Principal’s Message

Congratulations to the seven students who participated in NAPLAN 2016. Your positive attitude to doing your best and challenging yourself to the task was admirable. We know the many special talents you have that NAPLAN does not test, such as athletic ability, being a good friend, always using good manners, being organised, having great scientific enquiry. NAPLAN is only a moment in time assessment of what a child knows in literacy and numeracy at that time. The results do help schools identify strengths and areas for focus in our teaching.

Thank you to the staff who got to school early to prepare food for the Brainy Breakfast each day. Students enjoyed toast, juice and pancakes. We started this tradition a few years ago and now ALL our students can’t wait for NAPLAN week for this treat.

Mr Alby Wooler as part of a Landcare project has invited ALL students from our school to visit Cooberrie Park to learn about endangered animals. Landcare is subsidizing the bus and admission costs. Cost will be $5 per student. A permission note will be going out this week. Please note that if a student is not going, then they are to come to school.

Students had a very special event last Tuesday. I had organised for Red Cross to come and talk to the students about being prepared for emergencies and disasters. Each student got to decorate a pillowcase which outlined things to have ready in an emergency. A book package also went home with each student for parents to read with your children. It also had instructions on how to protect the colours on the pillowcase. Thank you Red Cross. Thank you Bank of Queensland for sponsoring.

A special visitor to our school recently was our Adopt A Cop Officer Kendal and her assistant. This visit was a very special one for all the students as Officer Kendal had a lucky dip of gifts she brought back with her on a recent holiday. Thank you Officer Kendal for your kindness!

Yours in education
Jo Shephard Principal

Date Claimers

29 May—Sunday
Byfield State School
P&C Market Day

8 June—Cleaners Day
Thank you Roxanne and Lia

16 June—Thursday
Landcare—Cooberrie Park Excursion

17 June—Friday
Show Holiday
Public Holiday

23 June—Thursday
Distribution of Report Cards

24 June—Friday
Last day of Term 2

11 July—Monday
First day of Term 3

Term Dates for 2016

Term 1:  27/01/16 to 24/03/16
Term 2:  11/04/16 to 24/06/16
Term 3:  11/07/16 to 16/09/16
Term 4:  04/10/16 to 09/12/16

Office Hours

Monday:  8:00am to 12:00 noon
Tuesday:  8:00am to 3:30pm
Wednesday:  8:00am to 3:30pm

If you would like this newsletter emailed in color please advise
From the Junior Classroom

Can you believe it—we are just about half way through this term!

This term students are learning:

**English:** Character features and development in a story. Retelling a familiar story, describing a character and presenting it in a multimodal form. There is also a weekly spelling and phonics focus, reading groups, handwriting, oral speaking, and constructing written texts.

**Maths:** Every day the students do counting, place value, mental facts, and drills about measurement terms. Last week students learnt about fractions—Preps: making half of a shape, Y1/2—half of groups and sharing. Next week students will be learning about money.

**History:** What is my family history (P), How has family life changed or remained the same from the past (1), How has technology shaped our lives (2)

**Science:** Mastering Materials—properties of materials, how materials can be changed to make objects.

Mrs Shephard

From the Senior Classroom

Students in Years 3-6 have shown motivation and persistence in reaching for their PBs (Personal Bests).

Areas of focus for students have been: Keeping an organised workplace; taking care with bookwork; taking initiative to use time wisely; allowing others to work without distraction; and generally being respectful class members who think before speaking.

All students have made progress in their learning habits and I am very proud to witness many of them ‘smashing’ their PBs week after week!

We are now well into our units of learning. The Year 3/4s are enjoying a study of characters in Elizabeth Fensham’s novel, ‘Matty Forever’ and the Year 5/6s are preparing to create their own comic strip animation. Maths is challenging us with fractions, multiples and number pattern. In History we are studying Life in the 1800s and Science with States of Matter. Our focus on using positive learning behaviours in the classroom has allowed students to show good progress so far.

On a personal note, a heartfelt thank you to all families for making me feel so welcome. I am thoroughly enjoying working in this school and being part of the community.

Mrs Inga Koops
Teacher

All-Star Students are recognized for Improving in something in their learning, achieving something in their learning, showing positive behaviours and attitudes OR showing leadership in their actions.

Certificates are presented on parade and students recognized in our newsletter.

The following are form the start of this term:

**Junior Classroom**
- Bailie
- Chase
- Lincoln
- Melody
- Nezta

**Senior Classroom**
- Ajay
- Brendan
- Laci
- Maya
- Mia
- Wade

Byfield State School NEW MOBILE PHONE NUMBER is: 0429 565 344

Please text your student absence reason to this number.
**P&C NEWS**

**Market Day**

**Sunday 29th May**

8am—1pm

Raffle tickets have gone out to families

Please have all tickets (sold or not sold) back to school BY TUESDAY 24TH MAY

A GIANT raffle has been organised

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**2016 P&C Committee**

President: Kate Thiedeke  
Vice President: Heidi Lucht  
Secretary: Kim Campton  
Treasurer: Shamsa Cassimjee  
Bookclub Convener: Jodi Swan

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**SCHOOL PARADE**

All parents (and grandparents) are welcome to join us at our weekly parade each Friday morning. Parade commences 9am.

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**SCHOOL RULES**

* Be Respectful  
* Be Responsible  
* Be Safe  
* Reach Beyond

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**STUDENT RESOURCES**

Your account for the Student Resources 2016 is now OVERDUE. Please pay as soon as possible.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have already paid for their students to have pencils, rubbers, exercise books, rulers etc supplied to them each term.

Every student in each class has the same equipment. This equipment is purchased by the school at the beginning of the year so your students can have good quality resources to do their learning AT ALL TIMES.

Please see Jo or Gaye if you wish to pay an amount each week/fortnight/month—forms need to be signed for this process due to auditing requirements.
Celebrating National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week, held from 27 May to 3 June, provides an opportunity for our school community to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. It’s a time to celebrate and build on the respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

The 27 May and 3 June are important dates in Australia’s history, and mark the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

To learn more about National Reconciliation Week, visit www.reconciliation.org.au.

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month

May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in Queensland and is a great opportunity to get involved in awareness raising and prevention activities.

What is domestic and family violence

Domestic and family violence occurs when one person in a relationship uses violence or abuse to maintain power and control over the other person.

Not Now, Not Ever campaign

All over Queensland, in our workplaces, schools, sporting clubs, neighbourhoods and communities people are taking up the challenge to put an end to domestic and family violence.

We can all play a role in changing the culture and attitudes that underpin violence in our community.

During Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in May take up the challenge by supporting domestic and family violence prevention activities in your workplaces, schools, sporting clubs, neighbourhood and community or planning your own.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Saturday, 28th May
9am - 1pm
Fig Tree Creek (Merv Anderson Park)
So much fun for the whole family including plants, trash & treasure, friendly competitions, plenty of food and of course the legendary Derby and Dice Races. There are so many prizes to be won.
Bring your family and friends and have some affordable fun and support the local Girl Guides. Any queries, email: keppelcoastgirlguidessg@gmail.com

PCYC YEPPOON TRASH & TREASURE MARKETS
Saturday 4 June 2016, 7:00am – 1:00pm. Gold Coin Entry. $15 per Site.
SAUSAGE SIZZLE. KIDS ZONE.
PCYC Capricorn Coast Leadership Development Centre, 170 Matthew Flinders Drive, Coee Bay QLD 4703.
For more information or to book a site, call 07 4927 7899

CTC Rocky River Run
Sunday 5 June 2016.
Register at ctcrockyriverrun.com.au
Phone: 1300 999 CTC (282) Email: info@ctcrockyriverrun.com.au

Archer Park Rail Museum
Sunday 26th June 2016
9:00am – 1:00pm
$2.00 for entry 14yrs and over (under 14 free)
$2.50 for Tram rides – 18 months and over
Tram starts at 10am
Come along and enjoy the morning! Ride the Tram and enjoy a sausage sizzle or morning tea, Vintage, Classic and Ford Cars, Military Museum display, live music and much more.