Welcome to Week 6, Term 3 2015!

**Term 3 Sports Activities**

Students have been participating in AFL skills training as part of our Sporting Schools Program. The students have learnt some new games and skills and have been participating very well over the past four weeks, with the final session being this week.

**Tuckshop**

Thanks to the P&C volunteers for providing extremely delicious menus for our fortnightly tuckshop experiences!

**Homework**

It is an expectation that students complete and return homework tasks which are set each week. It is really important that ALL students are reading daily and that parents are signing the reading records. Also, ALL students are given spellings to learn EVERY night and homework tasks to complete each week. These tasks are relevant to the content students are learning in the classroom each week. For parents of younger students, we strongly encourage parents to help their child to learn the sight words they are given. These are an important part of a child’s learning and are a strong component of a child’s learning to read, write and spell.

**Choral Fest – Kalkie State School**

We would like to wish our Years 3-6 students and Mr Arnold all the best for their participation in the Choral Fest at Kalkie State School next Thursday. Permission forms have been sent and returned. Students will be travelling with Yandaran SS students by bus for this event.

**Regional Priorities**

As part of the North Coast Region, current priorities for our school and student learning include READING, ATTENDANCE and NUMERACY. We have joined with other small school in the North

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**August**

- Friday 21—Fundraising Committee meeting 5pm
- 22 to 28 Aug—Children’s Book Week
- Thursday 27—Choral Fest Yrs 3 to 6
- 22 to 29 Aug—Literacy & Numeracy Week
- Sunday 30—Bingo Avondale Tavern
- 31Aug to 4 Sept—Recognise Support Staff & Teacher Aides Week

**September**

- 3 & 4 Sept—Fathers Day Stall
- Friday 4—Teacher Aide Day
- Friday 4—Science Day Yandaran School
- Sunday 6—Fathers Day
- 6 to 12 Sept—National Child Protection Week
- Monday 14—P & C Meeting 6pm
- Friday 18—Last Day School Term
- Friday 18—Fundraising Committee Meeting
Cluster to be a part of Success Schools in Reading Program which involves staff training to enhance the teaching of reading. We are also developing a school reading program and identifying protocols for reading in our classroom. To enhance our numeracy teaching and learning, we will also be participating in training for staff and ensuring that students are developing and practising their numeracy skills and knowledge on a daily basis.

**Student Absences**

If your child is absent from school, please let the school know the reason in either written form, or via a phone call or personal conversation. It is imperative that we are given appropriate reasons for your child’s absence as we are legally required to code the roll each day. School rolls are considered legal documents which are utilised in courts of law. We cannot accept reasons or explanations of absences from any students. We must hear from parents/caregivers directly. Please utilise the KIT book for this purpose.

Whilst we encourage ALL students to attend regularly and at a high rate, we would also like to remind parents that if your child is genuinely ill, please keep them at home – that is the best place for them to rest and recuperate. If your child comes to school when they are ill, they run the risk of infecting other children and adults and, also, of becoming even more unwell themselves.

I am very happy to say that our student attendance is above the expected state average and is maintaining a very high level. Well done to our students and their families for your superb efforts with regular attendance! Thank you!

**Chaplain Chat**

A coach is someone who gets you to DO what you may not want to DO... so you can BE everything you've always dreamed you could BE!
Let’s give thanks to all those who have coached us, teachers, parents, grandparents, sport coaches, counsellors, carers, ministers and all those who have mentored and helped us during our lives.

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP.

A great word from 1Thessalonians 5:11.

**Outside School Hours Care**

Hoping everyone can support this service please contact Tanika Sergiacomi on 41561202 before and after school

**Reminder**

EVERY FRIDAY - TAE KWON DO – BOOK IN NOW!

**P & C Fundraising**

BINGO SUNDAY 30th August at Avondale Homestead Tavern. $20 to play – 10 games.

Fathers Day raffle tickets on sale today drawn on Sunday September 6.

**Community Notices**

**Waste & Recycling**

Have you ever wondered what happens to the contents of your recycling bin? Around 154 tonnes of recyclables are delivered to Bundaberg Regional Council’s Material Recovery Facility (MRF) each week. These items are hand-sorted by IMPACT Community Services staff before being bailed and sent on for recycling. School and community groups are welcome to tour the MRF for an opportunity to discover how recyclables are managed and to help increase awareness of
recycling within our community. Bookings are essential, to arrange a tour contact IMPACT on 4155 3411. For more information on Council’s Waste and Recycling Services head to www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au

Footy Colours Day Team
Calling all Aussies to unite and wear your favourite team colours with pride on—Footy Colours Day Friday 4th September, 2015—make a donation and support the fight against cancer. Check the website for details for your donations.
www.footycoloursday.com.au

Junior Cricket Sign-On
YMCA Junior Cricket
2015/2016 Season
Sign-On Friday August 14 & 21
At the YMCA cricket nets 4-5pm
(Quinn Street)
CURRENTLY RECRUITING FOR UNDER 10s (ages 7 and up)
If you would like to be part of our club or would like further information please contact:
Mitchell Phone: 0408 264 539

Get your family active & eating well
Families in Bundaberg can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are open for a new group to commence in term 4, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each.

Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing screen time and being more active as a family. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

What: PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program
When: Term 4, Thursdays 4.30-6pm (weekly)
Where: Bundaberg West State School
Cost: FREE

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered state-wide by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

Bundy Flavours Festival
Bundy Farm Flavours Picnic Offers you an opportunity to relish a unique experience this Father’s Day by picnicking right on a farm. Sit back with your hamper brimming with goodies whilst enjoying local entertainment and feasting on local produce. Sunday, 6th September 2015 - 11.00am to 2.00pm - Venue – Macadamia’s Australia, 4625 Goodwood Road, Bundaberg, see attached flyer.

CWA Cooking Competition_Bundy Flavours Festival in conjunction with the CWA will be holding a cooking competition for all novices. There is also a category for the kids with a novelty local fruit and vegetable creation. If you’re interested in submitting an entry, complete the form and return with your entry to the CWA site at the Bundy Flavours Festival. Entry form available from school office.
The Children’s Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards

The 2015 short List

Book of the Year: Older Readers

Clare Atkins - Nona & Me
Darren Groth - Intruder
Diana Sweeney - The Minnow
Melissa Keil - The Incredible Adventures of Cinnamon Girl
Claire Zorn - The Protected

Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Tristan Bancks - Two Wolves
Bill Condon - The Simple Things
Tamsin Janu - Figgy in the World
Libby Gleeson - The Cleo Stories
Steven Herrick - Bleakboy and Hunter
Judith Rossell - Withering-by-the-Sea: a Stella Montgomery Intrigue

Book of the Year: Early Childhood

Aaron Blabey – Pig the Pug
Lesley Gibbes - Scary Night
Jenny Hughes - A House of Her Own
Stephen Michael King - Snail and Turtle are Friends
Alison Lester - Noni the Pony goes to the Beach

Picture Book of the Year

Freya Blackwood - The Two Blankets
Michael Camilleri - One Minute’s Silence
Ritva Voutila - The Stone Lion
Stephen Michael King - The Duck and the Darklings.
Bruce Whatley - Fire

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books

Simon Barnard - A-Z of Convicts in Van Diemen’s Land
Pamela Freeman - Mary’s Australia: How Mary Mackillop Changed Australia
Jane Jolly - Tea and Sugar Christmas
Demet Divaroren & Amra Pajalic – Coming of Age: Growing up Muslim in Australia
Clare Saxby - Emu
Carlie Walker - Audacity: Stories of Heroic Australians in Wartime.

Crichton Award for New Illustrators

Trace Balla - Rivertime
Karen Briggs - Kick with my Left Foot
Michael Camilleri - Little Dog and the Christmas Wish
Robin Cowcher - Meet Douglas Mawson
Leanne Tobin - The Lost Girl

The awards will be announced and presented in Melbourne on August 21, 2015. Children’s Book Week August 22–28, 2015. Theme: Books Light up our world