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Thank you to everyone who has made me feel welcome at Bundaberg South State School. I am very excited about my new position as Principal and look forward to working alongside the teachers, ancillary staff and community to ensure that our students are learning every lesson of every day and are working towards achieving outstanding results across all Key Learning Areas.

Newsletters will go home on a Tuesday each fortnight. Parades will continue to be held on Monday mornings at 8.45am— we would love it if parents, care givers and family or friends came along to join us at parade.

If you wish to discuss any matters with me, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment.

Narelle Clarke   (PRINCIPAL)

GREEN & GOLD DAY

Australia Day was celebrated across the nation on Sunday 26th January. At Bundaberg South State School we take the opportunity to have our Green and Gold Day, on the first Friday in our school year, to celebrate our nation’s special day. Students are asked to wear traditional Australian colours of green and gold to acknowledge and celebrate our Australian heritage.

Prep to Year 2 will participate in indoor and outdoor Aussie Activities from 9:15 am—10:45 am. Year 3, 4 and 5 will participate in pool activities in the first session and outdoor activities and a general swim in the afternoon session. Year 6 and 7 will do pool activities in the middle session followed by outdoor activities and a general swim in the afternoon. Please ensure your child has their togs, towel, swim shirt and sunscreen. Students will be given a green or gold icy cup at the end of their activities. Parent volunteers are required for swimming activities, please see your class teacher if you can assist. Parents and Care Givers are free to come along and join in the fun!

Bundaberg South State School has, as its Behaviour Management Plan, School Wide Positive Behaviour Support.

Our three main rules are:   Be Responsible, Show Respect, Stay Safe

Rule of the Week

Move in a safe and orderly manner. Walk on the cement, keep to the left. Move quietly and sensibly.

Each week a specific rule will be presented on parade and followed up in the classroom.
**P & C NOTICES**

The P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 24 February 2014 at 6:30pm. Please come along and help decide the pathway that our P & C will travel in 2014. We need your support.

At this time there will not be Tuckshop until a P&C Committee has been formed and someone has volunteered to be a convenor.

**UNIFORMS**

Shirts ($20), hats ($10.50), library bags ($6.50) are available from the School Office.

Senior Shirts (Yrs 6/7) will be arriving mid February.

A note will be sent home when they arrive.

Please bring correct money as we do not have EFTPOS facilities.

**Reading Awards**

Each week on parade our Reading Bug awards are presented.

The Reading Bug Collection is a fabulous set of books which are Benchmarked to show progress. Students get a new book each night at a particular benchmark level. Once that benchmark level has been mastered then they bring a favourite book of that level to read to the Principal.

Parade Awards will be presented when students have mastered each colour level.

**REMINDER - VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL RESOURCE LEVY**

School Voluntary Financial Resource Levy is due to be paid for Semester 1 2014. As stated on our 2014 booklist, the Resource Levy is $5 per student per semester or $10 per student per year. Payments can be made at the School Office.

**Student Banking - Change of Day 2014**

Student banking will commence next week and banking day is every **TUESDAY** and is a great way of teaching your child to save money and our school also benefits from the deposits.

Banking information packs will be sent home next week to Prep students.

Thank-you to all students who are regular banking students.

**ABSENCES**

The Department of Education and Training data shows a direct correlation between attendance at school and academic achievement. It is imperative that all students attend school regularly and consistently.

However, sick children need to be kept at home where they can make a rapid and full recovery from their illness. Parents are required to advise the school on 41308333 when their child is absent. Notification can be made, by telephone, on the first day of the illness, or in writing on return to school.

If your child is going on an extended holiday or is sick for a period longer than a week, you are required to fill out an "EXEMPTION from School form" and receive permission from the Principal.

Please contact the Principal if you require further information and forms are available at the Office.

**REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES**

**Dress Code—Jewellery**

- Watch.
- Pierced earrings—small plain sleepers or small studs only.
- Medical alert bracelet or necklace.
- Items of significant cultural or religious belief—parent to notify the office of these.

Other jewellery may be unsafe for the student or others as such items may become caught in play equipment or come into contact with another student causing injury.

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**FROM THE CHAPLAINS PAULA AND JOHN**

If you need additional support and help during this time don't hesitate to see our School Chaplains Paula Dalrymple and John Coleman.

**THE NEW YEAR!**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

At the beginning of this new year my wish for you is that it will be a wonderful year, and that you will be very happy. It always feels good to start something new. It feels good to wear new shoes. It feels good to ride a new bicycle. You are probably in a new grade this year with new challenge waiting for you.

In the Bible it says that every day is the day of the Lord and that it is a gift in your hand. May we rejoice in this gift and may we receive all the many blessings the Lord has in store for us in 2014!

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Accident insurance cover for students

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised that Education Queensland does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students. Therefore, if your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents.

Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if they choose to take out student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

Don’t forget everyone has ambulance cover if your child is injured at school.

TENNIS

The Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Association Inc. Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69b George Street, South Bundaberg MLC Tennis Hot Shots Learning, commences week of 3rd February 2014 at with Bundaberg Tennis Academy Professional Coaches, Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner.

All ages are catered for. Group & Private Lessons are available. “Super Sunday, Family Sign-on” will be held Sunday 9th February 2014. For further information and to Register your child’s name please contact either Murray 0407 639824 or Kevin 4152 0753 / 0409 520753. Come n- See what is on offer at the club!

AFL AUSKICK & JUNIOR SIGN ON Some Brisbane Lions Players are coming to Bundaberg and will be at Kendall Flats on Saturday 8 February for the ATW & Brothers Bulldogs AFL Auskick & Junior Sign On. Auskick & Fun Day will start at 10.30 am and Junior Sign On from 12 noon. Come down and meet the Lions. Phone Julieann at ATW on 0409 154 241 or Jeff at Brothers on 0400 308 763.