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New QSchool app
You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smartphone or tablet. QSchools is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.
Please read the directions below so you are able to receive the school newsletter, alerts (when we have set them up) and check out our website. It would be best to download the app when you are connected to wireless.

QSchool Smartphone/tablet app

In these days of ever increasing technology it has become expected that information can be obtained at one’s finger tips ... anytime, anywhere. Nearly everything in our everyday lives can be found online.

Schools are no exceptions either. Last month Queensland Education released its QSchool smartphone/tablet app where parents, students etc. can obtain the latest news, newsletters, alerts as well as the facility to contact school either by email, telephone etc. This app is available for iPhones / iPads, iMacs as well as Android devices.
(To Google Play to download the Android app.)
For iPhone users you can download the app from iTunes. Android user can also download QSchool from the Google App Store. At time of writing there was no app for Windows 8 smartphones.

Term 3 Curriculum Overview
English, Maths, History and Science curriculum content for each grade for Term 3 can be viewed on the school website – www.bucasiass.eq.edu.au

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The theme for NAIDOC Week 2013 is: We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963.
This year’s theme proudly celebrates the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions to the Federal Parliament. NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous communities but also in increasing numbers of government agencies, schools, local councils and workplaces. At Bungalow State School our students will be involved in many different activities, such as:

- We have invited local Indigenous elders to speak at our school.
- Listening to Indigenous music.
- Studying Aboriginal arts and crafts.
- Reading/listening to Dreamtime stories.
- Creating Aboriginal art.
- Visit Indigenous websites on the Internet.
- We will also be running a colouring competition. Your child may start this in class and complete it at home.

Government steps up to support children starting school
Families with children starting school can now access Step up into education — new online resources to better prepare and support young children make the transition to school. The program was developed to help make the experience for these children a positive one. It is based on research that shows a positive start to school can help lead to better learning outcomes. For more information visit the website: www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/

Attendance matters
When you are reviewing your child’s report card, take a moment to consider your child’s attendance rate. Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them to achieve to their full potential.

Picking up kids in the carpark
The staff carpark is not a designated pick up and drop off area for students. Please do not use this area as it is too dangerous with deliveries. Children are told not to use this area so please, do not encourage this. Many thanks.

FROM A CONCERNED CITIZEN
“I would like to inform you of a lack of road safety in my local area. I was driving home the other day and a student from one of the local schools was riding home. As I came up to the rider, instead of giving the farther to the side of the road they were already on or stopping, they cut across to the right side of the road on their bike. I believe the student riding the bike was unaware of how close they came to being hit by the car. This has occurred more than five times in the last month with the same rider involved each time. The student never looks when cutting in front of the cars and I am afraid that one day they will cause an accident. I do not wish to see a young life wasted from simple things like looking when crossing the road. We have lost enough lives on the roads in the last year. All I ask is that you remind your students of the roads rules on a school parade or school newsletter and to inform parents of the matter. Please help in keeping students safe on the roads.”

Time to arrive at school
Please ensure your child does not arrive at school prior to 8 am at the very earliest as there is no one to supervise them at school. It is preferred that students arrive at 8:30 am as this allows them adequate time to prepare for lessons and does not necessitate them being in the Undercover Area for an extended period of time – it does get quite boring. We are now ringing the bell at 8:30 so that children know it is time to go to class. If the teacher has a meeting and the door is closed children will return to the Undercover Area until they are collected. It is very pleasing to see the children adhering to this rule and it does make for a more orderly school. Thanks to our Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Team for working with this – what you do does make a difference to the people in our school.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour
Teamwork – be fair (e.g. don’t cry, get angry, frustrated when you don’t win). Everyone needs to have a turn and it is good that different people win sometimes.

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:

Ambivalence
Ambivalence [am-biv-ə-lәns] n. 1. Uncertainty or indecisiveness as to which course to follow. 2. The coexistence of opposing attitudes or feelings, such as love and hate, toward a person, object, or idea. I am very ambivalent about how children get to school, whether they walk, ride or are driven, as long as they are at school.
Another dictionary that I often use is the cobuild dictionary because it is very up to date with current idiom or words that become ‘the flavor of the month’. See below for the address:
Cobuild Dictionary website:
http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/

P&C Notices
Next P&C Meeting – TONIGHT
The next meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday 10th July 2013 at 7pm in the school Library. All existing and new members are welcome. Tonight we will be giving the final approval on new hats and jackets for the school, which will then be available for purchase at Lowes. Come along and have your say. Thank you, Sarah-Jane Thompson, P&C President, 0429613249

Student of the Week – 13th June
Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the Week in the second last week of Term 2:

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<th>Prep B</th>
<th>Violet Algie</th>
<th>For always being organised and putting her best effort into all her activities.</th>
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<td>Prep C</td>
<td>Imogen Jackson</td>
<td>For always asking interesting questions during Mystery Box show and tell.</td>
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<td>Tyrone Singho</td>
<td>For independently doing your daily writing. Well done.</td>
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<td>Yr 2/3</td>
<td>James Hember-Tlomak</td>
<td>Applying himself during reading groups.</td>
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<td>Yr 1S</td>
<td>Chelsea McGregor</td>
<td>For always being a STAR student at Bungalow.</td>
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<td>Ms Smith</td>
<td>Cohen Poll</td>
<td>For awesome writing and a great attitude to his learning.</td>
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<td>Yr 2/3B</td>
<td>Sienna Bayliss</td>
<td>Putting 100% effort into all tasks.</td>
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<td>Mr O’Hara</td>
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<td>Yr 3S</td>
<td>Jack O’Leary</td>
<td>For always following instructions and working fantastically.</td>
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<td>Ms Swift (Miss Manyweather)</td>
<td>Blake Frizzell</td>
<td>For being an independent and committed learner. You Rock!</td>
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<td>Mrs Morgan</td>
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<td>Yr 4/5B</td>
<td>Beau Gordon</td>
<td>For your assistance during the school sports day.</td>
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Vision Real Estate Awards

Congratulations to Sirach Santos and Ben Ashmore for receiving the award for Academic Excellence. Thank you to Vision Real Estate for their continuing support within our school.

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

On Monday Andrew... was invited to share some artifacts and aboriginal stories with the students from all year levels. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed listening as Andrew played the didgeridoo while a group danced as native Australian animals.

Bike Ed

The rescheduled Bike Ed is on next week on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th July, for those students from Mrs Morgan’s class who have paid.

From the Office

Inserts: Term 3 2013 Calendar
Eimeo Road C&K Market Night Flyer

Deadly Australians – 30th July 2013

Learn the secrets of the Deadly Australians that inhabit our forests and seas, and understand the contributions they make to our ecosystem. The ‘Deadly Australians’ is a public awareness programme, educating Australian children about the dangers of the venomous wildlife that inhabit our suburban backyards, bush, beaches and sea. The programme uses both live and preserved exhibits. Some of the animals displayed are jellyfish, spiders and snakes, with pythons, lizards and freshwater turtles displayed with a ‘hands on’ session. The cost is $5.50 per child and $11.00 per family, and children with special needs free. Parents are welcome to attend free of charge. There will be 2 sessions held in the hall, with Prep to 2’s 8.50am-9.50am, and 3’s-6’s 9.50am-10.50am.

Cumberland Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent our school at the Cumberland Sub District Athletics Trials. Students will compete at Pioneer State High School next Wednesday 17th July, 8.15 am to 2.30 pm. We wish you well! Please ensure you have paid your $1.00 to the office before this date. Parents please note that all students must make their own travel arrangements.


Community Notices

MACKAY HURRICANES / MACKAY CRICKET T20 BLAST
SIGN ON: FRIDAY 19TH JULY 4.00PM-5.30PM
HARRUP PARK COUNTRY CLUB
COST: $25 = 6 WEEK PROGRAM PLUS A HEAT SHIRT AND CAP
GAMES WILL BEGIN ON FRIDAY 26TH JULY AT 5.30PM
FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP TODAY GO TO T20BLAST.COM.AU

Northern Suburbs Cricket Club Sign On Sunday 14th July
10.00am-1.00pm at Wanderers Soccer Ground. For more info contact Karen on 0418776828.