5 WEEKS TO GO

BOY OH BOY

THIS TERM IS FLYING BY VERY FAST

We have so much to look forward to over the next 5 weeks. Spinal Unit visit, school leaders voting, Expo Night/Christmas Night, Graduation Dinner, Gold Card Day, report cards, Awards/Break-Up Day

I would like to wish Mrs Irwin a happy holiday as she leaves us to go on Long Service and will return in 2013.

Matt Liddell and Vashti Langley will fill in for the last 4 weeks of Term 4. Welcome Matt and Vashti!

LYING

Presently, we have a large number of students who tell lies and this leads to more lies. Lying does break down a relationship between students and staff as trust is broken.

In accordance to our Responsible Behaviour Plan your child will receive 2 days Reflection and if they persist you will be invited in for an interview to identify the triggers for this behaviour.

I have attached an article that supports parents on how to deal with the subject at home. Please take the time to read it and if need to discuss any aspects of the article feel free to drop in to have a chat.

Student Leaders 2013
Speeches will be Wednesday 21st November around 9:15am voting will take place straight after. All students from Prep to Year 7 will be voting. School leaders will be announced on Awards Day Thursday 13th December.

BookFair/Awards Day
Bookfair will commence on Monday 26th November to Friday 30th November. The theme is Hawaiian.
Parents can select books for Awards Day. For our new parents information: each year the P&C award a book to each student at Bauple School to the value of $6 for Preps to Year 6’s and $10 for Year 7’s. We ask the parents to choose the book. You can choose dearer books but you, the parent, pay the excess. We thank the P&C for this donation every year.
**EXPO/CHRISTMAS NIGHT - Friday 30th November**

The classroom doors open around 5:00pm. Come along and have a look at the school work your children have completed over the year. Dinner will be on sale at 6pm and concert begins at 7pm. See you there.

**Orientation Day - Monday 3rd December**

Our Year 7s go to their respective High Schools for the day and the Pre-prep come to Bauple State School from 8:40 - 1:15. The Year 2s come up to the Year 3-7 class from 8:40-1:15.

**Year 7 Graduation - Tuesday 11th December 6:00pm**

Photos are desperately needed; these need to be given to Mrs Curry so a small presentation can be organised to honour your children’s journey from birth until now. This presentation has been well received by everyone over the years. The intent is to celebrate your child’s life over the last 12 years not to embarrass. We have a number of blended families: we need numbers ASAP for catering purposes. What this means “number of parents coming – 1, 2, 3 or 4”.

Please contact Mrs Curry or myself.

Remember no siblings or other family members are allowed!

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**Susan Booth, Principal**

**In The Classroom**

**P-2 NEWS**

This term is flying by and we have already past half way! We have enjoyed having our Pre-preps visit us. Today was their third visit this term. They participated in parade, joined in with activities in the classroom, enjoyed playing with friends at lunch time and some tried tuckshop. We thank parents for supporting our Pre-prep program. It’s been great to see our future preppies learn school routines during their visits in Term 3 and 4.

Our current Sharing Time topic is to design a costume for Santa. This topic will run over the next two weeks. We’ve had some creative and well prepared presentations so far. Recording our poems on the Easi-speak microphone has also been fun. Students have enjoyed hearing these played back. We will be looking at narratives for the remainder of the term. Plans for individual toy making will begin soon. There are some supplies at school and students will be encouraged to plan with the available resources in mind. Students wishing to use alternate items will be required to bring these from home.

We will be doing more concert practice over the coming weeks as we prepare for our Expo and Concert Night to be held on the 30th November. We endeavour to keep costumes simple to prevent you from having to purchase any items. Some students will be wearing school costumes but some students may be asked to wear something specific (likely to be black/dark clothing or something that you already have at home). More information will be sent out by Friday. Please see me if you have any concerns.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Jess Chin

**3 – 7 NEWS**

Another busy week for our Year 3 to 7 students. The students in Years 3 and 4 have been writing narratives while students in Years 5 to 7 have been completing an assessment task analysing a poem of their own choice. On Monday we began our final unit of English for 2012. The unit involves the study of two books by Elizabeth Honey. Students have been listening to “Don’t Pat the Wombat”. All work relevant to the unit will be entered into an edstudio on The Learning Place.

In mathematics this week, students in 4 to 7 have been learning the method to find the perimeter of regular and irregular shapes. Years 3 & 4 have been consolidating their knowledge of multiplication and division.

Both classes are completing their SOSE projects –Years 3 & 4 completing a Power Point presentation about a Primary Industry of their own choice and Years 5 to 7 completing a report about one of the levels of government in Australia and a short biography of the leader of their chosen level.

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_O, what a tangled web we weave; When first we practice to deceive!

SIR WALTER SCOTT, Marmion_
Science will be interesting as students begin their final assessment task. Year 7 have to design and construct a balloon powered vehicle, Year 6 are to construct a device which uses an alternative source of energy, Year 4 & 5 are constructing a maze using walls and mirrors to reflect light and Mrs Booth's class are to design and made a water bottle cooler.

With the end of the year approaching students have been practising their plays. This year we have two plays. We have held auditions and now most parts have been finalised. Students have been given their scripts and are learning their parts.

HELP! We need egg cartons to make the pigs’ noses. If you have any could you send them to school with you child, please?

Susan Booth & Ruth Curry

**Weekly Awards**

**Students of the Week**
Back Row: Alex S., Melissa, A.J., Marshall,
Front Row: Amellia, …….., Mark, Isaac, Amelie

**‘Doing the Right Thing’**
Caitlin, Taleah

**P&C Assoc. News**

Another week closer to our Expo/Christmas night which is on the 30th November. Don’t forget to bring in a dessert to share and the P&C will be having their Gourmet Sausage Sizzle.

Please make sure you choose your child’s end of year book, either from Book Fair at school or Book City in Station Square, Maryborough.

Don’t forget to get your donations in to the school for our end of year Christmas Hamper raffle.

Our next meeting is on the 20th November at 3:15 in the staff room (upstairs).

Please be aware that I will not be ordering any more food from the wholesalers as there are only 2 more tuckshops till the end of year. Next week on roster is Hailie and cooking is Jane and Mel B.

Thanks Sherry

**Community News**

**Suitcase Sale Days**
Each Thursday
St Paul’s Memorial Hall
6.30am to 11.30am

Stalls include:
craft, scrapbooking, cooking, books, bric-a-brac, nick knacks, 2nd hand clothing and shoes, new and used items

sites $5
contact Parish Office 41 214745
or turn up on the day
BOWEL SCREENING INFORMATION

Do you know how to protect yourself against bowel cancer? While bowel cancer is one of the most common cancers in Australia, it is also one of the most preventable if detected early.

Bowel cancer is the second largest cause of cancer deaths in Australia, yet many Australians are unaware of its impact in the community.

The National Program is FREE available to those turning 50, 55, & 65. For more information about bowel cancer and the Queensland Bowel Cancer Screening Program, visit http://www.health.qld.gov.au/bowelcancer/ or phone 1800 118 868.

Why Kids Tell Lies And What To Do About It by James Lehman, MSW

Q: When your child lies to you, it hurts. As parents, it makes us angry and we take it personally. We feel like we can never trust our child again. Why does lying cause such anger, pain and worry for parents?

James: Parents are understandably very afraid of their children getting hurt and getting into trouble, but they have very little protection against these things as they send their kids out into the world. Kids learn from other kids and from the media, and it makes parents feel unsafe because they can’t control the information and ideas that are being presented to their children.

Let’s face it. Information isn’t just available to our kids; it’s injected into them. Bad ideas are pushed down our kid’s throats by their peers, by some adults, by the media. It’s hard for a parent to keep control of their kids when this is happening, and protect them from their own harmful impulses and dangerous outside influences.

Your kid’s honesty becomes the connector between what’s happening to him on the outside world and what happens at home. You need him to tell you honestly what happened today, so that you can honestly decide if that’s best for him.

You need to hear that information in order to decide if that’s going to help him meet his responsibilities now --and in the future. When parents don’t get the right information, they’re afraid they’ll make the wrong choices for their kids.

When your kid lies, you start to see him as “sneaky,” especially if he continues to lie to you. You feel that he’s going behind your back, that he’s undermining you. We begin to think that our kids are “bad.” We make the connection that if lying is bad, liars are bad. It’s just that simple.
Parents should hold their kids responsible for lying. But the mistake parents make is when they start to blame the kid for lying. It’s considered immoral to lie. But when you look at your kid like he’s a sneak and an operator who’s undermining your authority, it’s a slippery slope that starts with “You lie” and ends up at “You’re a bad person.” I think that perception of your kid promotes more lying. If your child thinks you think he’s “bad,” he’s going to hide the truth from you even more, because he doesn’t want to be bad. Even though they are lying, kids don’t want to disappoint their parents.

Q: Let’s look at it from the child’s perspective. What’s going in on a child’s mind when they lie to their parents?

James: Say you’re driving on the interstate and the speed limit is 65 mph. You know that if you drive 65 mph on the interstate, that’s the slowest anyone drives, and people fly by you, honk at you and call you names. So you go 75 miles an hour…and a policeman stops you. He says, “Ms. Jones, how fast were you driving?” And most people say, “Sixty five.” Or, “I thought I was doing sixty five, officer, or maybe a little over sixty five.” Why are people dishonest like that? Because they understand that driving fast is forbidden. But they don’t understand that it’s hurtful. We understand that it’s wrong to drive that fast and there are consequences. But we don’t understand that it really hurts anybody and that it puts people at risk.

It’s the same with kids. They know lying is forbidden. But they don’t see it as hurtful. Not the way that parents see it as hurtful. So a kid will say, “I know it’s wrong that I ate a sugar snack when I’m not supposed to. But who does it hurt?” “I know it’s wrong that I traded my dried fruit for a Twinkie. But it doesn’t really hurt anybody. I can handle it. What’s the big deal?” That’s what the kid sees.

When they don’t see it as hurtful, there are two different value systems operating: the family’s value system that says this is forbidden and the kid’s value system that says if it’s not hurting anybody, what do you care? The kid rationalizes his actions and justifies his behavior with the idea that it doesn’t hurt anybody. The outcome is a dishonest situation. A lie.

When you get to adolescence, of course, the stakes get much higher. But the thinking remains the same. Kids smoke pot and drink and say, “Well it doesn’t hurt anybody. My friends smoke pot and it doesn’t hurt them. I know drinking’s wrong, but my parents drink and it doesn’t hurt them. I can handle it. I’m older than my parents think I am.” They know it’s forbidden. They either don’t see it as hurtful, or they rationalize the hurt away.

Q: So what’s the best way for parents to deal with lying, so that they don’t feel hurt and resentful about it and so that the child learns not to lie?

James: The first thing you have to do is be careful of is giving lies too much power. If you have a kid who’s angry at you or who feels frustrated and powerless, and if he thinks he can get power over you by telling you a lie, he’ll use dishonesty to get that power. He’ll withhold information and lie by omission when you’re trying to get the truth. He’ll give you little pieces of information, and that makes him feel powerful. It’s a trap for parents. Honesty is important, but if you communicate that too strongly to your children, they will use that to have power over you. You have to keep these things a certain size so that they’re not used against you.

The second thing to remember is that you have to understand the power of the culture that kids go into. It’s a very powerful culture that exerts a lot of pressure to “fit in.” They may feel guilty if they lie to their parents. But, again, they’re thinking, “This isn’t that hurtful, and my parents just don’t understand.” Of course, parents do understand. They’re frightened, and they should be.

So I think that parents have to assume that kids are going to tell them lies, because they’re immature and they don’t understand how hurtful these things are. They’re also drawn towards excitement, and their parents aren’t. It’s not like the good kids aren’t drawn to excitement and risk, and the bad kids are. It’s not that the good kids don’t lie and the bad kids do lie. They’re all drawn to excitement, and they’ll all have a tendency to distort the truth because they’re kids.

I think parents have to deal with lying the way a cop deals with speeding. If you’re going too fast, he gives you a ticket. He’s not interested in a lot of explanations from you. He’s just going to give you a consequence. Look at it the same way with your child. He didn’t tell the truth, whether the truth was distorted, omitted or withheld. There should simply be consequences for that. The first time you lie, you go to bed an hour early. The second time, you lose your phone. It should be something that the kid feels. You lose your phone for twenty four hours. You lose your phone for two days. You lose computer time or TV time.
Bauple Band Hall
TOMBOLA
Friday 23rd Nov 2012

Doors open @ 6:30pm for 7pm start
Band Hall Rd, Bauple

*Great prizes*
Supper provided but feel free to bring a plate to share with your friends

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**PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT**
FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER @ 6:30PM
ALL WELCOME!
GOLD COIN DONATION

HELD AT LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Cnr Main St & Forestry Rd,
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