Dear Parents/Caregivers

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

I hope you all had a very happy Easter and spent some quality time with family. I did and it was fabulous sitting around the campfire with my beautiful children. I should rephrase that, to teenagers and my husband who had been away working for a month.

Term 2 has begun smoothly, with eager students and staff to begin the journey of learning during the next 10 weeks.

Principal Awards: Chantal Duncan and Caitlin Bottcher for their high achievements in persuasive writing. Their writings are published in this newsletter. Their writing is exemplars of writing for Year 2.

Term 2 is filling up with many events; Water Awareness Program, ANZAC Day Ceremony, ANZAC Day Public Holiday, Theebine District Cross Country, Singing at the Brolga Theatre, NAPLAN Testing, Bauple State School Sports Day, Queen’s Birthday public holiday, Pet Visit, Camp.

Reading Comprehension Workshops will be available to all parents and staff on the following dates for Term 2: 30th April, 28 May and 11 June. (Mrs Chin and Mrs Booth will be running these workshops. Please register via the office for catering purposes and number of handouts. We recommend these workshops for all parents and staff as they will support you supporting your children and students, at home and at school. (Tuesday, 3:15 in the Resource Centre)

Staff Changes: During Term 2, there will be some changes to staff as some teachers and teacher aides are taking leave. Mr Oulds will be taking paternity leave for a week during May, Mrs Chin will be taking 2 weeks Long Service Leave during May and Mrs Dempster will be taking long service leave May – October. Mrs Ruth Curry will replace Mr Oulds, Ms Peta Milne will replace Mrs Chin and Ms Mary Burg and Mrs Tara-Lea Voss will replace Mrs Dempster.

ANZAC Day Ceremony: Wednesday 24th April Bauple State School will host their annual ANZAC Day ceremony at 9:30am following our school assembly. Parents, grandparents and community members are invited to attend.

Theebine Cross Country: Friday 26th April at Tinana. Students who are eligible will receive the paper work this week. Students will need to make their own way to Tinana via parents. The following students will be competing to be part of the Theebine team: Alex S., Reece, William, Summer, Noah, Joshua and Cassidy. We wish them well.
**School Camp: June 19, 20, 21 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)**
All Students who are 10-13 years are invited to come on camp to Emu Gully at Helidon (at the bottom of the Toowoomba Range). The cost is $150. This can be paid in full or paid off in instalments. The paperwork will be sent out shortly.

**Parent – student interaction on school property and at school events**
No parent is allowed to approach a student who is not their immediate son or daughter and engage in a “dressing down”. If any parent or adult needs or has the desire to speak with a student who is not directly related (that includes, nephews, nieces, sisters, brothers etc) they must go through the principal (Mrs Booth).
No students is to address a parent to ‘tell tales’ or ‘demand money’ or similar. If any parent is approached by a student in this matter please refer it to the principal (Mrs Booth) ASAP.
No student/parent/adult is to touch, hang off, grab, hit, pinch, play fight with each other at school (non-related). This behaviour can be viewed as inappropriate by onlookers and they may refer this behaviour to the police or child safety. So for the safety of all, and ensuring all parents and students are catered for, I urge all parents to speak with their children that this sort of behaviour doesn’t occur at school or at school events for their own protection.
Students who continue to demonstrate this behaviour will be receive consequences; the parent or adult will hopefully understand that this action is to protect both parties.

**Showcase: 9th May**
Bauple State School will be travelling to Maryborough to sing the National Anthem at Showcase (a display of educational programs) at the Brolga Theatre. All parents are invited. We need to know numbers for catering as students and parents will be served lunch. The students will be travelling by bus. This will be a mind-blowing event for our students. All students will be required to be in full school uniform including hat, black runners and white socks. Please advise the school if you require support to ensure your children have the correct uniform.

**Woolworths – ‘Earn & Learn’**
Once again Bauple School is registered to participate in the ‘Earn & Learn’ promotion. You will receive stickers when you shop at a Woolworths or Food For Less store. Sheets for the stickers can be collected from the office, or you can send in your stickers and we will put them on the sheets. This promotion runs from 8th April to Sunday 9th June. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

*Every closed eye is not sleeping, and every open eye is not seeing.* – Bill Crosby Comedian

**Be Safe, Be Happy**
Susan Booth,
Principal

**In The Classroom**

**P-2 NEWS**
Welcome to Term 2. It was great to see all our smiling students return refreshed and eager to get back into learning.

This week we are finishing off a few of our Term 1 assessment tasks. We hope to commence our new Term 2 units next week. This will include learning about material in Science and about information texts during English time. More information will be provided over the coming weeks. This term we will also be training for our Sports Day and look forward to having fun during when celebrating Under Eight’s Day.

Homework has recommenced this week. Term 2 Data Books are being created. Term 1 Data Books will be kept in student folders and sent home at the end of the year. They will provide a lasting memory of 2013 and the progress your child has made. Information about Term 2 Sharing Time will be sent home later this week. Our Parent Roster will also be sent home. This has been constructed based on last term’s availability but is flexible. Please see me if your availability has changed or if you would like to volunteer in our classroom.

Enjoy the remainder of your week.
Jessica Chin
Welcome back to term 2! I trust that everyone had an enjoyable break and the Easter Bunny was good to you. Over the holidays I watched the movie ‘Rise of the Guardians’ and was surprised to find out that Easter Bunny is actually Australian. Speaking of Australian, next week is Anzac Day. Our students are eagerly preparing for our Anzac Day ceremony next Wednesday morning.

In the 4-7 class we are exploring the Stolen Generation in preparation for writing a persuasive speech in English. In Maths we are looking at number operations, basic algebra and shape. Science this term is focusing on the Chemical Sciences. We will be starting our new unit exploring the changes between different states of matter.

It is good to see the students back at school, ready and eager to learn. Look forward to seeing you next week for the Anzac Day ceremony. One final note to keep in mind – school camp is coming up at the end of the term. We will be going to Emu Gully for Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of Week 10, the 19th -21st of June. More details will be coming soon.

Susan Booth & Matt Oulds

Homework Doesn’t Help Kids Learn

I strongly believe that homework does help you learn because you learn your number facts, spelling and sentences.

It is a fact that learning is important because it helps you behave and it helps you understand what you have done each day in class. I firmly believe that learning number facts are important because you need them when you’re older to keep track of your money.

In addition to the above reasons you need to learn writing sentences and spelling because you need to be able to communicate.

In summary at your school your homework is very important to finish the day’s learning. We will continue to learn always.

By Chantal

Homework Doesn’t Help Kids Learn

I strongly believe that homework does help kids learn. Firstly, you can learn your times tables. Secondly, you can have neater handwriting and thirdly your reading will improve.

I have more time to learn times tables at home and mum helps me.

I strongly believe that I am practising to get better at handwriting.

I firmly believe that my reading will get better by reading bigger words at home with mum.

It is clear that homework does help kids learn because of my reasons above.

By Caitlin

Reading the Bauple Way

Last term we introduced some of the key reading comprehension strategies at Bauple. We are planning some information sessions during this term and invite parents, grandparents and friends to join us. At these sessions we will be addressing and discussing key strategies and will provide you with some ideas for supporting your child’s reading. More details coming soon!
Welcome back to Term. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. Yesterday we had our Fund-raising meeting and organised a few things. First off the rank is our MOTHERS DAY stall on the 8th and 10th of MAY between 2pm-3pm: If you have any craft to donate to the stall please leave it at the office. It would be great if we could get some more items as the kids love buying for their mothers/grandmothers and caregiver. We will have a special draw for those children who buy from the stall. They will go in the draw to win a lovely throw rug for their mum/grandmum or carer.

GAMES AND MOVIE NIGHT 17th may5:30-8pm
There are a couple more things that need to be discussed at the P&C meeting next week so I will have more details in next week’s newsletter.

Tuckshop news
If you would like to or know someone that can help in tuckshop, I would love to hear from them. As it stands we have three helpers and it would be great to get some help in there.

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If you are unable to attend your day please let me know ASAP so we can swop with someone else.

Thanks you Sherry
CALENDAR
BAUPLE SCHOOL

26 April  Theebine & Dist Schools Cross Country – Tinana Oval
03 May  Maryborough Zone Cross Country
17 July  Theebine & Dist. Schools – 800m race – Bauple School
19 July  Theebine & Dist. Schools - Athletics Carnival – Tinana Oval
09 August  Maryborough Zone Track & Field Carnival – Tinana Oval

P&C

23 April  P&C Meeting – 3:15pm

COMMUNITY

19 April  Pizza & Movie Night – Lighthouse Christian Church 6:30pm – ‘Flicka’
20 May  Daughters of Destiny women’s event at Lighthouse Christian Church
03 May  Tombola – Bauple Rec Centre – 7:30pm
12 May  ‘Love Mary Day’ – Petrie Park, Tiaro
13 July  Tiaro Farming & Lifestyle Field Day

BIG NIGHT IN
PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT!
FRIDAY 19 APRIL
GOLD COIN DONATION
BIG SCREEN! BIG NIGHT!
ALL WELCOME!
STARTS @ 6:30pm
@ Lighthouse Christian Church

PLEASE NOTE: ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
For more info contact church: 41292787 (M) 0412 740 385
email: lcchurch.bauple@gmail.com CNR Main Street and Forestry Road, Bauple
Regular school attendance

Information for parents and carers

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.
- They learn better.
- They make friends.
- They are happier.
- They have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

Principals decide if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:
- Birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as haircuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?
You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?
Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?
- They don't get out of bed in the morning.
- They don't go to bed at night.
- They can't find their uniform, books, school bag...
- They are slow to eat breakfast.
- They haven't done their homework.
- They are watching TV.
- They have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in.
- It's their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help
- Have a set time to go to bed.
- Have a set time to get up in the morning.
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before.
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast.
- Set a time for daily homework activities.
- Speak about school positively.
- Be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term.

What should I do if my child won't go to school?
You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

Every day counts – Is your child at school today?
www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts