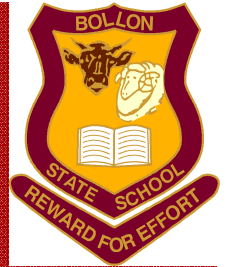




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From the Principal...

Leaders for 2017

Congratulations to Jackson, Henry, Damien and Kiaerrah who recited their leadership pledge and received their badges today on assembly. I am very confident that these students will do a great job leading their school cohort this year and will do many amazing things.

The four school leaders will also be joined by the student council- Imogen, Tyler, Isaac and Tom. The students have joined forces and have been brainstorming about ways to fundraise and will start with selling \$1 icy cups and cupcakes at lunch on Fridays. There is also talk about having a car wash day!

Congratulations to all students.

Kilometre Club

Congratulations to the students, parents, staff and community members for their great start to the kilometre club challenge. It was great to see so many people participating in this event. So far the participants have travelled a distance of 375 km, keep up the great work. Remember that kilometre club runs from 8:20 to 8:50 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings - all welcome to join the fun!

Attendance counts

Currently the school attendance rate is **94.79%**. Well done everyone, please remember that our school target is 95%. If your child is going to be away please contact the classroom teacher via phoning the office, seeing the teacher or e-mailing them.



School Priority

Whilst the school will continue to focus on reading, the school priority for this year is number facts knowledge. Students will be working daily to strengthen their knowledge during math lessons. Ways to support your child at home: for prep-2 practise students' rainbow facts; for year 3-6 practise their individual times table. If you would like to discuss further how you can support your child please contact the classroom teacher.

Swimming

Don't forget we have swimming in St George on Thursday of wk8 (16/03). Parents please check the car pool roster to see which car your child will be travelling in.

Robotics Workshop

Students have an opportunity to attend a robotics workshop at St George on Wednesday the 15th of March. If you are interested in taking your child please see me for more details.

Principals' Conference

After spending three days last week at the principals' conference the key message was **Every student, every school: lighting the path for innovation, equity and impact**. Another message was the importance of early years learning and how a good foundation sets up a child for lifelong learning. It was also great to see Mrs Jones, former junior class teacher at Bollon State School at the conference who sends along her best wishes.

Miss Vanessa Sumner

TERM CALENDAR		
Wed	15 Mar	Instrumental Music Robotics Workshop in St George
Thurs	16 Mar	School swimming in St George
Fri	17 Mar	Bullying. No Way Day
Wed	29 Mar	Instrumental Music
Fri	31 Mar	Bollon P&C AGM 1.00pm
Fri	31 Mar	Last Day of Term 1

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Mr Luke Todd

LIBRARIAN

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CHAPLAIN

Mr Elton Thompson

Science News

Our scientists at school have been studying a Biology unit involving a range of topics.

The P-2 have spent some time looking at living things and are at present examining types of habitats. They have been improving their "scissoring" and gluing skills selecting, cutting out and pasting pictures of animals on a selection of habitats. They will also be looking at what makes a healthy and unhealthy habitat.

The Senior class has been studying Life and Living Things. We have completed an activity looking at the factors that effect the germination of seeds and tried to study the growth of a plant which we will eventually graph. The students will also have the opportunity to use the microscopes to view some microorganisms in a hay infusion.

Our young scientists have been researching an animal of their choice. They will prepare a poster to display this information and will present their findings to the rest of the class. This activity will cover diversity, life cycles, adaptations and the inter-relationships in ecosystems. Researching and presenting their findings should prove to be a valuable experience for the class. Mr Doug Bryant

Reminders

- Bollon State School is now registered with **Centrepay**. If you would like to organise payment of any school fees via this option please see Tiki in the office.
- Book Fair will close on Monday - last chance for some great books - see Mrs Toop before & after school.

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:

13.03.2017	Carrie Wilkinson	Karen Gray
20.03.2017	Geoff Drury	Carol & Jodie
27.03.2017		Bec Steer

NEXT P&C MEETING: The next meeting will be the AGM, on Friday 31 March at 1.00pm in the Resource Centre, followed by a general meeting. All positions vacant. Please see Karen for positions descriptions.

Miss Sumner and Mrs Jones - catching up at last week's Principal's Conference in Brisbane.



STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to:-

TERM 1 WEEK 6 AWARDS

Senior Students:

Imogen

Working well in Science

Tyler

Doing great work on his Science activity

Junior Students:

Michaela

Super spelling effort

Akayla

Always being positive in class

School Captain's Award:

Lincoln

Playing well with others

Sports Captain's Award:

Xyeisha

Playing handball nicely

TERM 1 WEEK 7 AWARDS

Senior Students:

Damien

For supporting students in class without being asked

Kiaerrah

For supporting students in class without being asked

Junior Students:

William

For creating a super pattern using shapes

Dante

For moving away from distractions to complete his work

School Captain's Award:

Tyler

For setting a good example

Sports Captain's Award:

Jackson

For playing well with others

Focus Expectations:

WEEK 7 - BE RESPECTFUL

Knock on the door before entering

WEEK 8 - BE AN ACTIVE LEARNER

Go straight in and straight out



Junior Class 'Body Alphabet'



G for Grin



Z for 'zzz' (sleeping)



N for Nose



T for Tongue



R for Running



D for Dancing

Senior Class - Hard at Working: Helping others



Parenting *ideas*

INSIGHTS



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it's true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It's hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year's lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a

sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

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It takes strong parenting ...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as "It's not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!" Nice try. But the answer should be "No!".

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It's reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

AS A PARENT:

- ✓ Commit to sending kids to school every day.
- ✓ Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.
- ✓ Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.
- ✓ Consider catching-up on missed work.
- ✓ Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom – that is where ill kids should be.



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Community Classifieds

THE BOLLON BIGGEST MORNING TEA FOR CANCER

Will be held on Monday 22 May to correspond with the Breast Screen Bus which will be visiting Bollon on that day. ~ Cheers, Barb Turner

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Will hold interdenominational services at 3.30pm on the following dates:-

March TBA;

April 14th (Good Friday)

For more information, please contact Glenys Hart-Francis 04572921017

BOLLON QCWA

Next meeting:- Wednesday 12th April 3.00pm

Women Walk the World:- Saturday 6th May

QCWA Country Kitchens is coming to Bollon soon - stay tuned!

THALLON TRIVIA NIGHT

Thallon P&C invite you to a TRIVIA NIGHT Friday 17th March

Doors open at 6.00pm

Thallon Community Hall

Tickets & Enquiries:-

Ph 07 4625 9139 or email

llwei20@eq.edu.au

Pre-booked tickets \$10.00 + bonus team points; Tickets at door - \$15

Raffles, prizes, games, cash bar, BYO

Food, BBQ available from 6pm

Child minding & transport options available. Everyone welcome

BOLLON BUGLE

The Bugle will be published fortnightly once again with the next issue out on Friday 24th March. Please submit ads by 9.00am Thursday 23rd March 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

St George Deadly Sports Funded MILO Cricket Programs

Session Details: Prep to Yr 3: 21st - 24th March, 3.45-4.45pm

Year 4 to 7: 21st - 24th March, 3.45-5.15pm

Venue: Rowden Park, St George

Age: Prep to Yr 3 register in MILO in2 Cricket

Yr4 to 7 register in MILO T20 BLAST

Cost: Free - open to both boys & girls

Register: playcricket.com.au and search "4487"

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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 out-side 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**

South-West Hospital and Health Board "COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT" Morning-tea, on Tuesday 28 March, commencing at 11am at the Bollon Community Clinic. Please RSVP to Donna Burke (07) 4505 1544 or email donna.burke@health.qld.au by 21 March 2017.

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 card and Healthcare cards. All patients are bulk billed.

Child Health Nurse: Tuesday 21 March 2017; **Physiotherapist:** Wednesday, 22 March;

Dietician: Wednesday 3 May; **Occupational Therapist:** TBA;

Women's Health Nurse: Thursday 23 March (please contact the Clinic for Appoints)

FREE SKIN CHECKS being conducted by visiting specialist skin doctor & senior nurse- 26, 27 & 28 April. For expressions of interest, please contact the Clinic. Patients will then be contacted with an appointment time, closer to date.

The Breast Screening bus will be visiting Bollon on Monday 22 May. Please contact Breast Screen Qld to make an appointment - online or call 13 20 50.

The Bollon Community Clinic will be CLOSED for lunch daily from 12:30-1:30pm. If an emergency, press the button at front door or ring 000

Community Calendar

MAR	17	Thallon P&C Trivia Night - Thallon Community Hall
	21	Child Health Nurse visiting the Bollon Community Clinic
	22	Physiotherapist visiting the Bollon Community Clinic
	23	Women's Health Nurse visiting at Bollon Community Clinic
	28	SWHHS Board 'Community Engagement' Morning-tea (11am)
	31	Bollon P&C AGM (1.00pm)
APR	12	Bollon QCWA Meeting (3pm)
	14	Non-denominational Service at St Mary's Anglican Church (3.30pm)
	18	Child Health Nurse visiting Bollon Community Clinic
	19	Physiotherapist visiting Bollon Community Clinic
	26-28	Free Skin Check Clinic at Bollon Community Clinic
MAY	03	Dietician visiting at Bollon Community Clinic
	06	QCWA 'Women Walk the World'
	22	Biggest Morning-tea for Cancer