From the Principal...

End of the Term
We have arrived at the end of the term 2. I know the students and staff have worked extremely hard this term and are ready for a break. I hope that everyone returns feeling energised and relaxed as we hit the ground running, with the 130th anniversary and Dirranbandi Sports fast approaching in the early weeks of Term 3.

Rewards Day
Rewards day at Bollon was a great success. Students enjoyed going “around the world” and participating in various activities such as origami making, making African animal masks and going on a scavenger hunt through the Caribbean Islands and much more. A big thanks to all the staff and everyone who assisted in making this a special day to the well-deserved students of the school. Thanks also to the P&C for supplying ingredients for pizza-making.

School Opinion Surveys
School Opinion Surveys will be completed online again this year. Early next term instructions will be sent home on how to complete the survey. School Opinion Surveys are an excellent tool for feedback and improvement and help schools plan and make decisions for the future. Your cooperation and feedback on these surveys would be greatly appreciated.

Working Bee
Parents and community members are being asked to help spruce up the grounds before the 130th anniversary celebration. All help is much appreciated and needed. Come one and all on Saturday the 18th of July starting at 9 am. More hands, less work, easier for everyone!

Athletics carnival
This year’s athletics carnival will be held at Dirranbandi on Friday the 24th of July. Parents will be responsible for transporting their children to the event. A letter will be coming out early in week 1 next term with more details.

Mrs Jones
Congratulations to Mrs Jones who has been offered an opportunity to be an acting principal at a school near Rockhampton for Semester Two. We’re sad to see her go and thank her for her time here at Bollon. We wish her lots of success at her new school. Once a replacement teacher has been sourced I will make an announcement as soon as possible.

Enjoy the holidays and stay safe!

Regards,
Miss Vanessa Sumner
Goodbye Mrs Jones

Education Queensland News

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call School Watch on 13 17 88 and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Week 1 Focus Expectations:

*Be Safe:
Play fairly - take turns and follow approved rules

Week 2 Focus Expectations:

*Be Respectful:
Wear school uniform with pride
Congratulations to the following students:

TERM 2 WEEK 9 AWARDS

Senior Students:
Jackson (Year 3-4)
Improvement in reading

Harry (Year 5-6)
Big effort in class & improvement in reading

Junior Students:
Lucy (PREP)
Excellent sentence writing

Hannah (Year 1)
Great improvement in reading & writing

Owen (Year 2)
Fantastic re-tell

Sport Captains’ Award:
Owen

For playing nicely with other kids

School Captains’ Award:
Riley
For a wonderful effort

TERM 2 WEEK 10 AWARDS

Senior Students:
Damien (Year 3-4)
Great effort in writing

Ethan (Year 5-6)
Being kind to others

Junior Students:
Akayla (PREP)
Excellent story

Lincoln (Year 1)
Great improvement in reading

Thomson (Year 2)
Being resilient

Sport Captains’ Award:
Josie

Playing well in the playground

School Captains’ Award:
Isabelle

Trying her hardest in class

Remote Area Families Service
Charleville is holding a
PLAYGROUP
At the Playgroup Hut
Bollon
Tuesday 7th July 2015
9:30am - 11:30am

All families with young children are welcome to attend.

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea and a change of clothes.

For more information:
Charleville RAFS – chrafs@bigpond.com
Phone – 07 4654 3157
We look forward to seeing you there,
Cheers Sarah and Sussan

**Please be aware when bringing food, that there may be children attending the playgroup with allergies and/or intolerances. It is important that food is kept separate to the resources to reduce the risk of causing allergic reactions.**
Reading your child’s report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

1. **Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?**
   
   Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. **Do you believe that children learn at different rates?**
   
   There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. **Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?**
   
   Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

   Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

   - **Focus on strengths.** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
   - **Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

   **Broaden your focus away** from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and cooperation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

   **Take note of student self-assessment**
   
   Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

   **Discuss the report with your son or daughter**
   
   Talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

   After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.
P&C News

TERM 3 TUCKSHOP

Menu and Roster will be distributed at today’s parade.

Please note the latest Menu and Roster can usually be found under Support & Resources, documents on the school’s website: www.bollonss.eq.edu.au

UNIFORM PRICES-

- New shirts $25
- Gold shirts $10
- Beanies $7
- Bucket hats $6.50
- Wide brim hats $10
- Fleece jumpers $20.50
- Skorts $10
- Rugby Knit shorts $10
- Jackets $30
- Fleece Pants $16.50
- Microfibre shorts $10
- New trackpants $25
- Rugger shorts $10

SCHOOL BANKING

- PARENTS please fill in bank books, as there are many children’s bank books that are not filled in correctly and the banking coordinators are having to do this.

SIGNING IN WHEN VOLUNTEERINg:

Please make sure you sign the volunteers register outside the school office when volunteering at the school ie: tuckshop, reading, etc.

P&C FUNDRAISER...KIDZ SHOTS PHOTOGRAPHY

$20 booking fee...includes 30 minutes session & 20x25cm group print

Sunday, 12 July & Monday, 13 July

Great priced packages available.

For more information or make a booking...

Please contact Bec Halliday 46256336
At Bollon State School, we are RESPONSIBLE by being SAFE, RESPECTFUL and ACTIVE LEARNERS
**Community Classifieds**

**QCWA**

Many thanks to all who came to the Bush Poetry Workshop & Evening with Murray Hartin. The workshop was well-attended and inspiring. Murray’s evening performance was fantastic! Many thanks to RADF for funding the event and to Alex Donoghue of Farout OT for the initiative and brilliant idea.

Next meeting - Thursday 16 July 9.30am

**Date Claimer:**

AGM - Thursday 30th July

**St Mary’s Anglican Church**

June—Sat 27th 2:00pm

Afternoon tea follows, please bring a plate

**FIELD DAY**

Low Stress Stock Handling 2 day
School at “Curragh” Cunnamulla
25th-26th July

1st person $770, 2nd & repeats $577.50

Please register with Coordinator Heather Smith 07 46 568542/ 0428 220 136

rbf@swnm.org.au

**Bollon ICPA Quiz Night**

Bollon ICPA would like to thank everyone who came along and supported our quiz night fundraiser. Thanks to:

- Brett Jones and Bollon SS for technical help and support
- Barb Turner for being our cashier
- Tony & Jenny Steer for help with refrigeration
- Jacqui & Liz for running the quiz
- All of the members who donated food and helped on the night

**PUPPY FOR SALE**

1 born stump-tail blue male pup
Eight weeks old; $100

Both parents good workers & guard dogs.
Contact Cedric Sellar 46256175

(in-time-preferred)

**FOR SALE**

Large 8 x 4 x 3 bales
2nd Cut Lucerne
Excellent quality!
$220 plus GST

Ph Alan 46256212 or 0429 797433

**BOLLON STATE SCHOOL**

130th Anniversary & Reunion
25th/26th July 2015

All welcome

For information flyer & RSVP sheet contact: bsm@bollonss.eq.edu.au

or download from www.bollonss.eq.edu.au

Please send in replies and any anecdotes or memorabilia by 30th June.

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Come back to Bollon on 25th/26th July 2015 and join us in celebrating Bollon State School's 130th Anniversary; 
catch up with old friends and teachers; 
come & see what has changed since the Centenary...

Saturday:-
Registration opening at 10:00am; Explore your old classrooms & discover new ones; 
View powerpoint displays including “Now & Then Interviews” & Year Pictorials; 
Official welcome & raising of the Centenary time capsule 11.30am; 
Coffee shop 10:00 - 4:00pm; Lunch available from 12:00 - 2:00pm; 
Sports games & activities on the oval & Heritage Centre open down-town 1:00 - 4:00pm; 
Bar 4:00pm - late; Camp oven dinner 6:00 - 8:00pm; 
Live entertainment by Adam Kilpatrick 8:00pm - late

Sunday:-
Breakfast 7:00 - 8:00am; Roll call & photos 9:00 - 10:00am; 
Burying of new time capsule 10.00am; Farewell until we turn 150 in 2035!

RSVP to Anniversary Committee, Bollon State School, PO Box 39, BOLLON QLD 4488 or to bsm@bollonss.eq.edu.au by returning the attached sheet by 30th June 2015 to greatly assist us with planning.