NEWSLETTER NO.21– 6th August 2014

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.

Every family has the opportunity to respond and to date, we have had only 21 responses. To give a fair and accurate picture of the school’s performance in your opinion I personally, would truly value your input. Of course it is wonderful to hear what you think we do well (it always makes us feel good) and it is important to know what you think we should concentrate on improving. The survey is open until the end of this week if you wish to contribute your opinion.

Mackay & District Athletics
Well done to our competing students – as always you were a credit to our school. See further into the newsletter for details of specific achievement and good luck to our students who are competing at Capricornia level to compete at state titles.

Bookfair
Wow! What a response! Thank you for supporting our school’s bookfair and also to Mrs Drew and her trusty band of helpers for organising it. It has been a great addition to our school for the week and I know the kids are really enjoying the variety of books and items for sale.

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School Camps
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 school camps are rapidly approaching. Thanks to all the parents who are up to date with camp payments. Final payment to be paid in for camp is by 15th August. Please ensure that the student levies are also paid.

STAR Rule
Our rule for the week focuses on teamwork – look after each other and make sure everyone is included. There are two parts to this; the first is noticing if someone is by themselves and inviting them to be part of your play or activity. The second part is asking to be a part of play or activity. There is equal responsibility for both and this week we are looking at forming great teams by being considerate of others.

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
or
Friday 29th August from 9.30am to 11.00am
or
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 admir 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
- truancy 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.

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:

Pragmatic

Pragmatic adj. More concerned with practical results than with theories and principles. ”The CEO used a pragmatic approach to making his business a success.”
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: 10.50am – 11.30am
After school: 3:05pm – 4:00pm

School Notices
ICAS
The ICAS Mathematics test will be held on Thursday 14th August at 9:00am.

Jeans for Genes Day
Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes day last Friday. It was so great seeing everyone in their jeans! We raised $390 for this worthy cause! Well done Bucasia!

Nail Polish Wanted
Do you have any old nail polish that you don’t want anymore? Prep B would love your donation!! Please bring it to our classroom... we would love to have it!

Shoeboxes Wanted
Prep/1C and 1S need LOTS of shoeboxes for our Technology Day. If you have any could you please drop them off to Mrs Clarke at Prep/1C. Thank you.

Maggies
Nesting 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
Mackay and District Athletics Trials
Last week nine students competed at the Mackay and District Athletics trials. These students were: Micah, Jack, Jacob, Latifah, Ashlea, Taylah, Jocelyn, Atalia and Lulu.

Following these trials, Latifah (Shot Put) and Taylah- (Long Jump) have been selected in the M & D Athletics team to compete in Emerald at the Capricornia Trials. We wish them all the best.

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.

Volunteer Register
A new Volunteer Register is now available in the front office for **ALL VOLUNTEERS** to sign in and out. Whether you are helping in a classroom, the tuckshop, for a P&C Fundraising stall or barbecue the schedule needs to be completed each time. If you have not signed the register and are injured you will not be covered by the P&C insurance.

Father’s Day Stall
As our Father’s Day stall will be held on the Friday 5th September (week 8) and school camp is week 7, we are putting out the Father’s Day order forms early so everyone has plenty of time to get the orders in. Orders will be due back no later than Wednesday 3rd September. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. As always each gift is $5 each and we will be looking for volunteers to help wrap the gifts during week 7 whilst the students are at camp.

Northern Beaches Community Day
Will be held on Sunday 7th September (Father’s Day) down at the Bucasia Esplanade. If you are available on this day to help out with an hour of your day to supervise children make their own FREE fairy bread please let a P&C executive member or Mrs Eckford know. There will be no handling of money or food at this stall, it is purely to ensure children do not make too much mess:-P.

Classroom Fridges
We still need some parental volunteers to clean fridges. Please see your child’s classroom teacher to see if the class’s refrigerator has been cleaned yet or not. If you are available to clean the fridge please see the teacher to organise a time schedule convenient for both you and the classroom teacher.

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.

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**Student of the Week – 31st July**

Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the Week last week:

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<th>Pref B</th>
<th>Mrs Becker</th>
<th>Slater</th>
<th>For being a super student who writes sensational sentences. Well done!</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pref M</td>
<td>Mrs McAuley</td>
<td>Isabelle</td>
<td>For a fantastic effort in writing.</td>
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<td>Yr P/1</td>
<td>Mrs Clarke</td>
<td>Bella</td>
<td>For fabulous sounding out and spelling. You are on FIRE BELLA!</td>
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<td>Yr 1S</td>
<td>Ms Swettenham</td>
<td>Jordan</td>
<td>For settling well at Bucasia and trying his best every day.</td>
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<td>Yr 1/2K</td>
<td>Ms Kirkpatrick</td>
<td>Sydney</td>
<td>For being a helpful and well-mannered class member.</td>
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<td>Yr 2B</td>
<td>Mrs Berts</td>
<td>Alex</td>
<td>For making an extra effort in all areas of school. Well done!</td>
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<td>Yr 2/3BR</td>
<td>Mrs Tapp</td>
<td>Abigail</td>
<td>For huge effort and progress in all learning areas.</td>
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<td>Yr 3P</td>
<td>Mrs Peltonen</td>
<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>For always participating well in classroom activities and discussions.</td>
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**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 – 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.