

## ***NEWSLETTER NO.29 – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014***

### **World Teachers Day**

Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October is World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day recognises the important role teachers play in today's world. Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers' Day is symbolic of the hard work done in classrooms and of hopes for our next generation. Introduced in 1994 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), it is a day on which students, parents and community members are encouraged to show their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. (QCT Website) Please join with me in thanking our teachers for the wonderful job they do.

Day for Daniel 31/10/14

World Teachers Day 31/10/14

Rescue Chopper Day 6/11/14

### **Prep 2015**

If you know any parents with children who are of an age to attend prep next year, could you please encourage them to come and see us? We need as many concrete numbers as we can get for resourcing for 2015.

### **Register for Prep Orientation.**

Dates are as follows:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November - 9.30am – 10.45am

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November - 9.30am – 10.45am

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November - 9.30am – 10.45am

Please call the office to secure your preferred day on

**4969 7888** or Email : **kcarv3@eq.edu.au**

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**From the Principal cont.../**

In any community or group we hear gossip about other people. These pieces of gossip are often based on very little fact and grow to be more and more 'interesting' as they are passed from one person to the next. Here is a story that I hope you find thought provoking.

One day the great Philosopher came upon an acquaintance, who said excitedly, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?"

"Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before telling me anything I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test.

"Triple filter?" questioned the young man.

"That's right," Socrates continued, "Before you talk to me about my student, it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say."

The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?" "No," the man said, "actually I just heard about it and..."

"Ah right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not - Now let's try the second filter, the second filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?"

"No, on the contrary..

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, but you're not certain it's true. You may still pass the test though, because there's one filter left: the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it to me a tall?"

We should apply the Triple Filter test to anything we have heard about a fellow human being and are considering repeating. Gossip can be a cruel, humiliating and thoughtless punishment and is a severe forum of bullying and exclusion. Think it over before you repeat anything about anyone and consider the impact that being gossiped about can have or is having on your life. Gossip is the act of a bully. Small minds talk about people, mediocre minds talk about things and great minds talk about ideas. Try and be a great mind in everything you do."

**Class Preferences for 2015**

At this stage of planning for 2015, I am hoping to commence the year with 15 class groups. This of course, may vary according to families coming and going. Teachers will begin dividing children into very, very tentative class groups. This will remain confidential until the New Year. As you can appreciate, it is of very little value to anyone to publish class lists and teachers and then have them changed. Class lists, teachers and classrooms will be published on the first pupil free day next term. I will publish the general areas the teachers will be working in later in the year when it has been organised.

If you have requests regarding classes for 2015, please, make an appointment through the office so we can discuss this.

Thank you.

**Moving away?**

If you know that you will be moving over the holidays, please, let the school know. This enables us to plan and resource for 2015 as efficiently as possible. At the moment I am definitely planning for 15 classes next year with growth mostly in the lower school. So I am sure you can appreciate how much I would love to know who will and who won't be attending our school next year!

**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

Safety is the focus of our school wide positive behaviour learning this week. Please talk to your children regarding Stranger Danger and our support of Day for Daniel. Let's Keep Our Kids Safe!

**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:

**Dubious**

**Dubious** *adj.* Hesitating or doubting. Not to be relied upon; suspect. "He seemed dubious about the idea."

**CobuildDictionarywebsite:**

**<http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/>**

***Have a great week,  
Belinda Eckford***

**Student of the Week – 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

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

<b>Prep B</b> <i>Mrs Becker</i>	<b>Ozzie</b>	For being a shining star in everything you do. Keep up the great work champ.
<b>Prep M</b> <i>Mrs McAuley</i>	<b>Summer</b>	Trying her best at all times.
<b>Yr P/1</b> <i>Mrs Clarke</i>	<b>Jedd</b>	For being a fabulous addition to our class. I love your enthusiastic attitude towards learning.
<b>Yr 1S</b> <i>Ms Swettenham</i>	<b>Tyrique</b>	For always trying his best when writing in class.
<b>Yr 1/2K</b> <i>Ms Kirkpatrick</i>	<b>Troy</b>	For fantastic improvement in his bookwork.
<b>Yr 2B</b> <i>Mrs McLean</i>	<b>Macen</b>  <b>Haley</b>	For his great writing ideas.  For her spelling sight words.
<b>Yr 2/3BR</b> <i>Mrs Tapp</i>	<b>Sophie</b>	For her outstanding effort and achievement in all areas.
<b>Yr 3P</b> <i>Mrs Peltonen</i>	<b>Nathaniel</b>	For always helping others.
<b>Yr 3/4W</b> <i>Mr Wolfenden</i>	<b>Keana</b>  <b>Stacey</b>	For always trying in class and asking questions.  For showing all aspects of a S.T.A.R student.
<b>Yr 4A</b> <i>Ms Armstrong</i>	<b>Charlie</b>	For making a great effort to work well with others.
<b>Yr 4B</b> <i>Mr Brandon &amp; Mrs Aldridge</i>	<b>Jaxon</b>	For working well in class.
<b>Yr 5O</b> <i>Mr O'Hara &amp; Miss Finn</i>	<b>Luke</b>	For his fantastic independent work in Maths. Well done!!
<b>Yr 5/6B</b> <i>Miss Brooks</i>	<b>Andrew</b>	For having a great attitude at school. You always try your best!
<b>Yr 5/6S</b> <i>Mr Stafford</i>	<b>Storm</b>	For her positive attitude towards school.
<b>Music</b> <i>Ms Elliott</i>	<b>3P</b>	A Class full of STAR students following the STAR rules.
<b>PE</b> <i>Ms Lloyd</i>	<b>Prep B</b>	For working well and trying your best in elements of movement particularly spatial awareness, position and focus.

## School Notices

### Impetigo (School Sores)

Please refer to the enclosed flyer regarding this condition. A reminder that children with this condition should be kept away until treatment has started. Please ensure the student's sores are covered when coming to school to prevent them spreading.

### Volunteer Register

All of the classrooms, CLC, Library and Tuckshop have been provided with sign-in books. We ask that all volunteers please remember to fill in the register in the classroom or area where they are volunteering.

### Mackay Eisteddfod

Congratulations to all the students from Bucasia State School who performed in the Mackay Eisteddfod in the past three weeks, I know that we had students participating in piano solos, guitar solos, singing solos and dance groups.

Last Wednesday our year four verse speaking group performed very well and were highly commended by the adjudicator in the year four and five choral speaking section. On Friday thirty year one and two students sang in the year two choral singing section and received a silver award. Congratulations to all the students involved in these groups.

On Thursday Bucasia State School will be one of many hundreds of school across Australia participating in Music Count Us In. At 11.30am, thousands of children in schools all around the nation will sing this year's song "Let Me Paint You a Song". Parents are welcome to join us in the school hall to be part of this event.

**Jeany Elliott**  
Music Teacher

### Day For Daniel

This year's Day for Daniel will be held this Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014. Please wear a red shirt to school to show support and recognition of the importance of child safety education.

**No donation is required.**

**Lauren Miller**

### Rescue Chopper Day

Bucasia State School will be hosting a "Blue & Yellow day" where all students are encouraged to wear blue & yellow to school for a **gold coin donation**. Funds raised through Rescue Chopper day activities assist our local community funded rescue chopper service in providing these vital and potentially life-saving services. Your contribution will make a world of difference to RACQ CQ Rescue and the people in need that they assist. This will be held on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014.**

**Lauren Miller**

## P&C Notices

### School Dance

Last week we had our school Dance. It was a true success, **everyone** had fun. I mean everyone, did you see Miss Armstrong? Thank-you to all the teachers that participated. Thank you to all the parents that helped with the P&C and with child supervision. We have made enough money to cover the buses needed for the end of year movie excursion. Lastly, Thank you students so well attended and so well behaved.

### World Teachers Day

This Friday, 31st October – we ask that parents supply a plate of food for the teachers to have for morning tea and lunch - gluten free food if possible. This is simply a small token to let your teacher know the gratitude we all feel.

### Grant Applications

Are you dynamic? Do you have a flare for writing? We are looking for someone with some skill to be trained in the art of Grant Writing. Grant Writing is a vital part of the modern day P&C. The monies that come from grants pay for things such as the Seniors fort, or shade coverings on the playgrounds. These are things that we would not be able to afford without Grants. Please see or call me. Thank you.

## 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 hotting up 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.

## 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.

### Day for Daniel 2014

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Day for Daniel 2014 will be held on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> October.



It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right. Wear Red and Educate is the theme for the Day for Daniel as we strive to have schools, kindergartens, businesses and communities across Australia take action and conduct child safety activities in their local communities to help in 'Keeping Kids Safe'. The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention.

### Light The Night

Thanks to the school community who recently supported Darcy Mulherin (4A) for the Leukaemia Foundations Annual 'Light The Night' fundraiser. Last August Darcy was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and underwent chemotherapy in Brisbane. He is currently in the 'no sign' stage and regularly has check-ups in Brisbane. The school community raised \$313 towards Darcy's \$2395 final total. Once again thanks for your support.

**Rebekkah Pollard**  
PRINCIPAL  
Seaforth State School