NEWSLETTER NO.10 1st May, 2013

Farewell!
I thought I would commence with the saddest part of my journey at Bucasia School, leaving. I have been overwhelmed with the professionalism of the staff, the wonderful parent support in and outside the classrooms and the work ethic of our students. As I move on to Mackay West infant school I take with me the fondest of memories and knowledge of what a great school community Bucasia is. I hope we cross paths in the future so please stop me and say, "Hello." I am very grateful to Mrs Eckford for allowing me this opportunity to care for her school in this short time.

The circus is coming!!!!
Today the Lennon Brothers Circus visited our school to perform for our students at no cost to the children. Our P&C President, Sarah-Jane gave me the contact for the performers and after a brief conversation they offered to put on this wonderful display. The students are working very hard and hence I wanted the children to see the small circus performance as a reward. We are very appreciative of Lennon Brothers Circus.

Instrumental working hard.
It was an absolute pleasure participating in the Anzac ceremony at school and our first ever Northern Beaches ceremony. The student and community support was very impressive and heart felt in support of our armed forces past and present. I was very proud of our Preps singing and our instrumental students who continue to impress every time they publicly perform. Well done students!

NAPLAN coming for years 3 and 5!
The annual National Literacy and Numeracy tests will be conducted on the 14th, 15th and 16th of May. At Bucasia, we deliver the Australian Curriculum using an 'explicit instruction' approach. Our teachers have pre-tested all students, analysed the results and modified their planning according to the children's strengths and weaknesses. During this 'Naplan time' please support us in ensuring your child in grade 3 and 5 maintains home eating, sleeping routines to minimise individual stress. I wish our year 3 and 5 kids the 'their very best' as this is all we are asking for during the tests.

..../2
Schoolwide Positive Behaviour
Our dedicated team have outlined our focus each week. This week we focus on: Attitude - Good attitude/try your best for NAPLAN/end of unit assessments etc.
Week 4 - TEAMWORK - Celebrating everyone’s successes (not just individual achievements) examples: in class, on parade, whole school, interschool sports, cross country
Week 5 - SAFETY - Travelling to and from school – road safety/bike ed
Week 6 - TEAMWORK - Good sportsmanship/ positive cheering/ encourage all team members – sports days, spirit days etc.
Week 7 - ATTITUDE - Good attitude to homework - Reading every night
Week 8 - RESPECT - Treating people the way you want to be treated – speaking nicely to everyone inc staff, parent helpers
Week 9 - SAFETY - Keep an eye out for the school. Be safe on holidays (in car parks, near creeks, fishing, follow parent's instructions, on camps etc.)
Your support on these issues each week is very much appreciated

Principal Word of The Week
The ability to increase your own and your child’s knowledge of words have a direct link to improving literacy skills. My word for the week is: Nebulous
Nebulous adj. 1. Lacking definition or definite content. 2. Lacking definite form or limits; vague. "The test results were nebulous and determined to be unusable." (This is definitely not the case with our student results!)

Trainee teachers welcome.
This week we welcomed 4 students from Pioneer High school to work alongside our teachers and assist our students with their work. I trust they have a positive experience at our school.

Sports this term!
Some of our super athletes will be continuing on at the Mackay and District soccer and cross country trials. Our school sports day has been set for Friday 7th June 2013.

Prep excursion very rewarding!
Many thanks to the P&C for supporting the prep excursion to the Mackay Entertainment Centre this week. The students had a fabulous learning experience watching the performance 'Room on the broom' and being invited to meet the performers after the show.

Thanks for the memories.
Rod Finney
Principal

10,000 Step Challenge
Our school will not be hosting a team due to lack of numbers to make a team. Maybe next year.

Tuckshop
The tuckshop is looking for parent volunteers. If you could help out for a couple of hours any morning of the week please drop in and see Marika in the tuckshop.

If you have any queries about the P&C please contact me on 0429613249.
Sarah-Jane Thompson
Bucasia P&C President

Library

Book Fair
Our Book Fair will be held from Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May 2013 in the Bucasia State School Library. We will be open 8.00am to 3.15pm to 4.00pm daily and Tuesday and Friday, both breaks.

The Book Fair will offer a wide range of affordable books and recent titles selected from more than 60 publishers worldwide as well as a range of posters and novelty items. Come in and browse - there's bound to be something of interest for all ages!

Sue Drew
Teacher Librarian

Sports Reports

All of our Netball and Soccer teams, both junior and senior, travelled to, and played against, Glenella last Friday. The results are as follows:-

Netball Juniors - Won 15-5. Captains Choice was Taya Peltonen, and Best and Fairest was Casey Humphrey.
Netball Seniors - Won 17-15. Captains Choice was Cydney Robinson and Best and Fairest was Lavinia Cagliaba.
Soccer Juniors (Team 1) - Won 5-0. Best on ground was Connor West.
Soccer Juniors (Team 2) - Lost 2-3. Best on ground was Mitchell Kirk.
Soccer Seniors (Team 1) - Won 5-2. Best on ground was Sean Puddicombe.
Soccer Seniors (Team 2) - Won 4-1. Best on ground was Tristan Perry.

Well done to all the teams on their fantastic effort and outstanding sportsmanship!

At the recent Cumberland cross country trials, the following Bucasia students were selected:- Micah Jones, Tom Cline, Andrew McGlashen, Ashley Bayliss, Ollie Lunn, Cydney Robertson. Congratulations, and well done to all those who tried out.

From the office:

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHYS

School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 8th May. Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Sibling photos are also available. Please collect a ‘family order envelope’ from the office. Envelopes are to be returned on or preferably before Photo Day, with the correct payment included. Please refer to the envelope provided for details regarding payment by credit card.
ANZAC DAY 2013

Lennon Brothers Circus

Community Notices

RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK 2013
Join in the walk with your pet to raise money and awareness for animal care in Queensland. It will be held on Sunday 19th May at the Goose Ponds, starting from the Pioneer Pool Entrance on Malcolmson Street. You can register on the day, and collect a Pet Sponsorship Form from the school office. The event opens at 7.30am for a 9.00am start, and is 2.5km in distance.

foster CARER could you be one?
Foster care is as different as they may sound. They can be wonderful for the child and a great opportunity to help shape young lives and help them to develop. Foster care is all about having a loving, family environment, and being there for the child.

Contact us for a foster care information pack
Churches of Christ Care Pathways
1800 22 2273

carepathways.qld.com.au