From the Principal...

**Flashing lights now active at Bollon State School**

On 27 January 2017 flashing light school zone signs were installed on Main Street, Bollon. Bollon State School was nominated to receive these new signs as part of a Queensland Government commitment to improve school road safety.

You will notice that the new signs look similar to standard school zone signs with the addition of a red flashing ring around the speed limit as well as two flashing yellow lights at the top of the sign. The installation of flashing light school zone signs is proven to improve visibility of school zones, serving as an active reminder for motorists to slow down.

So next time you’re dropping off or picking up your child, keep an eye out for the new signs and make sure you stick to the signed speed limit.

**Swimming**

Last Friday our school was well represented at the Balonne Swimming Carnival by 5 students – Kiaerrah, Tom, Isaac, Tyler and Zarlee. All students swam well with ribbons being earned in some events. Congratulations on your efforts students—we are proud of you! Our school swimming lessons commence in St George next Thursday. See more information on page 2.

**Sporing Trials**

Next week there are more Balonne Trials in St George on Wednesday (15 February) – **Rugby League Boys 11/12yrs** and **Netball Girls 10-12yrs**. If your child brought home permission forms and they intend to go to these trials please ensure the completed forms are back at school on or before Monday 13 February.

Selection trials for **Soccer Boys and Girls 10-12yrs** are on Tuesday 21 February and **Touch Boys and Girls 10-12yrs** trials are on Monday 27 February. A busy few weeks coming up so keep a look out for the forms and return them to school as soon as possible. Thanks to the parents who help out by providing transport where possible to help our students to attend these trials.

**Social Media**

Photographs and stories are a wonderful way to share with others the joyous occasions of our lives such as birthdays, school starting, etc. However, it is important to remember when publishing photos of students in school uniform that there are rules and regulations regarding photographs showing children other than your own. This is especially true when using social media. The Bollon School P & C Facebook page has a no photographs policy to ensure the privacy and security of all students from Bollon State School. Thank you for ensuring we all follow correct procedure.

**Individual Learning Goals**

At the beginning of each term the students and teachers work together to set achievable goals for students in the subjects of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Short meetings with parents to discuss these goals will occur next week on Wednesday 15 February and Friday 17 February. The roster of times available will be with the teacher on duty on Monday morning. Please ensure your name makes it onto the roster when you drop your student in. Looking forward to sharing with you next week.

**Goodbye from me**

This is my second and last Bugle write up at this stage. My short time here in Bollon as Acting Principal comes to an end next Friday 17 February. Thanks to all the parents and community members who have again made me feel most welcome and the students and staff who have worked so hard to get 2017 off to a great start. See you in my teacher-librarian role in week 6.

Ms Colleen Dunn
Swimming Lessons

As a school we will all be attending swimming lessons in St George next Thursday 16 February. Mrs Mobbs has been setting up a car pooling roster which will be finalised, printed and sent home on Monday next week together with permission forms.

All students are expected to attend as it is a regular school day. Students will be participating in a variety of lessons during the day as designed by our school HPE teacher, Miss Georgie Scott, who will meet us in St George and run the day.

Students will need swimming togs, sunscreen, sun shirts, goggles (if they wear them), hat, towel and morning tea and lunch for the day.

Thanks to the parents who are helping us out with transport to and from St George.

There will be 2 more swimming days this term on Thursday 2 March and Thursday 16 March.

Junior Class News

This week junior class has settled back into our routine after the week 2 disruption. Students have been continuing to explore narratives with some great stories being produced. In mathematics a major focus has been working with money and understanding the value of each coin through saving money to buy items from ‘Mr Bennett’s Shop’.

The students are very excited about this. Students also produced some great pieces of 3D art using strips of paper and folding and moving the paper into different shapes. See the photos on page 5.

A reminder for parent’s and carer’s that junior class has a short fruit break in the morning which is for fruit only. It is a very short break so can fruit please be cut for students to eat their fruit quicker? Thank you.

Mr Bennett

Senior Class News

Our classroom has been a hive of activity during this fortnight as students have been busy working and earning bees.

Bees are part of the positive reward system used in the classroom. Hard work or extra effort is rewarded in class with a bee which is stored on each child’s hive. 8 bees = 1 queen bee. Students may trade a queen bee in for a small prize or keep collecting rewards till they have 5 queen bees and trade them all in for a larger prize.

As a whole group the class can also earn sunflowers which are gathered till the field is full (10 sunflowers) which then allows the class reward. Everybody in the class participates in a 5 minute break—we can play a game, enjoy some music or watch something on the computer. These breaks are a quick and fun way to reward the students efforts.

So when 4-6 class say we are busy little bees—you’d better believe it!

Ms Dunn
Focus Expectations:

WEEK 3 - Be respectful
Ask permission to leave

WEEK 4 - Be an active learner
Always do my best work

Reminders

- **Snow Camp deposits & consents** are required urgently so we can confirm numbers.
- **Travel insurance forms for the Snow Camp** are attached to today’s Bulletin - please complete and return. The cost is included in the ski trip package and is not an extra.
- Please return permission forms & checklists to the office as soon as possible if you have not done so already.
- Bollon State School is now registered with **Centrepay**. If you would like to organise payment of school fees via this option please see Tiki in the office.

Education Queensland News

**Advancing rural and remote education in Queensland**

The Department of Education and Training is committed to ensuring that all state school students, regardless of where they live in Queensland, have access to high quality learning opportunities within their local communities and beyond.

As such, the department is currently developing a new rural and remote education strategy which will focus on valuing people, enhancing student potential and building positive partnerships.

As valued members of our school community, you are encouraged to have your say by taking part in an **online survey** ([http://www.education.qld.gov.au/ruralandremote](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/ruralandremote)) or by attending one of the following community consultation sessions:

- 6 February — Weipa
- 8 February — Mount Isa
- 13 February — Roma
- 14 February — Gin Gin
- 20 February — Longreach.

Email ruralandremote@det.qld.gov.au to register your interest in attending a session.

P&C News

**SCHOOL BANKING:** EVERY Monday - For every 10 deposits made, you can claim a prize. Great new prizes for 2017! Please see Bec H or Kylie if you are interested in opening a Dollarmite account.

**TUCKSHOP:** If you have any questions, please see Bec Steer.

**TUCKSHOP DUTY ROSTER:**

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**NEXT P&C MEETING:** Friday, 17 February at 1.30pm in the Resource Centre. Please send agenda items or apologies to Karen or Kate.
Parenting Ideas

Developing independence in primary school by Michael Grose

Practical ideas for parents to encourage real independence in children.

Your goal as a parent should be for your child to be completely self-managing by the end of primary school. Here are four practical ways to develop real independence in primary school-aged children:

1. Involve them in mealtimes

Mealtimes are the fulcrum around which healthy families operate. Mealtimes also offer plenty of opportunities for children to help including running errands, preparing the meal, setting the table, clearing the table, packing the dishwasher and other jobs. There’s something for everyone!

2. Use pocket money to develop independence

A regular allowance is a fabulous way to promote real independence in children. Start in lower primary school and gradually increase their allowance the older they become. Importantly, you need to increase the areas that their allowance covers. Pocket money used well is a fantastic way to develop independence in kids.

3. Look after pets

It’s a quirk of life that most children want a pet, but they just don’t want to look after it in the long term. Many kids discover that following the initial flush of enthusiasm looking after a pet can be a grind – walking the family pooch, cleaning out the guinea-pig cage, or feeding the family feline. But pet care offers priceless lessons in the development of grit, responsibility and nurturance – all necessary attributes for independent success.

4. Walk, ride or take public transport to school

The opportunity to go to school on your own devices was a luxury that previous generations enjoyed. While it may have seemed at the time like something to be endured rather than enjoyed, most people I discuss this matter with look back with fondness and nostalgia. For most people it meant freedom, friendship and fun. For a short time each day kids experienced a delicious type of freedom away from both teachers and parents – a time to muck around, dawdle and mess around with mates. It also gave kids some familiarity with their neighbourhood.

It’s well established that currently more children are driven to school than ride or walk, which denies children the same opportunity for friendship, fun and freedom. Busy schedules, less child-friendly neighbourhood layouts and working parents are just some of the reasons that prevent kids walking to school. If possible, look for ways to allow your child to get to school on their own. It’s fantastic for their independence and wellbeing. If children are too young, walk or ride with them some of the way until they are old enough and skilled enough to make the trip without you.

The age of opportunity

Children in this stage have an outward orientation and are exploring their place in the world. This is an age and stage for greater neighbourhood exploration, for taking on real responsibility and for developing personal confidence and efficacy before adolescence starts.
Junior Class 3D Art Creations

Welcome to our 2017 Preppies -

William, Sienna & Atahua
**First Aid Course**

A first aid course will be conducted at the school on Friday 10th March commencing at 8.30am. Community members are welcome to participate.

The cost will be:-
- Full course: $175
- CPR only: $95

Please let the school know asap if you are interested. We will need your legal name & email address. For those undertaking the full course, there is an elearning component where most of the theory is done online prior to the course.

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**Bollon Community Clinic**

Queensland Health – SWHHS Ph: (07) 46256105
**Hours:** 8:00am – 4:30pm Lunch break at 12:30 – 1:30pm
Closed Weekends/Public Holidays.

There will be a nurse on-call for all public holidays. A new buzzer is located outside the clinic for after hours or if the clinic is unattended. This buzzer will contact the on-call nurse. Emergencies are able to be seen at any time. In case of an emergency where an ambulance is required, please contact 000 and not the health centre. As this will then activate the nurse/driver and ambulance. (this opens the lines of communication and allows personnel to set up for departure). For non-emergency health assistance out of hours – please call 13 HEALTH 13 43 25 84

ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 70-79yrs??? If so, you may qualify for a FREE immunisation against shingles. Contact the Clinic for more information.

Doctors Clinics: Tuesday/Thursday – 9:00am – 11.00am – Please bring your medicare and Healthcare cards. All patients are bulk billed.
Child Health Nurse: Tuesday 21 February 2017;
Physiotherapist: Thursday 23 February;
Dietician: Wednesday 3 May;
Occupational Therapist: TBA;
Women’s Health Nurse: Thursday 23 March (please contact the Clinic for Appoints)

The Breast Screening bus will be visiting Bollon in late May. Please contact Breast Screen Qld to make an appointment online or call 13 20 50.

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**Bollon QCWA**

First meeting for 2017 will be held on Friday 3rd March commencing at 4.00pm with refreshments to follow.

All welcome!

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**Bollon Bugle**

The Bugle will be published fortnightly once again with the next issue out on Friday 24th February. Please submit ads by 9.00am Thursday 23rd February preferably via email to:-
bugle@bollonss.eq.edu.au
Sm classifieds $2.50; larger ads & colour to be negotiated. Find the Bugle on our website:– www.bollonss.eq.edu.au

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**Community Calendar**

**FEB**
10 Bollon District Children’s Residence (Hostel) Meeting (3.30pm)
17 Bollon SS P&C Meeting (1.30pm)
17 St Mary’s Anglican Church Service (3.30pm)
21 Child Health Nurse visiting Playgroup & Bollon Community Clinic
23 Physiotherapist visiting at Bollon Community Clinic
26 First-aid & Strapping Course (8.30am start)

**MAR**
03 Bollon QCWA Meeting (4.00pm)
04 Hebel SS ‘Seafood Night’
10 First Aid Course at Bollon State School (8.30am)
23 Women’s Health Nurse visiting at Bollon Community Clinic

**APR**

**MAY**
03 Dietician visiting at Bollon Community Clinic

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*At Bollon State School, we are RESPONSIBLE by being SAFE, RESPECTFUL and ACTIVE LEARNERS*