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From the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that we are almost through Term 1. School camps are just around the corner and the Easter Holidays are not far away. Thank you for your hard work and support at the start of this school year. We have a busy three weeks before we go on holidays.

Students should be focusing on their attendance (95% is our school target!) and on their assessments and tests. Please continue to remind them that this is their core duty as students.

As a school we have also committed to the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. There are a number of activities that are planned for this Friday that you can see listed in this newsletter.

These activities have been organised by the Student Leaders (School Captains, House Captains and Class Captains), who have taken on the leadership challenge of organising a whole school event. These Student Leaders have met this challenge exceptionally well and I have been

impressed with their persistence and creativity. Thank you also, to Senior Constable Ashton and Vaughan from the QAS for their involvement.

As Principal, I regularly receive feedback from others about our students, your children. I would like to share two pieces of this feedback.

I have had a wonderful time teaching your children and observing their massive improvements. Thank you.—Miss Lacey at Moura Pool.

I wanted to say how well your students are working and how lovely it is to have them in my class. There are three schools working together in this class and your students have exceptional manners and work ethic.—Miss Megan (online teacher at the Brisbane SDE—IMPACT Centre).

Thank you students. You, your families and your school can be proud of your efforts. As always, please contact us at the Office if you have any questions or need any help.

Kate Davis—Principal



7.00 – 8.00am

BOOT CAMP (FREE!) - Baralaba Footy Fields

(12+ years old; mums & dads are welcome too)

All day

FREE DRESS DAY - Wear something pink, orange or blue

All day

POST – A – POSTER—Look for your poster on the front fence.

10.30 – 10.50am

TOUCH FOOTY GAME—School Oval

Join the student or staff/community team for a friendly game of touch footy.

10.30 – 10.50am

STAR SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

12—12pm

Come and weave a star with us as part of our school's contribution to the One Million Stars to End Violence Project

Ongoing

LEGACY PROJECT – BUDDY BENCH

The Buddy Bench fosters friendship in the playground. We will be introducing our Buddy Bench at the beginning of Term 2.

Upcoming Dates—Term 1 2017

17th March

National Day of Action against Bullying

21st – 24th March

Primary School Camp

27th March

School Cross Country

28th March

Parent/Teacher Interviews

28th -31st March

Secondary School Camp

31st March

Holidays commence 3.00 p.m.

18th April

First Day Term 2

The School Cross Country event and Parent-teacher Interviews are coming soon!

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From our Primary Classrooms: Year 3 / 4—Miss Dunne

Throughout the term students in the 3/4 class have been investigating the First Fleet. We have been reading and listening to many stories from this period of time. All students have impressed me greatly with their ship drawing abilities. Over the coming weeks, students will begin writing their own recount of life as a convict making the journey to Australia.

*Before we started focusing on the First Fleet, we were calling ourselves the 3/4 tricksters because we have had to get creative and think of tricks to play on Mr or Mrs Twit (characters from Roald Dahl's book *The Twits*). Students produced writing to demonstrate how their inventive tricks were plotted and delivered.*

If there are any parents of the class who would like to come and see their children's drawings or writing they are hanging proudly on display in the Year 3/4 room.

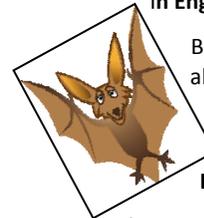


From our Primary Classrooms: Year 5/6—Mr Abawi

The Year 5's and 6's have a number of exciting activities that they are working on in class.

In English:

Both Year 5 and 6 are busy working on writing a feature news article about flying foxes that have infested a town. They are persuading people either to feel that the town should leave flying foxes alone or that the creatures need to go!



In Science:

The Year 5's are considering how animals adapt to their environments. They are individually choosing specific structural features to create a creature that is suited for its environment. The Year 6's are creating a fair test to scientifically examine the effect of an environmental variable of their choice on the growth of mould. They are working out how to control variables and will need to draw conclusions based off their experiment.



Any extra mouldy bread in their school bags are not a part of our experiment though!

In History:

In History, we have been examining a variety of topics relating to Australia's past. The Year 5's are focusing on colonisation of Australia by European settlers, while the Year 6's are looking at Federation and the changing rights of women and migrant groups in 20th century Australia.



In Maths:

At the start of the term, both Year 5 and 6 had been delving into data, interpreting graphs and tables and the uses of data. Now Year 6's are focusing on reading timetables, while the Year 5's have a main focus on adding and subtracting fractions, along with performing multiplication and division of 3+ digit numbers by a single digit number. They have been practising how to interpret word problems, and to perform reasonable estimates without using a calculator.

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From our Secondary Classrooms—Mathematics

All of the high school students have been learning a lot of new mathematics knowledge and problem-solving techniques. So far this term, the **Year 7s** have further developed their understanding in the content strand of Number and Algebra, with a particular focus on integers and prime numbers. They now know what is meant by an index number, and can write any given number in both its expanded form and using index notation.

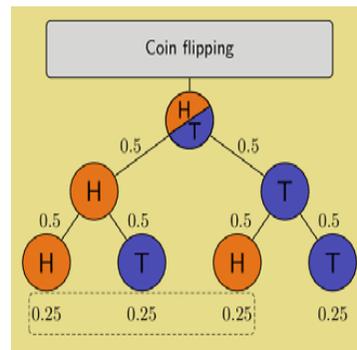
The **Year 8s** have just completed a unit on financial mathematics. Initial lessons have focused on converting between fractions, decimals and percentages and they were ultimately contextualised with business and financial applications. Students should now know what a mark-up and a discount are, the difference between retail prices and cost prices, and have also been introduced to every Australian's favourite consumption tax: the GST.

Year 9s developed further their understanding of rates, and how they can be represented both algebraically and graphically. The word 'gradient' has been added to their vocabulary and they will forever associate them with line graphs about taxi fares. They also learned that Pythagoras' Theorem is a handy tool for finding the distance between two points on the Cartesian plane, and that the midpoint of a line is a simple matter of finding averages along each axis.

Year 10s have revised Pythagoras' Theorem to find unknown side lengths on triangles, and have been exposed to another way of solving these types of problems using trigonometric ratios. While their teacher encouraged his own favourite mnemonic device of SOHCAHTOA to remember the ratios, students came up with their own methods of remembering them.

All students have moved onto the second unit of the term, with the Year 7s and Year 9s tackling measurement and geometry, the Year 8s studying number and algebra, and finally the Year 10s doubling down on statistics and probability. The Baralaba SS Mathematics faculty wishes them all the best with their studies.

Mr Peter Wieland



THE POWER OF READING



Did you know that if you read for 1 extra minute per day outside of school you read an extra 8000 words per year?

If you read for an extra 5 minutes per day outside of school hours you read an extra 282,000 words per year. And if you read for an extra 20 minutes per day outside of school hours you read an extra 1.8 million words per year. Now that's a lot of words.

I would like to challenge all members of our school and community – for students, parents and staff - to read for an extra 5 minutes (outside of school) every day. You can read whatever you want – a book, a magazine, a newspaper, an article on the internet. Make sure it is something that you would like to read. But just read. For only an extra 5 minutes.

Over the next few weeks I will ask parents and staff to send in pictures of your children and family meeting this challenge! *Where is the best or weirdest place that you can do your extra 5 minutes of reading?*

Learning Mathematics is important because it makes us think.

Our Mathematical ability shapes what we're capable of thinking about. Multiplication and division, which eluded geniuses a few thousand years ago, are now homework for primary school children. All because we now have better ways to think about numbers.

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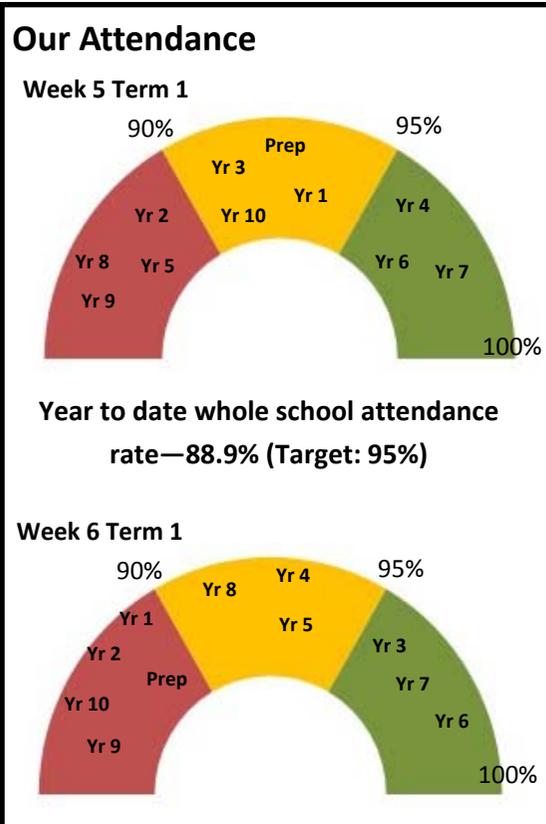
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Our Talented Students—Kids on Tour

Last Wednesday afternoon, the school held ‘The Gabori Sisters Gathering by the Sea on Tour’ art afternoon. It was a great turn out with over 40 of our students in attendance as well as younger siblings, parents and staff. The students participated in a number of art activities such as collage, stencil art, drawing and they wrote about what the sea meant to them. The students created a rock wall with their collages. Some even turned their sea creatures into masks. They also learnt about the animal totems of the Bentinck Island people, the home of the Gabori sisters, and chose one to make a trendy arm band.

The students had a great time and the event was very successful. We appreciate the Gallery of Modern Art for offering us the opportunity to participate and are grateful to the generous sponsors of this program. Thank you to everyone involved in the running and supervising of the event and thanks also to all of the students who attended. Without the students, this art event would not continue to run each year.

Mrs Webb, Miss Kyla and Mrs Read



ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

All visitors / volunteers to the school must be signed in at the Office. It is the legal obligation of the school to be accountable for everyone who is on school grounds. This is also the fact for late arrivals/ early departures. Students need to be signed in/ out in the student register book.

Also, please remember that no students are to be at school before 8.30 a.m. or after 3.00 p.m. If there is a reason for students to be on school grounds before or after these times, an arrangement needs to be organised with the Office.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact the Office if your contact details – phone, address, medical information etc.- have changed.

It is of vital importance that we have correct and current details, especially in an emergency situation.

UNIFORM ORDERS

Order forms are available at the office.

Uniform order forms need to be returned to the drop box at the Office with the correct money in an envelope. Please make sure the form and envelope are stapled together.

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| All polo shirts | \$30 | Jackets | \$35 |
| Junior secondary jerseys | \$60 | Hats | \$12 |

ABSENCES

Please contact the **OFFICE** if your child is away from school. The Office will then inform the class teacher.

In line with the Departments new procedures the school has implemented SMS text messaging for student absences. If you receive a text message in relation to student absence, you can either respond directly to the text, call or email the school.

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Our Award Winners

Week 6 Term 1

Damien (1) - Look Whoo's Great Award
Desma - YCDI Persistence Award
Kylarnee—Student of the Week Award
Leilanii—Listening Award
Brodie—Homework Award
Darcy— Great Improvement Award
Tommy - YCDI Organisation Award
Muriel—Neat Writing Award
Shakiah - YCDI Confidence Award

Abby—Reading Award
Lylia—Reading Award
Jack (1) —Reading Award
Grace—Hat's Off to You Award
Year 2 Class—Responsibility Award for trying hard to keep the school environment clean and tidy
Darcy— Student of the Week
Jamique— I Performed my Best! Great Dancing
Tommy— You Wrote a Fabulous Story
Kylarnee - Neat Writing Award
Brodie—Neat Writing Award
Jayce—Your Reading is Out of this World!
Rachel—Awesome Work Award
Brooke—Awesome Work Award
Elijah—Student of the Week Award
Joshua (8) —Learning Award



Week 7 Term 1

Ava—I'm a Star Student Award
Hannah—I'm a Star Student Award
Elise - Look Whoo's Great Award
Samantha—Reading Award
Monique—Reading Award

Great job everyone!

Messages from our community:

Bowen Therapy

Kerry Eather (Bowen Therapist) will be at the Baralaba Aged Care on the second Monday of each month starting March 13.

For Appointments—0414 857 381.

CPR—First Aid Course

If anyone is interested in doing a CPR / First Aid course, please contact Vaughan at Queensland Ambulance Service on 4998 1005.

Bauhinia Celebrations—25th & 26th March 2017

Locals, past residents and interested persons are invited to participate in the Bauhinia Celebrations. Camping is available at the Bauhinia Sports Grounds. Activities include Mystery Tours, Bauhinia School 50th Celebration and a Bauhinia Dinner on Saturday 26th March. If you are interested in attending any of these events, please email Sharon fraserssharonyoung@bigpond.com or Judy cjnobb@bigpond.com.

Kids Fun Afternoon—15th March 2017 (3—4.30pm)

Join us for games, craft, singing and storytime at Baralaba Uniting Church. Afternoon tea will be provided. All are welcome. Please bring hats and shoes. Contact Julie (0407 580 864) or Bron (0429 634 121) if you need some help getting your child to the activity afternoon.