NEWSLETTER NO.28 - 16th October 2013

I have enjoyed my 2 weeks as Acting Principal and would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and administration for making the transition so easy. Thank you to the parents and students for your support as well; I know Mr Frost is looking forward to starting here next week.

Congratulations to the Small Instrumental Acoustic Group on placing Highly Commended in the Eisteddfod today, it was a pleasure to listen to you perform at the cultural night on Monday.

A big congratulations to our Optiminds team that travelled to Brisbane on the weekend to perform in the State Finals, it was lovely to get emails and phone calls from parents in regards to your exemplary behaviour and the way you all conducted yourselves. I am looking forward to watching your Optiminds presentation on parade tomorrow! Big thanks also to Ms Becker for your time and dedication to this wonderful team.

We will be holding a Free Dress Day on Friday to raise funds for Light the Night, please read the insert included in this newsletter to find out how you can donate to this worthy cause.

Next Friday the 25th 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.

REMINDER: Pupil Free Day next Monday 21st of October

With Thanks, Catherine Armstrong, Acting Principal
Update from the Opti-Minds Team

Opti-Minds
On Friday 11th October the Opti-Minds team left for the State Finals in Brisbane. They competed against 13 teams of 7 in language and literature division 1 across Australia. In total there was a wopping 800 teams from all parts of Australia. They all did a fantastic job, and their attitude was incredible. There was a lot of back breaking work and the Bucasia State School Opti-Minds team worked past all of that and completed their goal to finish the state finals!
From The Opti-Minds Team

MS Readathon

As you might be aware I did the MS Readathon and I would like to thank all the parents, students and teachers that donated. With your help I raised a total of $1739, $258.10 was raised from the free dress day. I was the 6th highest fundraiser in my age group and 10th overall in Australia. A total of $222,000.00 was raised all together to help the people with MS live a good life, and helping to hopefully find a cure for this disease.
Mitchell Kerr, 5/6B

Eisteddford Bus Information

Our school is sending two choirs to the Mackay Eisteddford. Our year 2/3 choir will compete on Thursday 24th October in the session commencing at 1pm. Our whole school choir will compete on Friday 25th October in the session commencing at 8.30am. Both events will be held at the MECC. The choirs will travel to and from the venue by bus. There will be spare seats on each bus, and parents and supporters are welcome to travel by bus with the students. The cost of the bus for parents and other audience members will be $5 per person, which can be paid at the office. Please note that there will be a cost of $6 for adults ($5 for children) for a ticket to enter the theatre to watch the performance. These tickets must be purchased at the theatre.
On Thursday the Year 2/3 choir bus will depart the school at 12noon and is expected to return between 2.30pm and 3.00pm.
On Friday the whole school choir bus will depart the school at 8.00am and is expected to return between 12.30pm and 1.00pm.
Jeany Elliott, Music Teacher

P&C Notices

P&C Meeting
The next meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday 16th October 2013, in the school library at 7.00pm. We will be discussing the policy of future sponsoring of students who represent the school at State and National level. Please come along if you have an opinion about this policy that you would like heard.

Slushie Machine
Unfortunately the Slushie Machine in the tuckshop is still away for repairs. There are NO slushies available till further notice. Hopefully it will not be too much longer.

SEU Sausage Sizzle - Term 3
Combining the election day and end of term 3 sausage sizzles, the amount raised for the SEU comes to $970. Thank you once again to everyone who has helped in any way. Last week I forgot to mention Dan Cunliffe’s help on the last day of term, so I apologise for this omission.

As always, please do not hesitate to see me or any P&C member with any enquires or concerns you may have. Sarah-Jane Thompson 0422913340

Pre-Prep Program 2013
Book one of the following dates and come along with your 2014 Prep child to orientate them to our wonderful school.

Ready for Prep Play Dates:-
Tuesday 29th October
Tuesday 26th November

Pre-prep Orientation Classroom Visits:-
Monday 25th November 9.30am-11.30am
Thursday 28th November 9.30am – 11.30am

You can register for any of the above at the school office. Please pass this information on to anyone that you know that may have a child starting Prep next year.

Student of the Week – 10th October
Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the Week last week:

| Prep B | Mrs Becker | Ava | Congratulations on taking on the role of Learning Buddy with enthusiasm and commitment. |
| Prep C | Mrs Clarke | Van | For coming back to school with a positive attitude. Your writing is AMAZING. Keep up your independence. |
| Yr 1/2S | Ms Smith | Lydia | For perfect classroom behaviour. |
| Yr 1S | Ms Swettenham | Avanah | For an excellent start at your new school, and having beautiful manners. |
| Yr 2L | Miss Lorenz | Riley | For an awesome start to Term 4. |
| Yr 2/3P | Mrs. Peltonen | O’Shay | For always trying his hardest in all areas and participating in classroom discussions. |
| Yr 3O | Mr O’Hara | Keelan | For actively participating in classroom discussions. |
| Yr 3S | Ms Swift | William | For a great start to the term. Well done! |
| Yr 4M | Miss Armstrong & Mrs Wicks | Dane | For great contributions made to classroom discussions. |
| Yr 4/5B | Mr Brandon | Seannah | For setting a good example by helping others. |
| Yr 5/6B | Miss Brooks | Jack | For listening well in maths this week. |
| Yr 5/6 | Mr Stafford | Tim | For being a caring classmate. |
| Music | Ms Elliott | Tristan | For excellent behaviour in music class, and for |
Sausage Sizzle at Caltex Starmart Rural View

The Caltex Starmart at Rural View is having a fundraiser sausage sizzle, windscreen washing and raffles on Saturday 16th November. All money raised will be donated back to Bucasia State School. Please come along to support the day. Thank you, Leah.

Bucasia Kindergarten Open Morning

Are you thinking of enrolling your child in Kindy? The Bucasia Kindergarten is holding an information morning for the families of prospective students. Come along and see what the centre has to offer, meet the staff and have a play! Enrolment forms will be available on the day. The Open Morning will be held on Saturday 26th October from 9.30am to 11.30am. For more information contact Dorisina Penola, Director, on (07)49546585 or by email at buckindy@westnet.com.au, or drop in at 4a Fisher Street, Bucasia.

Community Notices

iCommunity in Photo Competition
Organised by the Local Chaplaincy Committee to raise funds to keep Chaplains working in our schools, this competition requires students (Prep-12) to take a photo of someone important/significant in their local community and enter it in the competition. Students are encouraged to use iPads, iPhones or mobile phones (high school students) to take the photo. Entries can be made via text (MMS), email or hard delivered to the school chaplain or at Northview State School (further info on flyer). Prizes include 2 tablet computers, iTunes vouchers and Paintball vouchers. The entry fee for the competition, $10 per photo, will go directly toward supporting the great work of Chaplains in our schools, and could potentially fund Chaplains for schools that do not currently have this service. This money can be paid directly to school chaplains or collected through school office.

Toward the end of October we will cross-reference entries with who has paid to determine which students are eligible. Students who enter a photo, but do not pay for the competition can still have their photo displayed, but will be ineligible for the competition prizes. The idea is to engage students in a competition that not only embraces technology, but also encourages kids to think about the important people in their local community. “It takes a village to raise a child.” It would be appreciated if schools could promote this competition through newsletters/ assemblies etc. There may also be teachers who are willing to have their whole class take part and use school iPads etc. Cheers, Paul Mantan (On behalf of Local Chaplaincy Committee)

Do you think your child is ready for school?
Curtin University School of Psychology and Speech Pathology are conducting research into whether parents think that their child is ready to start primary school. They are seeking parents of children in pre-primary or year one to complete a 15 minute online questionnaire about factors that may influence parent’s perceptions of school readiness. To participate please go to: https://gqtrial.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5asTDTnIvWEGF5F. For more information contact Beverley at Beverley.stacey@student.curtin.edu.au. Your valued participation is greatly appreciated.

Northside’s Christmas Card & Gift Sale

When: Saturdays 2 and 9 November, 9am-1pm
Where: Northside Uniting Church, corner Bedford Rd and Fleurs Way, Andergrove

- Large range of cards
- Well priced
- Selection of gifts
- Enjoy a cuppa while you browse
- Learn how to make a gift box

For more information, phone Guvenda or Peter on 4942 1438 or 0428 976858

Coningsby State School Country Garden Cent Sale

Sunday 20th October 2013
2-00pm
(tickets on sale from 1-00pm)
Coningsby State School grounds
1312 Bruce Highway
(next to BP Coningsby)