Hi Parents

Wow! What a weekend. An event like the one we had doesn’t come together easily and it is important to acknowledge the hard work of the entire community in ensuring it was a big success. We have received a lot of feedback about the day. All very positive. Here is one:

“Would just like to extend a very big THANK-YOU to all the organisers and helpers for the Market Day Fair! As a stallholder, I had a wonderful day - was great to see a few different stalls out there. The live entertainment was awesome, always adds to the atmosphere. And the activities for the kids were perfect, my nephew had a lot of fun. You have a beautiful school, and a lovely, supportive community spirit! And big gold stars to your students, I spoke to a few of them and they were all very well-mannered and well spoken! Thanks again - I will be looking forward to your next event.”

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th September at 3:30pm. We will be debriefing about Market Day and discussing our QSR and School Plan. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING JUNIOR SECONDARY 2015

Monday 15th September 2:00-6:00pm. Parents are invited to the high school for enrolment interviews for both year 7 and year 8 in 2015. No appointment necessary, just turn up with your completed paperwork, including a birth certificate. This is the final day of the scheduled interview allocations.

Wednesday 17th September – Year 6 into 7 Transition Day at Biloela State High School from 9:00am to 2:50pm. Students are required to make their own way to and from the high school. Please note, this is a clash with our Interschool Netball Carnival. This is unfortunate but can’t be helped. It is important that students attend the Transition Day.

Thursday 18th September - Year 7 into 8 Transition Day at Biloela State High School from 9:00am to 2:50pm. Students are required to make their own way to and from the high school.

For further information, please contact the high school on 4992 8666.

Camp

Thank you to those families who have been making payments with camp. A reminder that money must be finalised by Friday 31st October. We can’t take money after this date as bills have to be paid prior to our departure on Monday 10th November. It would be helpful if students had wet shoes for walking on the beach. Please keep your eye out for cheap pairs of wet shoes next time you are in Rockhampton or Gladstone. A camp meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th October (week 2) at 3:30pm. Please come along with your questions to find out any further information.

Gazetted Student Free Day

All state schools in Queensland have their third gazetted student free day on Monday 20th October. Staff will be involved in Professional Development on this day and students are not required to attend.

Life Education

Life Education is booked in for Friday 12 September. Students in P-2 will participate in an activity titled ‘Clued Up’. Students will learn about keeping their bodies healthy and safe. Students in years 3-7 will participate in ‘Mind your Medicine’. This program targets medicines and their safe use and building resilience. There is an option for parents to have an information session.

Study Tour

On Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th September, Chris and I will be travelling to Rockhampton to visit schools doing wonderful things in writing, particularly around pedagogy and assessment. We will both be out of the school on these days and teachers have been organised to cover. Dan O’Connor will cover the P-2 class on both days, Katherine Terwin will do her normal Wednesday with the 3-7 class and Emma Smith will cover the class on Thursday. Normal school programs will run as usual on both days. We look forward to sharing our learnings with you when we return.

Swimming

Don’t forget swimming money and permission forms are needed back at school this term. We start swimming Monday week 2 (due to the public holiday week 1). All money will be required upfront. Please remember to reference your surname when paying via direct deposit or bring the correct money into the school office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Biloela Interschool Netball Carnival

Just a reminder that notes for interschool netball need to be returned on Monday with tuck shop orders and money. We will need to organise a car pool, put our team nominations in and pay for tuck shop next week so your cooperation in getting these to school is appreciated. A reminder that this date clashes with the Year 6 Transition Day. Year 6 students are not required to return paperwork.

Jenny Bauer Farewell

On Monday 15th September, we will be farewelling Jenny Bauer at school. Jenny has been with us as a teacher aide for 7 years and has helped maintain strong community connections and has sustained a positive rapport with the children. At 2:30 the entire school community are invited to formally acknowledge and farewell Jenny as we wish her all the best starting her teaching career. Students are asked to bring a plate to share as we enjoy a shared afternoon tea together.
**Principal Business Meeting**

On Monday, I will be required to attend our Principal Business Meeting in Biloela. Dan O’Connor will take the 3-7 class and Chris Couchman will be available to answer any of your questions.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

We have put aside week 10 to meet with families formally to discuss your child’s progress so far in Semester 2. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate success and discuss ways to further improve learning. Please come along with any questions or concerns you have. Appointments can be made with Robyn Matheson during office hours on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

**School Banking**

Remember school banking happens every Friday. If you haven’t already signed up your child/ren to school banking and you would like them to start learning about saving, pop into the Commonwealth Bank with your child/ren’s birth certificate and open a Youthsaver account. There are lots of neat rewards to receive after 10 deposits and the deposit each week can be just 50 cents.

**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

**Teacher Aide Day**

Today we celebrated Teacher Aide Day. Our Teacher Aides go above and beyond in ensuring all students reach their learning goals in a safe and supportive learning environment. We acknowledge the hard work and dedication that Jenny Bauer, Belinda Gardiner and Sally Neve put in, ensuring all students are successful learners at our school. Thank you.

**Head Lice Alert**

We have been informed that students have head lice at our school. Please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary. We all need to come on board with this in order to stop the spread of head lice throughout the school. Tea Tree oil is a good preventative of head lice.

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**P-2 News...**

A busy last couple of weeks.

We had fun planting capsicums, beans, lettuces and peas kindly donated by the Natoli’s, Henry grew again, the firemen visited, we saved a bird and we helped set up and clean up the markets.

Thanks to all that helped out on the day or donated goodies. It was a great success.

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**3-7 News...**

Four students have been accessing an elearning course to further enhance their writing this term. Below is a work sample from Charlley McQuade-Hall completed independently as part of this program:

Rain started to fall hard on my winter coat. My skin began to cringe as the giant drops of rain were cold and dispirited. The wind was tied around the trees and gullies. My mission is coming to be impossible and my dog sense is not working from the big gushes of wind running the girl’s smell away. Now I can’t back down. The pack is still probably wondering where I am, but that does not matter and besides this much more important finding the Indian who once helped me from the greedy cowboys. The cowboys are the men that are very well known for culling wolves. They are the ones who think they can just run in on the horses and shoot my mother.

As I push through the weather my stomach started to ache. Suddenly a small victim scurried across the ground chasing for shelter, but before it came close to a rock I pounced upon it, carrying it in my jaws, and then gulping it down. Shelter wasn’t far ahead an arched cave was clear. When I got out of the wet I shook the water from my drenched fur. I laid down at the very end of the cave and closed my eyes as I knew I had to get as much rest before morning came. A sharp bit of sun light came from the hills pricking at my eyes. Then and there I stretched as far out putting my back in a fair dip, then I strained my paws. Before the sun was fully out I started on my journey.

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**School Attendance Term 3**

- **Target**
- **School**

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**The Prospectus.**
Students of the Week

Joshua Rowe—Consistently editing his work to produce a much improved final copy.

Seth Jackson—Excellent focus and always motivated to improve and reach goals.
DATES TO REMEMBER

ANZAC Memorial Club raffles — Friday 5th September 6.30pm-7.30pm
P&C Meeting — Tuesday 9th September 3.30pm
Life Education — Friday 12th September
High School enrolment interviews for 2015 Yr 7 & Yr 8 intake — Monday 15th September 2.00pm — 6.00pm
Jenny Bauer Farewell — Monday 15th September 2.30pm
Year 6 into Year 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 Year 8 Transition Day at Biloela State High School — Thursday 18th September 9.00am—2.50pm
Last day of Term Three — Friday 19th September
First day of Term Four — Tuesday 7th October
School swimming starts — Monday 13th October
School camp meeting — Wednesday 15th October 3.30pm
Gazetted Student Free Day — Monday 20th October

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- PCYC — Before & After School Care flyer
- Photograph competition