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**GRIP LEADERSHIP:** Last week I had the pleasure of spending the day with the 2014 School Leaders at the GRIP Leadership day. The students’ behaviour and enthusiasm displayed was exceptional. I look forward to working alongside these students and assisting them with their leadership skills.

**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 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.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN:** Last week we received our Earn and Learn products from Woolworths. Mr Geoff Donaldson from Woolworths presented Miss Clarke with ordered items, resources, art and craft supplies. Woolworth’s also presented the School with 3 boxes of fruit which the children enjoyed at lunchtime. We look forward to participating in the 2014 Earn and Learn program.

**DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY:** Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations, dogs/animals are not permitted on school grounds.

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

*Narelle Clarke*  (PRINCIPAL)
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.

JUST LIKE AN EAGLE

Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that spreads its wings to catch (its young)...(Deuteronomy 32:11,12)

Eagles are beautiful birds. They live high up in the mountains on rock ledges. There they build their nests and hatch their eggs. Baby eagles live in these nests. But the day comes when the mother eagle throws the baby out of the nest so that it falls down the steep cliff. Can you imagine how scared the baby eagle is? I suppose it thinks it is falling to its death. But the next moment the mother eagle spreads her wings and catches the baby. Then she carries it back to the nest. The next moment she does everything all over again.

The baby falls, flaps its wings, and she catches it again. This is the way it learns to fly.

The Lord does the same to us. All the bad messes in our lives teach us to fly and to grow spiritually strong. Thank the Lord for the bad messes in your life. These will make you spiritually mighty.

(From Devotions by Jan De Wet)

GRIP LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATES

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The School Office will be open from 8am to 3.30pm Monday–Friday.

NB. The Office will close on Wednesdays at 3.00 pm for Staff Meeting.

Ph : (07) 41308333
admin@bundsoutss.eq.edu.au

TUCKSHOP MENU & MEAL DEAL DAYS

Term 1 Tuckshop Menu and Meal Deal days was sent home last week. Spares available at the Office.

Meal Deal Days - EVERY TUESDAY
Tuckshop - EVERY FRIDAY

NEW SENIOR SHIRTS

Senior Shirts (Yrs 6/7) have arrived. Sizes available are 10,12,14, S. Cost is $35 a shirt.

The shirts will be available for sale at the School Office before school and after school ONLY.

EFTPOS facilities ARE NOT available.

Please bring correct money.

P & C NOTICES

The P & C held their first meeting on Monday night. It was great to see new faces there. The P & C have various projects they want to assist the school with. Join the committee and come along to:

The P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 24 March 2014 at 5:30pm.

Please come along and help decide the pathway that our P & C will travel in 2014. We need your support.
DON'T FORGET—CHECK THE NOTICEBOARDS
AT SCHOOL—LIBRARY COVERED AREA &
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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.

If your child is going on an extended holiday or is sick for a period longer than 5 days, you are required to fill out an "EXEMPTION from School Form" and receive permission from the Principal.

Does Attendance Really Matter?

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<th>If your child misses….</th>
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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 41 308333 when their child is absent. Notification can be made, by telephone, on the first day of the illness, or in writing on their return to school.

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions, such as being easily fooled or tricked into doing something. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability. We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to: http://tinyurl.com/childsvq Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652

Community Notices

Cities Hockey Club is holding a "Come and Try" day on 4th March from 4-5.30 pm at Hinkler Park Hockey Grounds. This is part of a Get Going funding initiative by the Queensland Government to support sport in our community and to increase the number of children participating in sport. Our club was successful in receiving a grant to promote hockey to our youth. For more details please phone: Cities Hockey Club
President: Peter McLennan 0428 576 238
Vice-President: Ron Rach 4151 6337
Secretary: Brendan Stevens 0409 002808
Treasurer: Roxanne Munt 4151 6365

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.

"Every Day Counts!!"