From the Principal...

Pudge Wilson

To the family of Pudge Wilson, in this sorrowful time, the school would like to extend to you our heartfelt condolences. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts, through family and friends, they live on.

Kilometre Club

Congratulations to the students, staff, parents and community members who participated in this project. The group achieved their goal of 1035km making it all the way to Sydney! The students celebrated their success with a small party in the afternoon on the last day of school. Well done to everyone for working together as a team and reaching your target!

Attendance

Currently the school attendance rate is 96.25%. This is a decrease from the previous fortnight. Well done to everyone for making the effort to come every day, we would like to keep this high attendance rate going for the rest of the year. Those students who are not at school miss out on various learning opportunities and if away for a considerable amount of time find it hard to catch up. If your child will be absent from school please contact the class teacher to inform them either via the office or e-mail.

Reading

Did you know Reading exercises our brains? Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain than, say, watching TV is. Reading strengthens brain connections and actually builds new connections. It also improves concentration. Children have to sit still and quietly so they can focus on the story when they’re reading. If they read regularly, they develop the ability to do this for longer periods.

Easter Hat Parade

Congratulations to all the students who made fantastic Easter hats. All the students made really interesting designs and showed off their modelling skills as they hopped down the walk way. Congratulations to Neville and Kahl who won best hat for the junior class as well as Jackson and Cassie who won best hat for the senior class. A big thank you to Sheryl for judging the competition for the morning and Mrs Mobbs for setting up the runway.

Happy and Safe Holidays

During the break, the school wishes all the families a happy and safe holiday. School resumes on Monday 11th of April.

Miss Vanessa Sumner
Parenting Tips

Creating creative kids
Dr Jenny Brockis

Creativity adds value to and enriches lives and our kids have wonderful fertile minds just brimming with ideas. The problem is we can stifle that creativity, particularly during those upper school years when sticking to the demands of a busy curriculum takes increasing priority.

Research tells us that those kids who continually access creative outlets are the more successful students, because creativity is linked to whole brain development. Brain wise, creativity is important for the development of language, problem solving, reasoning skills, understanding and learning.

There are four main ingredients required for creativity:

1. **Mess**
2. **Mistakes**
3. **Make-believe**
4. **Mucking in together**

Top tips for fostering creativity

1. **Give permission for freedom of expression.**
   It’s not about you or what you think is the right way to create something. Encourage your child to explore, and create on their own terms while having fun.

2. **Encourage play**
   Encourage active unstructured play that takes them away from the TV, tablet or computer for a while.

3. **Celebrate your child’s creative expression**
   That’s what fridge doors, corkboards, and mantelpieces are for! It’s not to reward the masterpiece itself (that’s a quick way to stymie any future creative activity!), but to celebrate the process of exploration and discovery.

4. **Foster originality by being accepting of difference.**
   While some rules are important to keep our children safe, being allowed to do things their way when developing ideas, is what helps shape their individuality.

Dr Jenny Brockis is a Medical Practitioner, speaker and author. She specialises in brain health and the science of high performance thinking. Her new book Future Brain (Wiley) is available in all good book stores and online. www.drjennybrockis.com

STRIVE words for the week

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At Bollon State School, we are RESPONSIBLE by being SAFE, RESPECTFUL and ACTIVE LEARNERS.
COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Community Calendar

**Bollon Community Clinic**
Queensland Health – SWHHS Ph: 07 46256105
Hours: 8:30am – 4:30pm Lunch break at 12:30 – 1:00pm
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 26 84

Doctors Clinics: Tuesday/Thursday – 9:00am – 11.00am –Please bring your medicare card and Healthcare cards. All patients are bulk billed.
Child Health Nurse: 19th April Physiotherapist: TBA
Women’s Health: Wed, 18 May Dietician: TBA
Social Worker/ Chronic Disease Nurse attendance is on a needs basis.

If a referral is required please contact the Clinic and discuss with staff or alternat-ively St George Allied Health on 46 202 265

Telehealth services are now available at the clinic. Please advise the doctors/specialists you visit about this service, as it may assist in reducing your travel, time & costs to visiting away specialists.

We would like to welcome Heather Hancock as the new Director of Nursing and Facility Manager of Bollon. Please feel free to pop in and say hello. Thank you everyone for the past 2 months, I hope you have a lovely and safe Easter.

Warm Regards, Georgie Waugh A/DON/FM

**NBN Sky Muster Satellite for Bollon…….**
Starting late April 2016,…
80 addresses in Bollon have been approved for Satellite internet services. This includes in town and out of town properties. For more information and to check which NBN service you are eligible for just give us a call on 1300 366 169 or simply apply online at www.harbourisp.com.au

For more information please contact: Geoff Anson "Sat Man" Harbour ISP 0414 611 177

**Bollon Pony Club**
Bollon Pony Club will be having their AGM on Anzac Day after parade.

Bollon Heritage Centre
Volunteers required for cataloguing
If you have a spare hour on Wednes-day mornings your help would be appreciated Please contact Barb Halliday or Elva Bailey

If any community members would like to volunteer at the Heritage Centre and share Bollon’s History with the many tourists that visit our town your support would be greatly appreciated.