

NEWSLETTER NO.32- 13th November 2013

Thank you

Thank you to both Ms Armstrong & Mr Frost for taking good care of everyone and everything during my absence. It is a pleasure to return to work and know that the entire staff did their very best for the students in the school and each other while I was away. I would also like to extend my thanks to everyone for their understanding and well wishes for myself and my family during what was a bit of a crisis. I am thankful and very grateful that my son is expected to make a very good recovery albeit with some extra metal supports in his arm and he will probably be able predict the weather by the amount of aches in his body from now on! Any motor bike he purchases from this point forward is likely to have feather pillows zip tied to it by his mother and that would not make it very cool at all!

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Thanks to all the students who represented the school at the ceremony. I was very proud of you all.

Arts Day -
Media 15/11/13

Prep
Orientation 25/11/13

Pre-Prep
Play Date 26/11/13

Prep
Orientation 28/11/13

Yr 6
Transition
Day at
NBSHS 29/11/13

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Class Preferences for 2014

At this stage of planning for 2014, I am hoping to commence the year with 13 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 I may have 13 or 14 class groups. 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 2014, please, make an appointment through the office so we can discuss this.

Thank you.

Remembering back...

The entire school community participated in the staffroom makeover competition that was held late in term 3. Bucasia SS came in at 59th out of 900 schools! No, we didn't win, however, the school community did demonstrate their support of the school and the teachers in a very obvious and committed way. Thank you for that, I personally felt very 'chuffed' that you supported us to that extent.

Dyslexia Friendly Homereaders

Many thanks to our trusty grant writers, I truly appreciate your skills! The school has purchased approx \$1000 of dyslexia friendly readers as home readers for the students within the school. This grant was won through the Queensland Country Credit Union and I also appreciate their support of our school.

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 2014 as efficiently as possible. At the moment I am definitely planning for 13 classes next year with growth mostly in the lower school. However, we are very close to 14 classes and this will mean additional teachers. 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!

Dropping kids off in the staff carpark

Please use the Stop, Drop & Go Zone for delivering students to school. It has been noted that some children are being dropped off in the staff carpark. This is not a safe area as vehicles are always moving, so please use the Stop, Drop & Go Zone as this is what it is designed for.

Hostile persons on the school premises

Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Bucasia State School. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.

People who enter the school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers, will not be tolerated. It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family. The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person's entry to the school premises.

If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the principal in the first instance.

All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

P&C Notices

Tonight's P & C Meeting is postponed till next Wednesday due to ill health. The next P & C Meeting will be held Wednesday, 20th November 2013 in Library at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome. This will be our second last meeting for the year. Our final meeting will be on Wednesday 4th December at Northern Beaches Bowls Club.

Preprep Playdate

The next play date is scheduled for November 26th so if you have a child destined for prep next year please contact the office to reserve your place.

School Banking

Just reminding the parents of students do not yet have commonwealth school bank accounts – it is never too late to sign up. www.commbank.com.au/youthsaver is the link for you to get more information about school banking, and even the parents who do utilise the service offered by the school can use this link.

School Uniform Second Hand shop

If your student has had a growth spurt and you need a new uniform all items of clothing are \$5 and we always accept uniform donations. We just ask they be in good clean condition please.

Barbeques coming up

Please keep the following days free and help out where you can. Only an hour of your weekend requested as these are all day events. These are benefiting our school so please help if possible.

Saturday 16th November - Caltex Rural View - Sausage sizzle, car window washing and raffles. All proceeds go to the school.
Saturday 30th November – Bunnings Warehouse – Sausage sizzle. Proceeds go to air-conditioning our school tuckshop.

Tuckshop Airconditioning

We would like to thank Anthony Mulherin, Aron Padget and Greg Cunliffe for their time and effort in installing our air conditioner in the tuckshop. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to Rebbekah Pollard for arranging this. Marika and her volunteers will sing your praises.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me or any P & C member with any enquiries or concerns you may have. Have a great week. Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249.

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 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 – 7th November

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

Prep B Mrs Becker	Cassie	For excellent work in class.
Prep C Mrs Clarke	Imogen	For writing in the red and blue lines. Mrs Clarke loves reading your morning writing.
Yr 1/2S Ms Smith	Charlotte	For always being a 'STAR' student.
Yr 1S Ms Swettenham	Abigail	For doing so well in our maths lessons, keep it up.
Yr 2L Miss Lorenz	Delacruz	For always helping others and showing great teamwork.
Yr 2/3P Mrs. Peltonen	Roly	For his amazing attitude towards his school work. Well done!
Yr 3O Mr O'Hara	Heinrich	For fantastic improvements across the board. Well done!!
Yr 3S Ms Swift	Ashton	For a fantastic improvement in reading and spelling. You are amazing.
Yr 4M Miss Armstrong & Mrs Wicks	Seth Oliver	For the great effort made with spelling. For working hard to achieve success in classroom tasks. Well done!
Yr 4/5B Mr Brandon	Daffa Jacquelyn	For fantastic story writing.
Yr 5/6B Miss Brooks	Lochi Connor	For great attitude with all school activities. For working well in spelling activities.
Yr 5/6 Mr Stafford	Colby	For always hard on set tasks.
Music Ms Elliott	Shelbee	For excellent participation in music lessons.
PE Mr Reasoner	Lachelle	For trying 100% in everything with a smile.

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2014 Book Pack Info - Pink

Library Notice

Issue 8 of Bookclub has now been distributed to all students, and orders with payment are due back by this Friday, 15 November 2013. This issue has followed on closely after Issue 7 due to being so close to the end of the term.


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.

Community Notices

Salvation Army Christmas Cheer

With Christmas fast approaching The Mackay Salvation Army has already begun collecting food and gifts for the many families in need. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please remember we accept all non-perishable food, no alcohol or chocolate, and all food must be in date. Lots of people give toys but please don't forget that these families need food as well. These donations can be dropped off at 48 Gregory Street. The smallest donation can mean so much to someone who really needs it. For more details please phone our office on (07) 4957 3576.



Have you heard about eKindy?

Kindergarten for rural and remote children!

What is eKindy?
A flexible 'at home' kindergarten program ...
with online support from qualified teachers ...
equivalent to a centre-based program.


What does it cost?
There are **no fees*** for families who meet the eligibility criteria.
* eKindy places are funded through a National-State government agreement.

Is my child eligible?
You can register for eKindy if:

1. your child turns 4 by June 30 in their kindy year
2. your child/a parent is an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
3. you fit one of the following categories.
 - Distance – live at least 16 km from the nearest centre-based service
 - Medical – due to a medical condition your child is unable to attend a centre-based service (medical certificate required)
 - Travelling/itinerant lifestyle – your child will be away from their principal place of residence for 10 weeks or their residence will change at least twice.

How do I find out more?

- Contact the Brisbane School of Distance Education (07) 3727 2421
- Visit the Brisbane School of Distance Education website eKindy page <http://brisbane.sde.qg.edu.au/wcms/index.php/eKindy>

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