**WELCOME**
Welcome to the 2015 school year! To new parents and caregivers and those returning to South this year a very warm welcome from myself and the staff to Bundaberg South State School.

**CLASSES**
Enrolments over the holidays have increased especially in the lower school. Mrs. Michelle Hickey will be team teaching in the Prep classroom for the first few weeks of school until final numbers are known and class structures can be finalized. I appreciate parents patience with this Departmental process and assure you that your child’s education will be foremost in planning and that you will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.

**STAFFING 2015**
Mr. Kurt Petersen is currently on Long Service Leave and Mrs. Christene Black will be replacing him in the year 6 classroom for the first two weeks of school.

**SCHOOL WIDE RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR**
Bundaberg South State School has, as its Behaviour Management Plan, School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. Our three main rules are: **Be Responsible, Show Respect and Stay Safe**. Each week a specific rule will be presented on parade and followed up in the classroom. Students who fail to comply with these school rules will receive an RTC. After 3 visits to the RTC students will receive an after school detention. If student’s behaviour does not improve, then an internal or external suspension will occur. Please note that if behaviour is extreme then some of these steps may be missed. Please discuss this with your child and remind them that school is a place to learn and achieve their academic potential.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**
A School newsletter will be sent home with the eldest child in the family every TUESDAY. Please check your child’s school bag. This is an important form of communication between the school and parents. Newsletters are also available on our school website. If you have a smartphone or Iphone, download the free QSchools application to keep up with school news.

**NEW LEGISLATION BANNING SMOKING NEAR SCHOOL**
The use of cigarettes, other tobacco products or electronic cigarettes is now banned on and within five metres of school land. This applies before, during and after school hours, and on school holidays and weekends. The ban doesn’t extend over neighbouring residences or businesses.

**DROP OFF/PICK UP STUDENTS**
A reminder that there is limited parking in Walla Street however parking is available in George and Boundary Streets. Drop off and pickup times at school can be very busy, so please be patient and keep our children safe. A reminder that the Staff Carpark is not to be used for parking or dropping/collecting children. Children or bikes are not permitted in Carpark, this is a safety issue.

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**
Our School has a school dress code as per the School Information Handbook. Coloured shorts and shirts, denim shorts, tights, bike shorts are not acceptable to wear to school. Students must wear a bucket hat or broad brimmed hat if they wish to play outside. NO HAT, NO PLAY.

Foot wear must be enclosed. Students are permitted to wear a watch and pierced earrings (small plain sleepers or small studs only); or a medical alert bracelet only. No sleepers or studs in noses is permitted. Make-up is unacceptable except for a lip chap stick. Students with collar length hair needs to be plaited, braided or tied back with appropriate accessories (blue or black).

Uniforms are now sold at Shawline Embroidery/Bundaberg Clothing Factory, 17 Walker St, Bundaberg. Royal blue shorts/skirts are available from Big W, Best & Less, Kmart and Target. Senior Shirts only ($35 each) are sold at the School Office before and after school. We also have a limited amount of Library Bags (PVC) and drawstring Swim bags on sale for $5 each. Please bring correct change. Clearly label all uniforms, hats and bags with child’s name.
MEDICATION & ASTHMA PUFFERS
If you child requires medication at school, a new form for 2015 will need to be completed at the School Office. This also includes Asthma puffers. All medication must have a chemist prescription label with child’s name, medication details and dosage, this includes Panadol antihistamines and asthma puffers. Medication will not be issued to a child without correct labelling. Students must not have medication in school bags or self-medicate at school. If your child’s medical situation changes, please advise the School Office immediately.

VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION LEVY
As listed on the 2015 Booklist, a reminder that the Semester 1 levy is due. The levy is $10.00 per child. If this could be paid at the Office prior to Friday 13th February it would be greatly appreciated. This levy goes towards purchasing valuable consumable resources that the teachers use in the classroom with your child every day.

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE
We are currently undergoing maintenance on the Senior and Junior Playground areas. Several trees have been removed from the Junior Playground for safety reasons so please ensure your child has a hat and sunscreen applied. A Shade Sail & new equipment will be installed in the near future. The Senior Playground hopefully will be back in operation mid February.

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS
The Department of Transport and Main Roads have increased the times of operation for the Walla and Boundary Streets crossings at Bundaberg South State School commencing Tuesday 27 January. The school crossings will be supervised by Crossing Supervisors, mornings from 8am—9am and afternoons from 2.55 pm—3.25pm. Our School Crossing Supervisors provide a valuable service to our school children, parents and community and we ask that you respect their positions and road safety rules. School Zone signs are in place in all streets and George Street is a 40 km/h zone all day with flashing lights. These areas will be policed.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION HOURS
The School Office will be open from 8.00 am - 3.30 pm.
We will close at 3.00 pm on Wednesday afternoon for Staff Meeting.
Please ensure all children are collected on time from classrooms.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GET STARTED PROGRAM
What is Get Started? Get Started 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. Please see Flyer attached for more information. Round 5 applications open 28 January 2015. For more information, contact Sport & Recreation Services, Central Queensland Region (Rockhampton), Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and

2015 JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS
Come & Try Night on Friday 6 February 2015 from 7-9pm at the Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre, Kendall’s Rd, West Bundaberg (opposite Airport). Meet 2014 Queensland Open Champion Bruno Levis, free drink and ice block for every player. For more information please contact Dave Delpratt on 41 552388 or email bundytt@bigpond.com

POOL PARTY
A fundraising event for the 2015 Naidoc week celebrations. Come and join in the fun. Plenty of inflatables, hay ride, BBQ dinner, lucky dips, raffles, lolly jar guessing and much more …..

The event will be held Norville Park Pool on 13/02/2015 from 5-8pm. Entry is $10 (includes pool entry. BBQ dinner, drinks, fruit and lucky door ticket. Ages 6-14 yr olds (All children need to be collected by adult. Register for the event @ Indigenous WellBeing Centre (IWC), 184 Barolin Street, Bundaberg - Ph 1300 492 492. RSVP 30 January 2015.

Chaplaincy News by John & Paula
Giver behind the gifts!
Try to recall the various messages scrawled on the gift tags of your Christmas gifts. Which message was most precious to you, and why?

We are just emerging from a season of gift-giving where we have been reminded that presents are tangible “thoughts” of love. Everyday we receive many gifts - fresh air and nutritious food, warm sunshine and wholesome work, family and friends, health and homes, strength and skills. The “thought” behind each of these gifts is the same love of God.

As stated in the Bible from James 1:17 “Every good and perfect gift is from above........ “. Let us be encouraged and thankful for the gift of a New Year! I look forward to journeying again with all of you this New Year and a special welcome to our new families too.

ELECTION DAY 2015 - Saturday 31 January
The Bundaberg South SS Hall will be open on Election Day for voting. Parking is available in Walla, George and Boundary Streets.

HELP WANTED
SCHOOL TUCKSHOP welcomes volunteers to come along and help out. We are asking 1-2 parents from each classroom to assist in keeping our Tuckshop open for 2015. If you can help in anyway, please contact the School Office on 41308333.

SCHOOL CROSSING RULES
Stand behind the yellow line at the Crossing.
Wait for the Crossing Supervisor to blow the whistle before you step onto the crossing.

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