Thank you!
To the concerned community member who rang the police because there were people on the oval at night. It is wonderful to know that the community is caring for the school. It was a school activity (star gazing) and the police were disappointed that the telescope had been packed up! However it is very reassuring to know the school is being cared for.

Staffroom Makeover
Help us win a $20,000 staffroom makeover!
Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their "Staffroom for Improvement" competition. The prize is a complete makeover of our school's main staffroom and even better is the chance for individual voters to win one of five $1,000 QTMB bank accounts. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible. Simply visit [www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au](http://www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au) to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today. The competition kicks off on 28 August so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school.

Please, please help us win this, I love winning grants and we have won so many for the school, it would be lovely to win one for the staff!

Boden Street Parking
Please consider the rights of residents in Boden St and don't park on their grass and across gateways. I have had communication from some of the residents and they are considering solutions to their problems which include being fined by the council. Rather than take that step they have contacted me. This is in an effort to save their grass and also to be able to move their car when they choose. Some of the residents have been photographing cars as proof of what they are saying. Please respect the rights of these people who are trying to solve their problem amicably.

One of these people also wrote: "Just another note: the children at your school, from where I sit are the most lovely well behaved nice kids"

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Spinal Injury Awareness Talk
On Friday, 23rd August, all students will be attending a very informative talk on spinal safety in everyday life. This is a free event, but a gold coin donation is appreciated to go towards ongoing spinal research.

Haircuts
I have had to chat with several boys lately about their haircuts. Mohawk and track styles are not acceptable at school along with colouring. I have reminded the affected students and have encouraged them to have these haircuts on the last day of the Christmas School Holidays. That way they can really enjoy them!

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. With this App you can:-
- access the latest school news and calendar events
- receive emergency announcements and information around school closures
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- follow multiple schools.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support
Our STAR rule for this week is In regard to: Respect — Walking quietly/respectfully around the school especially library, instrumental music, music, going to toilet/drinks etc.

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 could do 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:

Diatribe
Diatribe n. 1. A bitter, sharply abusive denunciation, attack, or criticism: “Repeated diatribes against the candidates.” We are going to hear a lot of diatribes in the next few weeks from political candidates!

Another dictionary that I often use is the cobuild dictionary because it is up to date with current idioms or words that become ‘the flavor of the month’. See below for the address:
Cobuild Dictionary website:
http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/

Bellinda Eckford,
Principal

Position Vacant

Administrative Officer (AO2)
Permanent Part Time Position
(10 hours per week plus ADO)
Bucca State School

Applications are sought for the above position. To apply please get an Application Package from the school office, and address the selection criteria specified. Submit your completed selection criteria and a current CV to address provided. The closing date for applications is 3pm Wednesday 28th August 2013. Completed applications are to be submitted to:
The Business Services Manager
PO Box 59
Rural View QLD 4740
Or email to kcarv3@eq.edu.au

Next P&C Meeting will be held Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 7.00pm in the school library. New members are always welcome.

Fundraising Volunteers
The P&C have some very busy weeks ahead of us and we need some volunteer parent helpers. So, if you can spare just an hour for any of the following events please let myself, Kylie West or Kerry Happgood-Strickland know.

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If every parent was able to spare just one hour for just one event we would have more than enough volunteers – let's share the love 😊.

School Disco
This is on tomorrow night. Meal deal orders need to have been submitted already. Snacks and drinks will be available on the night, along with glow sticks. Illumed water will also be available for $3 a bottle. Parents, please note that this is not a Drop and Go event run by the school, although some teachers will be in attendance, parents are strongly recommended to stay to supervise their children, especially the parents of younger students.

Father’s Day Stall
If you are not able to spare your time for the above events but would still like to assist, the P&C are requesting donations of sticky tape, curling ribbon and clear cellophane for wrapping of the Father’s Day Stall presents. The payment form for presents is enclosed in this newsletter. Forms need to be returned with payment by 9am Thursday 29th August. The cost is $5 per gift.

Safe Food Handling Course
Thank you to all participants, it was an informative day. Thank you to Mackay City Council for providing this information session.

If you have any queries about any P&C matters please contact myself on 0429613248. Have a great week. Sarah-Jane Thompson, President P&C
Pre-Prep Program 2013

Book one of the following dates and come along with your 2014 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.

Tuesday 3/9/2013 9.30am – 11am
(Parents are required to stay)
Or attend our Meet & Greet Afternoon on 19th September 2013 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.
(Session for parents and prep children).

Call the office to secure your preferred day on 49697888 or email kca@eq.edu.au.

Student of the Week – 15th August

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

| Prep B Mrs Becker | Tyrrique Tomarra | For creating great growing patterns in maths. |
| Prep C Mrs Clarke | Salvino Santos | A HUGE improvement in English! Your letters / sound recognition, writing and sight words have improved. |
| Yr 1/2S Ms Smith | Ryan Smith | For a huge improvement in spelling. You are a super speller. |
| Yr 1S Ms Swettenham | Jake Henderson | For always being willing to participate in class activities. |
| Yr 2L Miss Lorenz | Stacey Whiting | For always writing amazing sentences in her homework. Great work! |
| Yr 2/3P Mrs. Peltonen | Ethan McGregor | For his outstanding effort during Mathematics lessons and for always helping others. |
| Yr 3O Mr O’Hara | Sebastian Padget | For his amazing sentences and great improvement in his bookwork. Well done! |
| Yr 3S Ms Swift | Callum Brown | For using such wonderful descriptive words. You are a vocabulary super star! |
| Yr 4H Mrs Morgan | Jesse Bellingall | For his excellent imaginative writing. You rock!! |
| Yr 4/5B Mr Brandon | Jorja McMillan | For sensational narrative writing and use of expressive words. |
| Music Ms Elliott | Hayley Hember | For fantastic facial expression while singing the billy goats song. |
| PE Ms Lloyd | Charlie Houston | For your awesome stepping, dodging, ducking and weaving to score a try in touch. |

Library Notice

The latest Book Club catalogues have been issued. Any orders and money are due back to school by Friday 23rd August. Thank you. Sue Drew, Teacher Librarian

Inserts

Father’s Day Stall Gift Payment Form - Blue

Community Notices

Garbett State School Cent Sale
This will be held on Sunday 25th August at the West Leagues Club. The doors will open at 12noon with the Cent Sale commencing at 1pm. There will be raffles, prizes and free tea and coffee. Come along for some great family fun. All proceeds will go towards the 2014 School Centenary.

EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME

In January 2014 students from over 20 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 2-10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student