**Byfield Bulletin**

**VISION:** ‘To grow from challenges; Engage through actions - And be happy in oneself’.

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**Principal’s Messages**

Welcome back to school for the final term in 2014. For three of our students it is their last term as a primary school student. Have a great final term Rhys, Madi and Seth. Make sure you store some wonderful memories of your time at Byfield State School.

We have commenced marking the roll electronically using One School. The roll is marked at 9:00am and 1:00pm. If a student is not in class then they are marked as absent. If a student is late that is then recorded in One School when they enter the classroom and recorded as ‘Late’ and the amount of time they are late. We are also using our school mobile to send text messages to parents if a student is not at school and we have not been notified. The staff will send text messages between 10:00 and 11:00am. The text message is then recorded on our school mobile as evidence of request. It is parents’ responsibility to notify the school of any absence—preferably THAT day. For more than two days absence the school requires a handwritten note or medical certificate.

For this reason please make sure that your contact details are up to date at school.

Parents please take note of events in our calendar in the newsletter and put them in your calendar. Also please read our noticeboard for events.

*Jo-Anne Shephard*

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**Attendance Target**—95%

**Behaviour Target** - zero detentions
From the Junior Classroom

Junior students aim high!

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P & C News

No notifications this week. Next meeting October 29.

Active Sport

Bike Education

Thursday mornings

9.30—10.30

Please ensure you have your hat, water bottle and helmet (if you are riding your own bike)

Swimming

We are swimming each Friday from 2:00—3:00pm until November 27th. Students will go the rotunda at 1:15 to be picked up from school. We need parents to please be on time. This gives students time to get to the pool, change and be ready for lessons.

Students are to wait quietly in the area designated. Students MUST have a swimming bag to put their clothes and shoes into when they get changed. Nothing is to be left in the change rooms during lessons.

**Students are to wait until they are called by their instructors before they go to their lesson area**

Students are to have:

- Swimmers, swim shirt, towel, own goggles (if they need them). **There is absolutely no borrowing from the pool. No swim shirt = no swimming!**

**STUDENTS MUST WEAR SHOES WHEN LEAVING THE POOL**

No student will be allowed out if they do not have any shoes on.

Parents - If you have any younger siblings who are wanting to use the infants pool, you will need to pay for them on entry.

Parents are required to come into the pool to pick up students and sign out. No student will be allowed out of the pool without a parent.

If students have to be spoken to about their behaviour in the swimming lesson by either the teacher or coach, they will be told to sit on the side and watch.

Students are to be marked off the roll BEFORE they leave.

Beach Activities (Year 6)

Students will leave school at 11:00am to go to Yeppoon Main Beach. They will need:

- School shirt, swimmers, sun shirt, towel, thongs, goggles and a stinger suit (optional—some are provided by Surf club), water bottle (ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL) and afternoon tea.

Activities finish at 2:20pm and students will be taken to the pool to be picked up at 3:00.

Behaviour and Attendance

We have introduced a behaviour recording sheet for students to record their attendance on. We thank Milman State School principal for sharing this terrific idea.

This sheet will give students great visual evidence for them to actually see how well they are on track to achieve the attendance target of 95%.

This means that out of 50 days students should not be absent for more than three days.

Students are also monitoring their behaviour. Their aim is to have all ‘green’ days. Yellow means they chose not to change their behaviour after been prompted.
Great Results Guarantee 2015
In 2015 the Queensland Government is investing $183 million in Great Results Guarantee funding for state schools. Here at Byfield State School our estimated 2015 allocation is $6714 to continue the great work we started this year to improve our student’s performance. www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee

High school open days smooth the way
It’s an exciting time for both our Year 6 and Year 7 students who will move to high school in 2015.
No matter where your child will attend high school, taking part in open events, information evenings and orientation or taster days is an important step toward a smooth transition between primary and secondary education.
Term 4 is normally the time that high schools open their classrooms to incoming students, so be sure to check with your chosen high school about upcoming opportunities for you and your child to tour the facilities and meet the teachers.

Happy Grandparents Day—Sunday 26 October.
We invite all our students to make contact with their grandparents if they live away or to do something nice for your grandparents if you see them on that day.

Summer Camps are starting soon at the PCYC Cap Coast...A fun holiday program for kids aged 9-15 years.
Age specific activities, including raft building, team & leadership games, pool & beach games, circus skills, art & craft, possum glider, crate climb, flying fox, rock climbing and abseiling, just to name a few. Programs run from 8am to 5pm each day. Dates: 13 & 14 December, 2014 and 5 day blocks in January: 5-9, 12-16 & 19-23. Please call 4930 2022 or drop into the centre at 170 Matthew Flinders Drive, YEPPON, during business hours (9-5pm – Monday to Friday), for details or to register your child/ren. Limited spaces available!

Halloween Disco at PCYC CAP COAST, 170 Matthew Flinders Drive, YEPPON  QLD 4703

Celebrating 25 Years!!
Community Centre
Street Party Celebration!
2-7pm 30th October
80 John Street, Yeppoon
Livingstone Shire Council

Pegi Williams Book Fair
Byfield State School Library
November 10th to 14th
Public are invited to purchase items.