Hi Parents,

Another busy week has passed and now there are only 4 weeks until the end of term and we still have so much planned. This week a flyer went home advertising our Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations next week. This is sure to be an exciting week, which will only be a success with your support. Throughout the week, students will be involved in web conferences with famous Australian authors and poets including David Stavanger, Pat Flynn and Jackie French. Be sure to mark the dates below off in your calendars and pop out to celebrate all things literacy and numeracy with your child/ren. I have attached the flyer to this newsletter for your convenience with more information.

Tuesday 26th – Reading Café at 11am

Wednesday 27th – Persuasive Speaking Competition for our top three speakers. This will take place at 4:00pm at Goovigen. Students are required to make their own way to and from the competition.

Thursday 28th – Free Dress Day and Open classrooms. Students come dressed as your favourite book character as we open up the classrooms and share with you all things literacy and numeracy happening at our school.

Thursday 28th – Pizza/Library evening at 6:00pm (Melton Park followed by Biloela Library). Please RSVP by Monday for catering purposes.

Saturday 30th – Market Day Fair and Open Day.

Thank you to all staff, students and parents who made our ‘Mad Science’ afternoon this week a success. It was fantastic to see students engaging in a range of scientific experiments and I must say, staff had loads of fun as well! Lots of pictures are attached.

Congratulations to all our Year 6/7 students. A job well done with your persuasive speeches this week. Feedback from the judges was that your topics were engaging and relevant and you had all worked hard to research pertinent information. Thank you to Liz Norman and Cathie Dendle (Biloela State School) for judging our event. Congratulations to Charley McQuade-Hall, Michael Steger and Jack Youles, who will now be competing in Round 2 at Goovigen next week. The entire school is behind you and we know you will do your best!

Thank you to those parents who are continually bringing in jars, jar fillers and offering assistance for our upcoming Market Day. An event like this does not come together easily and many hands make light work. If you are able to lighten the load on some of our key helpers, please contact the school to see how you can help. We look forward to hearing from you as this will benefit the entire school community as we raise funds for our school camp this year.

Our garden is looking great and thank you to those people who have kindly donated seedlings. We look forward to these flourishing over the next couple of weeks and hopefully we will be able to enjoy our produce soon!

Is anyone available to do a Treat Kitchen on Friday of Week 10 (September 19th) or even one in the next few weeks? Our students (and staff!) do look forward to Treat Kitchen.

Thank you to those families who returned the QSR appreciative inquiry questionnaire. Your feedback has been noted and will be collated with other school data. We will be working through this at our next P&C meeting which will take place on Tuesday 9th September after school.

INTERSCHOOL NETBALL

The 2014 Biloela Interschool Netball Carnival will take place on Wednesday 17th September (Week 10). The carnival will run from 9am until 2:30pm. Parents will be required to transport children (Years 3-7) to and from the event at Magavaliis Courts however, we can organise a car pool if required. Please see the attached permission note and return it next week to enable us to organise a car pool.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please remember that when borrowing books from the library, they are on loan. Please look after them. More and more books, including brand new books only recently bought, are being returned ripped and damaged. Some of these books are beyond repair. Your support in ensuring these are kept in a safe area at home is appreciated.

PRE-PREP PROGRAM

Some important research has come out regarding early learning in Queensland. To address this, Prospect Creek State School is looking at starting a pre-prep program for those students starting school in 2015. This will not only support the transition process to school, but will give us a chance to develop gross motor, literacy, numeracy and social skills, ensuring children and parents are familiar and comfortable with the school environment. Parent sessions will be run, explaining the Prep curriculum and how you can support your child for Prep at home. Current research shows:

20 minutes a day reading aloud with young children helps prepare them for school. It encourages children to listen, develops their imagination and language skills and establishes strong literacy foundations.

The Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) of childhood development in 5 year olds showed that Queensland children, before they reach school, are more developmentally vulnerable than their interstate counterparts.

The AEDI results also told us that 62% of 5 year olds were regularly being read to at home in QLD.
**A busy week this week gearing up for next week. Science afternoon was a big hit. I hope to see everyone on Thursday for our Literacy and Numeracy afternoon and then see you all again for pizza and reading in town at 6pm.**

I cannot praise our Year 6-7 students enough for the job they did presenting a three minute speech in front of their peers, parents and judges on Tuesday. Well done to you all.

Students are starting their PE unit on Netball in the lead up to the Interschool Netball Carnival on Wednesday, September 17th. This is a great day which involves the entire class. Please return the permission note as soon as possible to enable us to sort out transport to and from the event.

If anyone is able to come in during some lunch breaks before the carnival happens in Week 10 and help our students develop their netball skills and better learn the rules of the game, please let the office know. Or, if you know of anyone who is able to help, please get in touch.

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**When can my child attend kindergarten?**

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The next school fundraiser is coming up fast. As we are going with a country fair theme, these are the items that we will need parents to make and have ready for sale at the cake stall please:

- Toffee apples, Rocky road or other treats like that, Date loaves or other types of loaf, Bar cakes, Banana breads, Biscuits (kisses etc)
- Marshmallows, Slices, Choc balls, Jams/ Pickles/ Lemon butter Home made lemonade.

Also, for the lucky jars, can we have donations of little items like hair bands, bangles, loom bands, cars, lollipops and any nick nack toys which will able to fit in the jars as prizes. And donations of empty jars please.

Can lucky jars and cake stall items please be dropped at the school office by Thursday afternoon. Ingredient labels are available from the office.

If you are available to sell Market Day raffle tickets at the shopping centre on Monday 25th and/or Wednesday 27th August please contact the office. We have a fantastic first prize just in time for Father’s Day—a wheelbarrow and goodies. Thank you to Robyn Matheson, Karen Labuschewski and Rechelle Rowe who helped out with raffle tickets yesterday.

If you are unable to bake for the day we are looking for the following food donations:

- 2 x 5kg bags of white sugar, tinned beetroot, iceberg lettuce, cans of soft drink, zooper doopers (water ice blocks).

The Market Day will finish the week as a fantastic way to showcase our school to the entire community.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Thomas Natoli — Fantastic improvement in writing
Thomas Neve — Showing enthusiasm and working hard to improve in all areas
Jamie Donald — Increased participation in class and working hard to improve his persuasive speech.
Owen Kehl — For improved attendance and increased participation in class

TARGET — 95%
DATES TO REMEMBER

Reading Café — Tuesday 26th August
Persuasive Speaking Competition (Goovigen) - 27th August
Thursday 28th August Free Dress Day — Come dressed as your favourite book character
Literacy & Numeracy Week (Literacy & Numeracy Games 2-3pm) - Thursday 28th August
Pizza Night & Library Tour — Thursday 28th August 6.00pm
Market Day, Country Fair & Open Day — 30th August (11.00am — 4.00pm)
Swimming permission notes returned — Friday 5th September
Bookclub returned — Friday 5th September
ANZAC Memorial Club raffles — Friday 5th September 6.30pm-7.30pm
P&C Meeting — Tuesday 9th September 3.30pm
High School enrolment interviews for 2015 Yr 7 & Yr 8 intake — Monday 15th September 2.00pm—6.00pm
Year 6 into 7 Transition day at Biloela State High School — Wednesday 17th September 9.00am—2.50pm
Biloela Interschool netball carnival — Wednesday 17th September 9.00 am at Magavalis Sports Club
Year 7 into 8 Transition day at Biloela State High School — Thursday 18th September 9.00am — 2.50pm

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Teacher aide position
- Bookclub
- Class DOJO
- Beautiful Africa
- Literacy & Numeracy week
- Science week
Science week

Thank you to those families who came to enjoy some science activities. We all had a great time learning about cause and effect and scientific concepts. This article came through about cause and effect and I thought it was appropriate to share it with you. The article offers some great suggestions on how you can encourage young children to use the cause and effect from a young age.

"If you drink your milk, you will grow big and strong!" "If you clean up your toys, you can go play outside." Most parents and caregivers talk to their child about cause and effect long before we expect our children to understand those terms. We teach cause and effect every time we help a young child recognize a relationship between two things, or when we demonstrate that one event is the result of another.

Science seeks to explain and understand the natural world. Things happen for a reason: there is a cause for every effect. In science, the cause explains why something happens. The effect is the description of what happened. Many simple activities can be done at home and in the backyard that will help develop your child’s understanding of cause and effect. Consider these ideas:

Ask your child, "What do you think will happen if we leave this Popsicle out in the sun?" Allowing the Popsicle to melt provides an opportunity to talk about the sun’s heat and its effect on the icy Popsicle. During the winter, do the same thing with small cups of water. "What caused our water to turn into ice?"

Play a simple game in which you orally provide a situation (or a cause). Ask your child to fill in an action (or an effect). For example, you could say, "It was snowing outside." Your child could fill in, "All the kids got their sleds." "Someone rang the doorbell," could be answered with "Our dog began to bark." This game is perfect for helping your child realize that there is not one single right answer — as scientists they will learn that there can be several causes and several effects.

Keep track of the plants in your yard. As you observe a plant thriving and growing, ask your child why. Is the plant receiving good light and water? If the leaves on a plant are drooping, ask your child what could be causing the droopy leaves. Does the plant need more sun? More water? What effect could a new location and some water have on the plant?

http://www.readingrockets.org/article/43150