



# Bollon Bugle



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## From the Principal...

### Balonne Area Public Speaking Competition

The Balonne Area Public Speaking Competition is at 10am on August 31, at St George School. Students in Years 3 - 6 at Bollon State School will have a local competition as practice for the main competition. Students will begin their speeches at school but some input from home is allowed as the way your child presents their speech is the main aim of the competition.

Children are to memorize their speech or use palm cards. They must engage the audience and speak in a clear voice that all audience members can hear. The children are able to choose their own topic and speak for about three minutes.

If there is a parent or community member who excels or has an interest in public speaking and if you are willing to volunteer some time to assist students, please ring the school.

### NAPLAN— by Jim Watterston

On Monday, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) released the 2016 NAPLAN results, which show that Queensland has continued to achieve some of its best results across all year levels since NAPLAN began. These results confirm what we have seen across many other local and state wide indicators — the hard work of Queensland teachers and students is paying off.

Highlights of Queensland's NAPLAN results include:

- ranking first nationally in Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation (the first time that Queensland has ever ranked first in a test area)
- ranking second nationally in Year 3 Reading and Numeracy
- ranking second nationally in Year 5 Grammar and Punctuation
- ranking second nationally in Year 7 Spelling.

There are a wide range of views about the role and purpose of national assessment, but without doubt it provides educational leaders, and society more broadly, with an idea of what effect our efforts are having on each student's performance in skills necessary for everyday life: reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

What NAPLAN tells us is that the leadership of principals, the dedication and perseverance of teachers and the hard work of Queensland students has been rewarded with performance gains relative to our peers around the country. Since Queensland's relatively low baseline performance when NAPLAN began in 2008, we have travelled a steady and continuing improvement journey that now sees us as the most rapidly improving jurisdiction in the country.

### Attendance

Reporting **a student absence or change in after-school travel arrangements** is to be done by messaging the school mobile 0476815154 or phoning and leaving a message on 46256139.

Please report student absences **prior to 9am**, and ensure that you provide a specific reason for your child's absence. There are now mandated expectations that we know where students are by 9.15am each school day. Our school target is zero unexplained absences.

Bollon State School Attendance Tracker	
Current attendance to date 2016	94.8%
Attendance Term 3 2016	93.5%
Attendance Term 3 2015	91.1%
Bollon State School attendance expectation	95%
DDSW attendance expectation	93%

### School Photos

Please see the letter attached to the Bugle for information on school photos which will be taken on August 29th at 10.30am.

Ms Colleen Dunn

### TERM CALENDAR

AUG	19	School Horse Sports (Goondiwindi)
	23	NSW Variety Bash
	25	Bush to Beach visit
	26	Book Club orders due
	29	School photos 10.30am
	31	Balonne Public Speaking

**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

Ms Colleen Dunn

**TEACHERS**

Mr Mitchell Bennett

Mr Doug Bryant

**TEACHER AIDES**

Mrs Rhonda Mobbs

Mrs Robyn Toop

Mrs Liz Browning

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICER**

Mrs Tiki North

**LEARNING SUPPORT/  
STUDENT WITH DISABILITY  
TEACHER**

Mrs Louise Cowley

**HPE TEACHER**

Mrs Kelly-Anne Webster

**MUSIC/ARTS TEACHER**

Miss Lauren Prestridge

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

Mr Luke Todd

**LIBRARIAN**

Miss Jess Bail

**SCHOOL CLEANER**

Mrs Kylie Bottrell

**GROUNDSPERSON**

Mrs Vicky Weatherall

Ms Julie Halliday

## Senior Class News

The first 5 weeks of Term 3 are coming to an end so this week we have been checking students' learning thus far. All students have participated in both Mathematics and English assessment under test conditions.

We continue to learn about the Original Australians in History, the 'making' of laws in Civics, Ozobots in Technology, Science and we still fit in some thematic work based around the Olympics. No wonder we are tired when 3pm arrives! Next week starts a new 5 week learning cycle and all grades will be focusing on poetry in English. Aren't we lucky to have had Marco Gliori (poet extraordinaire) visit us last Friday? Prepare for some funny poetry as we read and write limericks, nonsense poems and rhymes.

Ms Dunn and Mr Bryant

## Junior Class News

Last week we celebrated Mini-Olympics Under 8's Day and it was a great success. Students participated in many different activities related to the Olympics then enjoyed a shared morning tea. See the photos on page 5.

A big thank you to our teacher aides: Mrs Browning, Mrs Mobbs and Mrs Toop for helping - it would not have been a success without their hard work.

Also thank you to parents for providing food for our shared morning tea.

Students in the past few weeks have been working hard with information texts. Next week we will begin to explore poetry with the goal of writing our own poems by the end of the term.

In maths we have been practising strategies of solving addition and subtraction problems and knowing directional language to give and follow directions to different places. Next week we will focus on fractions.

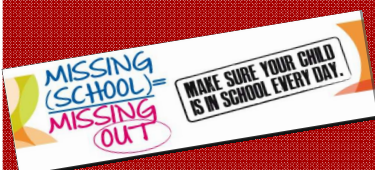
In technology we are continuing to explore different computer systems and their purpose. In History we are looking at families and the difference between the past and the present.

Thank you to those who remember to bring in their homework and their library books each Friday.

Mr Bennett

## STRIVE words for the week

Class	Junior Class		Senior Class	
Week 5	system	impact	ancient invisible	journey infinity
Week 6	nimble striding	wandered peep	transportation blotches	fierce rations



## STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students:-

### TERM 3 WEEK 4 AWARDS

#### Senior Students:

*Cassie*

Extra effort in English

*Isaac*

Excellence in Writing

#### Junior Students:

*Akayla*

Super Spelling effort

*Hannah*

Great effort with all subjects

#### Sport Captain's Award:

*Cassie*

Getting along with others

#### School Captain's Award:

*Lucy*

Helping others & playing nicely

### TERM 3 WEEK 5 AWARDS

#### Senior Students:

*Thomas*

For excellent effort in Maths assessment

*Kiaerrah*

For excellent effort in maths assessment

#### Junior Students:

*Lincoln*

Great work with all his writing

*Xyeisha*

Improved effort with her writing

#### Sport Captain's Award:

*Finn*

Playing well with others

#### School Captain's Award:

*Mackenzie*

Being on her best behaviour

## Focus Expectations:

### Term 3 - Week 6

#### Be Respectful

\* ask permission to join

### Term 3 - Week 7

#### Be an Active Learner

\* go straight there and straight back



## Marco Giori visit:

Both the senior and junior classes thoroughly enjoyed the visit by Marco Giori last Friday 5th August. Marco worked extensively with both classes writing poems, chants and limericks. He also assisted the students with poems they had been practising and then performed at parade on Friday afternoon. Thanks to the Bollon Shears Committee for allowing us to tag onto your event and 'share' the talent. Your assistance in inviting talent like this to town is most appreciated.



## P&C News

### TUCKSHOP:

**Week 5: On duty-- Jodie & Carol**

**Week 6: On duty-- Karen, (Sweet & savoury homebake)**

Extra sweet & Savoury Homebake-- Bub

### DOLLAR MITE BANKING:

Student banking is up and running with new co-ordinators. It is processed each Monday. There has been a decrease in numbers so we would love to see some more banking!!!

**P&C COMMITTEE**

**PRESIDENT**

Mrs Karen Gray

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

Mrs Kylie Bottrell

**SECRETARY**

Mrs Lynne King

**TREASURER**

Ms Carly Lowe

**PROVIDORES**

Miss Bec Steer

**TUCKSHOP**

Ms Bec Steer

**UNIFORMS**

Ms Amanda Hicks

**FUNDRAISING**

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Mrs Tamie White

Miss Emily Powell

**SCHOLASTIC**

**BOOK CLUB**

Issue 6 is out now.

Orders are due by Friday 26th August - cheques payable to Bollon State School.

Please let us know if you don't wish the order to be handed to your child.

## Parenting Tips

### Developing your child's social media scripts

By Michael Grose

As parents we teach our kids to talk politely and clearly so that they know how to speak to others when we're not around. In effect, we give our kids social scripts to fall back on when they talk to friends, teachers and relatives. There's no guarantee they'll look an adult in the eye when they speak to them, but our discussions, reminders and lessons about manners will hopefully hold up when we're not around.

The same applies to social media. Our conversations and lessons will prepare them to be savvy users when we're not around. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- 1. "Is this worth posting?"** The relatively impersonal nature of social media means that we can post information and pictures with relative immunity. Also its immediacy means that we can do so without much thought. This means that kids need to be very critical about what they see online. *'Is this accurate?'* and *'Is this worth posting?'* are two valid questions children can ask when they read posts placed by others.
- 2. "Have you taken a big breath?"** A child who blurts out everything that comes into his mind without thinking is sure to put plenty of people offside. *'Think before you speak'* is the type of message that every child should have in mind. The same applies to social media. Just because they think something doesn't mean they post it. *'Take a big breath'* may just about be the most important message to give your kids about social media.
- 3. "Do you want the principal to see this?!"** An invitation to a teenage birthday party posted on social media is one way to get more attendees than you bargained for! The viral nature of social media means that kids should only post messages and photos that they want to be spread and read by a large audience.
- 4. "How does this post make you feel?"** We need to teach kids that not every post needs to be commented upon and not every thought needs to be shared, particularly when they are angry. Teaching them to walk away and then to step back in when they've calmed down is perhaps the most important communication lesson of all. It is very relevant to social media as emotions are often the last thing on many people's minds when they haphazardly post a message.
- 5. "How will you fix this?"** Social media just like any social space requires kids to behave ethically and with kindness. When kids overstep the mark and post hurtful things then it is fair that they fix their mistakes, and apologise. It's reasonable that we teach our children to act with tolerance and with empathy online, and if mean things are posted then they should be expected to try to repair relationships through social media, just as they should offline.

I agree with *Galit Breen* author of *Kindness Wins* who says that parents should have conversations with children around social media before they reach the teenage years. Starting these conversations when they are younger means that they are more open to our parenting opinions, as well as being a little more amenable to the messages of tolerance, kindness and empathy that we need to encourage.

# Under 8's Day Mini-Olympics



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

## ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Will hold interdenominational services at 3.30pm on the following dates:-  
**August 19th September 23rd**  
**October 21st November 25th**  
 A gathering for some drinks and nibbles will be held after the service at Bollon Hotel courtesy of Brian & Cheryl. All participants are requested to bring a plate.

### BOLLON QCWA

**AGM - Thursday 18th August**  
 10.00am Morning Tea provided,  
 AGM to follow and  
 Afterwards join us for

### *"The President's Lunch"*

in the Nancarrow's Garden  
**All Welcome!**

Please bring a plate of fresh healthy finger food to share in keeping with QCWA's Country Kitchens.

*Mystery Guest Speaker*

Lucky Door Prize

### Ladies Day Out

Sponsored by Care Outreach  
 Thursday 1st September 9am - 3pm

## BOLLON BLUE LIGHT NEWS



At the last Bollon Blue Light Disco, **Riley WILSON was the lucky winner of a new bike kindly donated by Buffalo Lodge St George.** Riley attended Golders in St George last week and picked out his new bike and helmet. Pictured with myself and Fred BRADLEY from Buffalo Lodge.

Bollon Blue Light events for the rest of 2016 are a **Movie Night at Tennis Club on Saturday August 27 at 5:30pm.**

Touch Football Community Fun Day at School Oval on Saturday September 10 at 1pm, and Halloween Disco on Thursday October 27 at 5:30pm. ***Flyers to come out about movie night and touch footy later this week.***

## DRINK RITE

Get the facts on standard drinks, breath alcohol concentrations and responsible drinking. Queensland Road Safety Week is being conducted in August 2016, and as part of this campaign, Bollon Police and the Bollon Hotel will be hosting a **Drink Rite event from 6:00pm on Friday August 26, 2016.**

The Drink Rite event involves a standard drinks presentation and at least six participants who consume alcohol and have the opportunity to be breath tested by a police officer.

Drink Rite helps people learn about the alcohol content of different drinks and what constitutes a standard drink and the effect these have on drinkers. People can find out how many standard drinks they are actually pouring when they make themselves a drink and may be surprised at the difference in readings for drinkers who are consuming alcohol of varying strengths.

Many factors determine the effect alcohol will have on a person at any given time, but the Drink Rite program shows participants how quickly standard drinks can increase their alcohol concentrations.

Anyone interested in participating in this event please contact Bollon Police on 4625 6200 for further information.

## JD BERGHOFER

now carting Goats/Sheep/Cattle -running 4-6 decks weekly past Bollon to Wallangarra or Crows Nest via Dalby.

Backloading to Charleville.

Convertible non-bruise crates.

Discount freight when you book your goats through us—competitive grids and we aim to beat any live weight price.

**Jake— 0418649666**

## CARBENE CLEARING SALE

**27TH AUGUST 2016**

**Outside Vendors welcome**

**\*\*\* FAREWELL \*\*\***

**27th August 2016**

**Join us at the bar after their clearing sale to say goodbye and good luck to the Moore Family at Carbene.**

**Everyone welcome**

## FOR SALE.....

3 BEDROOM COTTAGE, 24 MAIN STREET, BOLLON

CONTACT 46554913 or 0429554913

## Bollon Community Clinic Queensland Health – SWHHS Ph: 07) 46256105

**Hours: 8:30am – 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

**Doctors Clinics: Tuesday/Thursday – 9:00am – 11:00am –Please bring your medicare card and Healthcare cards. All patients are bulk billed.**

**Child Health Nurse: 16 August, 23 August; Physiotherapist: 14 September**

**Women's Health: 18th/19th August; Dietician: 7th September**

**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 alternatively St George Allied Health on 46 202 265

Telehealth is available for community and Allied Health services including diabetic educator and Chronic Pain management. Please call clinic for more info. Don't forget, if you are travelling to a specialist, you may be eligible for patient travel subsidy scheme.

**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

<b>AUG</b>	16	Tues	Child Health Nurse at BNC
	18/19	Thur/Fri	Women's Health Nurse at BNC
	18	Thur	Bollon QCWA AGM & President's Lunch
	19	Fri	Anglican Church Service 3.30pm
	23	Tue	Child Health Nurse at BNC
	26	Fri	Drink Rite Event 6.00pm
	27	Sat	Carbene Clearing Sale & Moore Family Farewell
	27	Sat	Bollon Blue Light Movie Night 5.30pm
	29	Mon	School Photos
<b>SEP</b>	01	Thur	Care Outreach's Ladies Day Out 9am - 3pm
	07	Wed	Dietician at BNC
	14	Wed	Physiotherapist at BNC