda after Parade on Thursdays at the tables situated outside the library. You can also contact her on email at justforkeepsembroidery@gmail.com or visit her facebook page www.facebook.com/justforkeepsembroidery.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me or any P & C member with any enquiries or concerns you may have. Have a great week. P & C President Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249.

Student of the Week – 24th July
Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the Week last week:

Yr 15
Ms Swettenham
Sam
For being a good learner and trying his best every day.

Yr 1/2K
Ms Kirkpatrick
Angus
For fabulous sentence writing and trying your best in class.

Yr 2B
Mrs Berls
BJ
For writing super neat sentences and always helping out classmates.

Yr 2/3BR
Mrs Tapp
Tinus
For always trying your absolute best and being an amazing role model for others.

Yr 3P
Mrs Peltonen
Emiley
For having a positive attitude towards her work.

Yr 3/4W
Mr Woltenden
Keeva
For being ready and willing to work in class and for never calling out!

Yr 4A
Ms Armstrong
Owen
For making a fabulous start to the term, keep it up!

Yr 4B
Mr Brandon & Mrs Aldridge
James
For great classroom work and following directions.

Yr 5G
Mr O’Hara & Miss Finn
Amy
For always following classroom rules. A pleasure to teach. Thank you.

Yr 5/6B
Miss Brooks
Luke
For active participation in the class. Keep it up!

Yr 5/6S
Mr Stafford
Christian
For always participating well in classroom activities.

Music
Ms Elliott
2B
For beautiful singing and infectious enthusiasm.

Community Notices
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 – 6:50am, 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.