This week I have had the pleasure of spending time in all of the classrooms. The student’s enthusiasm to learn and participate in class activities and discussions should be commended. I am looking forward to working with the students and the teachers throughout the year, to extend your child’s knowledge and watch and help them learn and grow.

**MEET & GREET AFTERNOON** On Thursday 20th February you are invited to come along and meet your child’s classroom teacher and myself at a Meet and Greet Afternoon. The P and C will be hosting a free sausage sizzle as part of the afternoon festivities that will commence at 3pm.

**PLAYGROUP** We are looking at starting a Playgroup at Bundaberg South State School for children aged between 0 and 5 years. This group will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to meet and play with other children and for you as parents to meet other community members. The group will run on Wednesday mornings, if you are interested please contact the Office so we can gauge interest in starting this community group.

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

_Narelle Clarke  (PRINCIPAL)_

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**Bundaberg South State School has, as its Behaviour Management Plan, School Wide Positive Behaviour Support.** Each week a specific rule will be presented on parade and followed up in the classroom.

**Our three main rules are:**

- Be Responsible
- Show Respect
- Stay Safe

**Rule of the Week**

Treat others the way you would want to be treated.
If you need additional support and help during this time don’t hesitate to see our School Chaplains Paula Dalrymple and John Coleman.

The tongue of the wise brings healing. (Proverbs 12:18)

Isn’t it wonderful that we can talk to each other and understand each other? Words can heal or hurt. Words are very powerful.

The Bible says that the tongue is important because it can have a great influence on people. If you encourage someone with your words, it can mean a great deal to that person. But with your words you can also criticize people and hurt them.

We must keep our tongues in check so that we don’t hurt others. You get a nice feeling in your heart when you speak good words. Good, positive, uplifting words mean a lot to others. We must remember that when we speak to our friends.

STUDENT 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.

STUDENT BANKING - 2014

Student banking has started for 2014 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 were sent home to Prep students. If you would like to start an account, collect a package from the School Office.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER

On Thursday 27th February you are invited to attend a learning commission where you can share your thoughts about school and community. There will be two sessions one at 2 pm and one at 7 pm at the Burnett Club (Quay Street). If you are interested in attending please RSVP via email—sijohnso@bigpond.com or phone (07) 33656508.

NEW SENIOR SHIRTS

Senior Shirts (Yrs 6/7) should be arriving mid February. A note will be sent home when they arrive. Please bring correct money as we do not have EFTPOS facilities.

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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - 3 February 2014
Prep - Jake R
Yr 1 - Raisha K
Yr 2 - Breanna B
Yr 3 - William B
Yr 5 - Dhanica B
Yr 6 - Tyler R
Yr 7 - Jordan W

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - 10 February 2014
Prep - Harmony F
Yr 1 - Stefanie G
Yr 2 - Irem K
Yr 3 - Torah K
Yr 4 - Tori G
Yr 5 - Janaya P
Yr 6 - Taylor C-M
Yr 7 - Jesse N

Music Award - Jessica L
Class Award - Yr 3

TUCKSHOP MENU & MEAL DEAL DAYS

A Tuckshop pamphlet has been sent home with the Term 1 Tuckshop Menu and Meal Deal days. We are desperately seeking volunteers to assist in the Tuckshop. If you can spare anytime, please complete the form or contact the School Office on 41308333.

Music Award - Jessica L
Class Award - Yr 3
**EW ROUNDABOUT & DRAINAGE WORK AT BOUNDARY & GEORGE STREETS**

Bundaberg Regional Council will be commencing drainage works in the George and Boundary Streets neighbourhood. The works will include the construction of a roundabout and associated traffic islands as well as installation of underground drainage components. Construction is expected to commence in early December and expected to continue until mid-February. Traffic control signage will be installed and traffic controllers will be in place.

We ask that all parents drive safely and be patient when dropping and collecting children in this very busy area.

**Get Started Sport Funding** is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government’s Get in the Game initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level. Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford, or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. Eligible children and young people aged 5 and up to age 17 can apply online for a voucher valued up to $150, to help pay for club membership and/or participation fees. If you would like further information please contact the Office.

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**Community Notices**

**Bundaberg BMX Club Inc. - National Sign on Day**

The Bundaberg BMX Club is holding a National Sign on Day (Come & Try Day) on Sunday, 23 February 2014 from 9am to 12pm. The upcoming National Sign On Day is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is interested in BMX to try the sport for free. You will just need to bring your bike, a full face helmet, long sleeve shirt, long pants, gloves & shoes. There is a showbag for all who attend, so come along and have a fun day out at your local BMX Club. For more information contact Ian Lenkeit on 0421 314 042 or Natasha Rupert on 0435 863 209.

**Yoga Classes**

for primary-aged children in term 1, 2014 are run after school in the Bundaberg CBD as an 8-week block. Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm starting February 4. $80 for 8 weeks (second sibling half price). Bookings essential. Contact Leanne on lonnietoy@gmail.com or 0434 619 872.

**L.A. DANCE ACADEMY** is taking enrolments for 2014 in Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Tap, Classical, Acrobat Classes, Ladies Beginner Tap & Jazz, LA Littlies.

From 3—5 yrs of age learning Dance, Speech, Drawing and Music for 8 weeks (second sibling half price). Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm starting February. For more information phone Leigh-Ann on 0400 716 918.

**Information Session Parenting Teenagers**

Aimed to assist parents balance their time, promote good communication and provide strategies to deal with concerns and risky behaviours in their teenagers.

**When:** Tuesday 25th February, 5 to 6.30pm

**Where:** 14 Tantitha Street, Bundaberg

**Cost:** $10 per person

Please book in by calling 1300 364 277 confirmation of bookings will be Thursday 20th February. For more information please contact Relationships Australia Bundaberg Qld 4670 Ph: 1300 364 277

**JUNIOR 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.

**FREE WORKSHOP** for parents/carers of Under 5’s “Clapping, Counting, Catching, Chanting” to be held on Tuesday 25 February 2014 from 4.30 pm—6.30 pm at Bundaberg Community Kindergarten (55 Electra Street, Bundaberg). A free fun & interactive workshop to learn simple movement ideas, games and activities to improve and enhance children’s literacy, numeracy and motor skills. Places are limited, Registrations close 19/02/2014. Phone 41531614 for more information.

**REMINDER TO PARENTS & STUDENTS**

The Staff Carpark is out of bounds for dropping & collecting students. Students are not permitted to walk or ride through the Carpark.