From the Principal...

Small School Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students for their great sportsmanship, team spirit and incredible effort at the small schools swimming carnival in St George last Friday. Many people complimented the exemplary behaviour of all the students. Bollon came second overall and won many age champions. Thank you to the P and C for the delicious lunch and the amazing job you did. A big thank you to all the parents who helped over the week with the organising and carpooling and a thank you to the staff for making it a great week for the students.

Age Champions:

Xyeisha Halliday (6 yr Female champion)
Lucy Burns (6 yr Female champion runner up)
John Tinkler (8 yr Male champion)
Hazelle Tinkler (9 yr Female champion)
Tyler Wilson (9yr Male champion)
Thomas Gray (9yr male champion runner up)
Isaac Burns (10 yr Male champion runner up)

Over All Female Champion- Hazelle Tinkler

Taylor Tennis Championships

After weeks of before school and lunch time tennis practice, and then all the competitive rounds we were left with our finalists Ethan and Henry (boys’ division) and Kiaerrah and Hazelle (girls’ division). On Thursday morning it was ‘game on’ as our gutsy finalists turned serious and channelled their inner tennis gods! The parents and student spectators observed great rallies as well as great displays of sportsmanship by players, umpires and ball return people. Well done everyone.

Thank you to Bec Steer, Carol Slater and Jodie Donnelly for their assistance and training during the sporting school Thursday afternoon sessions.

Champions for this year are Henry and Kiaerrah. A big thanks again to Mrs Mobbs for organising a great event and all the before school preparations.

Attendance-

Currently the school attendance rate is **93.85%**. **This is a decrease from the previous fortnight and is below the school target of 95% or higher attendance.** 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.

Play practice

Due to many students not being able to commit to a full costume practice, the rehearsal for Saturday 26th has been cancelled. Students will however be rehearsing during lunch break and class time.

Water bottles

We ask that all parents please ensure that your child has a suitable water bottle for the classroom. Not only does this reduce the risk of dehydration but limits the disruption to learning in the classroom.

End of Year celebrations

Our annual Awards night and whole school play will be on Wednesday 30th November starting at 5 pm at the Civic Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Miss Vanessa Sumner
Technology in the Classroom

This semester in senior technology we have looked at inventions from the past and present identifying their components and materials used to create them. Students worked with different inventions and discussed their properties and why those materials were used. Students planned and designed different inventions using different materials.

In junior technology students have learnt about digital technologies, where we use them and how they have made life easier. Students worked with robots giving them directions to complete tasks. Year 2 also worked hard with laptops creating a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr Bennett

Reminder:- Please return dental forms if you haven’t already

Bolland State School invites the Bolland Community to the

Annual Speech Night & Concert

Wednesday, 30 November 2016
At the Bolland Civic Centre

Bar & Food from 5pm
Instrumental Music from 5.30pm
Awards Ceremony from 6.00pm
Concert from 7.00pm
Focus Expectations:

Week 8

Be Safe
* wait for teacher’s signal to move at venues

Week 9

Be Respectful
* allow personal space

Week 10

Be an Active Learner
* use toilets at break times

Education News

Have you considered a career in teaching?

There are so many great reasons to become a teacher, including a great work-life balance and one of the highest starting salaries for university graduates in Australia.

For students:
• Year 12s have until 11 December to apply for grants and scholarships to study teaching at a Queensland university next year; and
• Year 10s and 11s can apply for one of the many university preparatory programs for undergraduate teaching degrees being offered next year. Hurry — applications are closing soon!

For parents and carers:
• It’s never too late in life to study teaching. Teaching is a four-year undergraduate degree or a one-year post-graduate diploma for students enrolling in 2017. From 2018, the post-graduate diploma will become a two-year study program.
• Teaching is a career where you can inspire others, make a difference and work with Queensland’s future!

For more information, visit the Education website (www.teach.qld.gov.au).

STRIVE words for the week

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**Parenting Tip - How to encourage kids to be problem-solvers**

By Michael Grose

When parents solve all children’s problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach kids to be afraid of making mistakes and to blame themselves for not being good enough. That’s fertile ground for anxiety and depressive illness.

So, how can we raise kids to be courageous problem-solvers rather than self-critical scaredy cats? Here are three practical ideas to get you started.

1. **Turn requests into problems for kids to solve**
   Kids get used to bringing their problems to parents to solve. If you are keeping solving them, they’ll keep bringing them. ‘Mum, my sister is annoying me!’ ‘Dad, can you ask my teacher to pick me for the team?’ ‘Hey, I can’t find my socks!’ It’s tempting if you are in a time-poor family to simply jump in and help kids out. Alternatively, you can take a problem-solving approach, cuing them to resolve their own problems and take responsibility for their concerns. ‘What can you do to make her stop annoying you?’ ‘What’s the best approach to take with your teacher?’ ‘Socks, smocks! Where might they be?’

2. **Ask good questions to prompt problem-solving**
   A problem-solving approach relies on asking good questions, which can be challenging if you are used to solving your child’s problems. The first question when a child brings you a problem should be: ‘Can you handle this on your own?’ Next should be, ‘What do you want me to do to help you solve the problem?’ These questions are not meant to deter children from coming to you; rather, to encourage and teach them to start working through their own concerns themselves.

3. **Coach them through problems and concerns**
   So, your child feels she was unfairly left out of a school sports team by a teacher and asks you to get involved. The easiest solution may be to meet with the teacher and find out what’s going on. You may or not resolve the problem but in doing so you are teaching a child to become dependent on you. Alternatively, you could coach your child to speak to the teacher herself and find out why she was left out. Obviously, there are times when children need their parents to be advocates for them such as when they are being bullied, but we need to make the most of the opportunities for children to speak for themselves. Better to help your child find the right words to use and discuss the best way to approach another person when they have problems. These are great skills to take into adulthood.

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**P&C News**

**TUCKSHOP:**
- Week 8 - Mon 21 Nov - Duties: Bec S  Extra Homebakes: Bec H
- Week 9 - Mon 28 Nov - Duties: Carly  Extra Homebakes: Jeff Drury
- Week 10 - Mon 5 Dec - Duties: Lynne

**REMEMBER WEEK 10 is flat rate $6 per child, & buffet selection provided**

**NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY:** The position of Secretary has become available; to begin from next P&C Meeting (02/12/16) until the 2017 AGM. Expressions of interest to Karen or Carly. Voting for this position will occur at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER AT 1.30pm
At Bollon State School, we are RESPONSIBLE by being SAFE, RESPECTFUL and ACTIVE LEARNERS
BOLLON DISTRICT CHILDREN’S RESIDENCE
General Meeting to be held on Friday 9 December at 3.15pm. All interested community members to attend.

HAY FOR SALE
Large 8x4x3 bales – 2nd cut Lucerne Excellent quality avg weight 600 kilos, shedded $220 plus
Phone Alan 0429797433 / 46256212
Free delivery 15 bales or more within 50km radius

ST MARY’S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Will hold interdenominational services at 3.30pm on the following dates:-
November 25th December 16th
A gathering for some drinks and nibbles will be held after the service at Bollon Hotel courtesy of Brian & Cheryl.
All participants are asked to bring a plate to share.

ROMA RURAL STUDENT HOSTEL
is an established boarding facility providing accommodation for students, yr7-12. The RRSH is owned by the Maranoa Council, administered by a volunteer committee, and operated by experienced house parent, Janice Colley. For more information, contact 07 46224116.

ST GEORGE CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
Friday 16 December
5.00 – 8.30pm
Market Stalls, Food, Show Bags, Santa, Jumping Castle, Live Entertainment, Inflatable Obstacle Course

BOLLON QCWA welcomes any new members and friends and invites them to join us on Friday 25th Nov at 1.00pm for a Christmas Lunch & brief meeting to finalise Christmas Tree decorations & arrangements.
Please bring a plate & refreshments!

BOLLON QCWA CHRISTMAS TREE - SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER- 5pm
GIFTS for Bollon district children will be free of charge this year but anyone visiting children will need to purchase gifts for them and may hand them in to Carly Lowe to go under the Tree. Donations towards a multi-draw raffle would be greatly appreciated - contact Marilyn Goddard - and can be left at the post office.
There will be a barbecue - $5/steak sandwich & $2 sausage sandwich.

Best Dressed Costume Prizes - QCWA has explored Greenland as their International Country of Study this year and so this year’s Bollon Christmas Tree will be themed the Northern Lights. Come dressed in your northern lights colours and join us as we bring a touch of Greenland to QLD. Kids projects will be on display as well as a themed photo booth. Prize for the best adult and child northern light outfit.

JD BERGHOFER
now carting Goats/Sheep/Cattle
- running 4-6 decks weekly past Bollon to Wallangarra or Crows Nest via Dalby.
Discount freight when you book your goats through us — competitive grids and we aim to beat any live weight price. Jake – 0418649666

FREE MOVIE NIGHT ZOOTOPIA
Brought to you by Rural Aid
Sunday, 04 December at the Bollon State School
Snack Bar opens 6pm Movie from 7pm
Snack/Drinks Bar run by the Bollon State School Student Council
Parent supervision required. This is not a school organised event.

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

Doctors Clinics: Tuesday/Thursday – 9:00am – 11.00am – Please bring your medicare card and Healthcare cards. All patients are bulk billed.

Child Health Nurse: Tues 06 Dec, Tues 17 January 2017;
Physiotherapist: Wed 30 Nov; 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 alternatively St George Allied Health on 46 202 265
Telehealth is available for community and Allied Health services including diabet educator and Chronic Pain management. Please call clinic for more info. Don’t forget, if you are traveling to a specialist, you may be eligible for patient travel subsidy scheme.

Community Calendar

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NOV 25 Fri Bollon QCWA Christmas Lunch 1.00pm
25 Fri Anglican Church Service 3.30pm
30 Wed Bollon State School Speech Night & Concert 5pm
04 Sun Free Movie Night Zootopia at the School from 6pm
06 Tues Child Health Nurse visiting Playgroup & Clinic
08 Thurs Dr Clinic delivered via telehealth
09 Fri Bollon District Children’s Residence Meeting 3.15pm

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