From the Principal...

Bollon Public Speaking Competition

The Bollon State School Public Speaking Competition was on this morning and I would like to congratulate all our speakers on their efforts. It was wonderful to see all the students have a go at standing and delivering a speech—something that most adults baulk at. Henry and Riley were selected as winners and will represent our school on Wednesday August 31 at the Balonne Competition being held at St George State School beginning at 10am. Thanks to Victoria Nancarrow and Jim Salmon who judged the competition this morning and all the family and friends who were a most appreciative audience.

Goondiwindi Horse Sports

Five students represented Bollon State School at the Horse Sports in Goondiwindi on August 19. I was most impressed with the standard of behaviour and presentation of our students. They won a selection of ribbons across the events of the day—please see the photos page.

Professional Development

Early last week I attended the Principal Business Meeting and a Data Literacy Roadshow in Roma. While the business meeting was informative and a great way to share information and network with principals in similar size schools, I found the time spent looking at our school data most insightful. I had seldom asked the big question—“WHY?” in regards to graphs of results and information specific to Bollon State School. Data included NAPLAN, attendance, finance, school opinion surveys to name just a sample. Having only worked in the school for such a short time learning to ‘read’ the data for this school is most important. I also need to be willing to ask myself, staff, parents and students, where applicable, these questions - Why are we doing what we are doing? Is it working? Why/not? Everyone who is involved with student learning should know WHY as students’ learning is the business of everyone in our school community.

This week Tiki and I have had time in Roma learning more about Budgeting and Finance associated with operating a small school. I found the sessions on Workplace Health and Safety, Asset Management and Human Relations most informative.

Good bye

As this is my last Bugle message as Principal I would like to say thank you to everyone who has made my time in Bollon an amazing experience – I still have a few days to go and cannot believe how quickly these fourteen school weeks have flown. I have enjoyed sharing, working and learning with the students, staff, parents and wider Bollon community. During this time I have identified much about myself as a teaching principal – some strengths and also areas where I can continue to upskill myself in readiness for whatever my teaching career brings next. Thanks again everyone – and remember I’ll be back in week nine and beyond in my Teacher-Librarian role so you haven’t really got rid of me!!

Miss Sumner will return on Monday 5th September with lots of experiences and news to share no doubt.

Ms Colleen Dunn

TERM CALENDAR

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Senior Class News

Term 3 is rushing by and we are already 2 weeks into our second learning cycles for the term. English is revolving around poetry – reading it, writing it, analysing it and appreciating the humour in poems. Writing our speeches for the public speaking competition has taken up quite a bit of time too.

Maths is all about length, measurement, fractions and operations.

We welcomed two new students into our class this week—Tyrone and Damon. Both boys have been participating in class and have been on time for school each day with a smile on their face — Great to see boys!

Ms Dunn and Mr Bryant

Junior Class News

The junior class have had an eventful two weeks growing by one with the inclusion of our new student. We have begun exploring poetry and the concept of rhyming words in poem. Students have had opportunities to perform basic poems and have identified rhyming words in the text.

In mathematics we have learnt about a variety of different concepts including; fractions, time, addition, subtraction, place value and money. Everyone has been working hard learning the concepts and asking questions if unsure.

In history Year 2 have been exploring Australia’s past with European settlement and Year 1 and Prep have explored the concept of the past, present and future and what that means. In Technology the junior class learnt about how an algorithm tells you what order instructions are completed in.

It has been great to see more students remembering their homework and returning library books each Friday. There has also been a big improvement in learning sight words - well done.

Mr Bennett

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Focus Expectations:

Week 8

Be Safe
* stand in line

Week 9

Be Respectful
* return borrowed equipment to the monitors

Education Queensland News

Premier’s Reading Challenge big thank you giveaway
The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is almost finished for another year. Congratulations to all students who participated and have worked hard to achieve their reading goals.

To show our teachers and librarians how much they are appreciated, Teachers’ Union Health Fund is offering students the chance to win a $1000 bursary for their school and a $50 voucher for themselves, by thanking a teacher or librarian who has helped with their reading.

Students can jump on to the Big Thank You website (http://www.bigthankyou.com.au/#enter) and in 50 words or less explain how their teacher or librarian has inspired a love of reading.

Queensland Road Safety Week
Did you know that it was Queensland Road Safety Week from 22 to 28 August? To celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of road safety to our students, they will be completing a colouring in activity provided by the Bollon Police.

One of the most valuable things you can do as a parent or carer is to set a good example to your child by driving safely and talking about how to stay safe around our roads.

For more information about a range of events around the state, and how you can become involved to Speak Up For Road Safety, visit the Join the Drive website (www.joindrive.qld.gov.au/road-safety-week) or follow the conversation on Facebook (www.facebook.com/JoinTheDrive).

P&C News

TUCKSHOP:
Week 8: On duty— Tamie
Week 9: On duty— Renee (Sweet & savoury homebake) Extra sweet & Savoury Homebake— Lynne

DOLLARMITE 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!!!
**Parenting Tips**

**The pitfall of using other children as benchmarks**

By Michael Grose

*Benchmarking children’s progress with that of other children is not a wise parenting strategy. Inevitably, it will lead to parent frustration as there will always be a child who performs better than your own on any scale you use.*

Have you ever compared your child’s behaviour, academic progress or social skills with a sibling or your friend’s children?

Comparing your child with others is a stress-inducing and, ultimately, useless activity.

But it’s hard to resist, as we tend to assess our progress in any area of life by checking out how we compare with our peers.

When you were a child in school you probably compared yourself to your schoolmates.

Your teachers may not have graded you, but you knew who the smart kids were and where you ranked in the pecking order.

Now that you have kids of your own do you still keep an eye on your peers? Do you use the progress and behaviour of their kids as benchmarks to help you assess your own performance as well as your child’s progress? Or perhaps you compare your child to yourself at the same age?

**Kids develop at their own rates**

Each child has his or her own developmental clock, which is nearly impossible to alter.

There are slow bloomers, early developers, bright sparks and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom. The slow bloomers can cause the most concern for parents who habitually compare children to siblings, their friends’ kids and even themselves when they were in school.

The trick is to focus on your child’s improvement and effort and use your child’s results as the benchmark for his or her progress and development. “Your spelling is better today than it was a few months ago” is a better measure of progress than “Your spelling is the best in the class!”
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Goondi Horse Sports

Beach to Bush

Public Speaking
Last Tuesday we had the Variety - the Children’s Charity (NSW) come through Bollon. The weather was cold and wet but the Bollon community’s welcome was warm and appreciated. There are many helpers from the P&C and community who set up, cooked, served and ti-died afterwards. I would like to profusely thank you all for your time and efforts in helping our school. Students were enthralled by the variety of costumes, characters and cars seen on the day.

The ‘Bashers’ were very generous with their time and donations. We received nearly $5000 in books and sporting equipment for use in our school — fantastic! We also had donations of blue-ray players and a video camera that perhaps the P&C could use for raffle prizes. One of the cars (the Mermaids) also donated extra books related to the sea for the Library. A variety of competitions were held on the day. In the colouring - Dante and Mackenzie won a camera each and Akayla received an encouragement package. The ‘Hippy’ car donated a Peace Lover’s Prize won by Cassie ($100 book purchasing voucher).

Once again thanks to each and every person who helped make the day a success under trying circumstances — as a school community we appreciate your help each and every time you give it!
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
Many thanks to all who came to our AGM and special thanks to Victoria & Michael Nancarrow for hosting the day in their beautiful garden.
Our next general meeting will be held at the Cottage on Thursday 8th September. We are still looking for 2 positions to be filled - President & Secretary.
Current office bearers are:-
Vice Presidents - Maureen Knights & Barb Turner
Treasurer - Tiki North
International Officer - Carly Lowe
Victoria Nancarrow is the Western Division President and is kindly filling in as Scribe in the interim.
Come on board just for a year or two and help to keep this important organisation going! The 2016 Christmas Tree & hosting Country Kitchens early next year are the next 2 important items on our agenda.
Please contact any of the above for further information.

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

BOLLON BUGLE
Next publication date:-
Friday 9th September (final edition for Term 3)
Please hand in notices and ads by 9:00am on Thursday the day prior to publication.
Notices can be emailed to our Bugle Volunteer Tamie White at:
tkemp74@eq.edu.au
with a cc to tnort36@eq.edu.au in case Tamie is away.

Until further notice the price for a small classified is $2.50 gst inclusive with larger and colour notices to be negotiated.

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 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

Doctors Clinics: Tuesday/Thursday – 9:00am – 11.00am
Child Health Nurse: 6th September
Physiotherapist: 14 September
Women’s Health: TBA
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

Q Fever clinic – we are planning a Q Fever clinic. Patients must be available on Tuesday 11th October (for blood collection & skin test) & Tuesday 18th October (for reading of skin test & script for vaccination if required).

For more information & bookings, please contact the clinic.

C O M M U N I T Y   C A L E N D A R

SEP
01  Thur  Care Outreach’s Ladies Day Out 9am - 3pm
06  Tues  Child Health Nurse at BNC
07  Wed  Dietician at BNC
08  Thurs  Bollon QCWA Meeting 9.30am
10  Sat  Bollon Blue Light community touch football day 1.00pm
14  Wed  Physiotherapist at BNC
17  Sat  Carbene Clearing Sale at Bindebango 10.30am
23  Fri  Anglican Church Service 3.30pm

OCT
11  Tues  QFever Testing at BNC
18  Tues  QFever Results at BNC
21  Fri  Anglican Church Service 3.30pm
22  Sat  St George State High School Create Workshops
27  Thurs  Bollon Blue Light Halloween Disco 5.30pm

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St George State High School P&C
Presents
A DAY TO

create

A day for women to experience various art workshops in St George

SATURDAY
22nd October 2016
8.30am to 4pm
Registration & Stalls open 8.00am
Venue: Balonne Skill Centre
2 Victoria St, St George

Cost: $100 per participant which includes tuition fee, high tea morning tea, lunch and gift bag. Minimum age 12. Participants complete two 2.5 hour workshops with a tutor.

2016 Tutors
Patricia Heymans: Watercolour Painting
Olivia Ross: Photography
Sylvia Bridge: Patchwork
Mary Jibson: Embroidery
Lola Cuffe: Quilting

Limited Spaces so book early! RSVP by 10th October.
Registration Forms Available from:
St George State High School Office
Or
St George State High School Website
Or
Email: awood142@eq.edu.au

Further information contact: Annette Woodrow on 0429657354

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