Byfield Bulletin

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

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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Next week is our annual Awards and Concert night. Staff have referred to our awards’ selection criteria and looked at behaviours, attendance, participation and achievements across the year of all Y3—6 students. We have selected the recipients for the prestigious awards—Academic Diligence, School Spirit and Reaching Beyond. I would like to thank Anne and Steve Bundred who have donated the individual trophies and plaques for the awards. I thank them for their support of our school. Also thank you to Byfield and District Historical Society and Byfield Hall Committee for their ongoing support for these awards. We will also celebrate our Graduating Year 6 students—Rhys, Madi and Seth. We hope that the memories of their achievement and experiences at Byfield State School will be treasured forever.

Next year our school will be focussing on spelling and writing for improvement. This week teaching staff have been involved in a cluster Literacy PD with Professor John Munroe. John is a trained teacher (all sectors), registered psychologist and an education consultant to many Australian schools. He will be working with cluster literacy leaders and small school principals to support us in improving student literacy. John says that it is critical that students identify themselves as having a good reading identity to allow literacy to develop. We shall continue to map reading improvement as well and Reading Rocketeers will operate again next year for targeted students.

This week we farewelled the federally funded Active After School program that has been operating in our school for four years. It has given our students a great variety of sporting experiences—soccer, AFL, karate, cricket, cycling, circus skills, tabloid sports, and juggling, Frisbee flying. We thank ALLL of our coaches and especially Roz who has been the constant coach for the whole of this time. The purpose of this program was to provide our students with the valuable skills to take into adulthood of being active, cooperation, team skills and healthy lifestyle. Next year a new program federally funded Sporting Schools program will commence. Schools will again apply for funding to be accepted into the program.

Yours in education

Jo-Anne Shephard

Attendance Target—95%

Behaviour Target - zero behaviour contracts

Constable Kendell
(Byfield School’s Adopt-a-Cop)

On her recent visit to our school was very pleased to see all children riding their bikes safely and wearing their helmets.
From the Junior Classroom

**Junior students aim high!**

Exams are over and report cards are being completed. If I remember back to the beginning of the year, the learning journey the students have come from to where they are now, is ENORMOUS. Well done Juniors!

We've been practicing our concert items and I must say the Juniors are doing a great job.

In the last week of school we shall be doing some special Christmas activities—cooking and craft. The Thursday (last day at school for the year) students need to wear old clothes as this will be Cleaning and Movie Day.

Mrs Shephard

From the Senior Classroom

**Very wise Owls!**

Hi everyone

We have now finished assessments for reporting and most students worked very hard on all assessment tasks.

I am currently doing report cards and these will go out in the last week of school. Please remember overall marks are given based on work over a semester, and represent student achievement in all areas of each KLA.

**English**—reading, writing, spelling & grammar, fluency.

**Math**—number, measurement, statistics and probability

History, Science & Technology are based on the units taught and include class participation, bookwork and assessments.

Mrs Issy

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**Students of the Week: 7 and 8**

**Joe** — great participation in concert practice

**Jade**— for improved focus in class

**Hayden** — for his application to completing assessment tasks

**Sophie and Mason**—Principal Award for achieving the Prep target for Sight Words

**Talia and Brendan** - Principal Award for their high level of self focus and self challenges to improve in their work

**Paige & Jessie-Rose**—Great persuasive speeches

**Seth**—Showing more maturity in his coursework

**Ajay & Aidyn** for 100% in math facts

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**Reading Rocketeers**

Joe — Reading independently

Hayley — more independent fluent reading style

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**Bike Competition**

Congratulations to Wade and Joseph who won the best decorated bike in the senior and junior classes respectively.

Runners-up were Poppy, Rhys and Jessie

Bike education has been a very successful program

We thank all the coaches.
School Concert
Wednesday 3rd December from 6pm.
Sausage Sizzle—$2.50  Soft drinks $2
Students BBQ at 5pm  Everyone else 5:30
All raffle tickets to be sent back to school by Monday—sold or unsold.
If you haven’t bought any tickets—tickets are available from the office
Tickets will be sold on the night—$2 per ticket.
Families are asked to bring a plate to share for supper afterwards

PRE-PREP DAYS
Byfield will be running their Pre-Prep program on the following dates:
Wednesday 2 Dec: 9:00—11:00
Whole day
8th and 10th December

Thank you to our Bike Ed Coaches—
Sharon and Ryan from CQ Cycle club and Roz
There was a lot of fun on the last day with the ‘Decorate Your Bike’ competition
The students also saw Alex (BMX champion do some tricks
Winners: Wade (Y3-6)

School Concert!
All Welcome!!
Wednesday 3rd December.
Students are to arrive at 5:00pm
Concert start 6pm
Senior class students are to wear a plain black shirt.
They can bring something to change into if they wish.
Junior class to wear Christmas coloured clothing

Swimming Carnival
Please return permission notes by Monday
(even if your child is not attending as this is their notification for absence)
Friday 5th December
Emu Park Pool
9:45 for 10am start
(we hope to be finished by 1:00pm)
Students need: swimmers, swim shirt, school hat,

Ten Pin Bowling
Following the success of last year’s fun day at Ten Pin Bowling, we are holding another to celebrate the end of the year for students, staff and parents. Permission letter with all the details went home this week. Students—$13. Lunch supplied.
Last day of school— Friday 12 December

Please return permission form ASAP

You have BRAINS in your head. You have FEET in your shoes. You can run!
Alcohol supply: no minor offence

As end of year celebrations approach, parents and guardians are reminded that the supply of alcohol to anyone under 18 for unsupervised consumption in a private place is an offence. It carries a fine of up to $9108. For more information visit http://www.qld.gov.au/families/education/pages/drug.html

2015 Premier’s Anzac Prize

Next year, 70 Queensland secondary students will travel to Gallipoli and the Western Front as winners of the 2015 Premier’s Anzac Prize. Applications are open for the 2015 Premier’s Anzac Prize, with students required to develop a two- to five- minute multimedia presentation on how the Anzac tradition shaped our nation, why it is important and how future generations will keep the tradition alive. Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/anzac-prize for more information. Student submissions close 19 September 2014.

Community News

Queensland Police Expo

Friday December 12
9am – 9pm Free entry
ROBERT SCHWARTEN PAVILION
Exhibition Road, Wandal, Rockhampton
DEMONSTRATIONS • INTERACTIVE DIS-PLAYS • PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
• Scientific Section Scenes of Crime • Fingerprinting • Dog Squad • Community Supporting
Police • Water Police • Prosecutions • Domestic Violence Liaison Officer • Disaster
Management • Forensic Crash Unit • Road Policing • Safe Night Out • Police Citizens
Youth Clubs • Railway Squad • Crime Stoppers • Police Museum • Crime Prevention
Programs Unit • Fraud and Cyber Crime Group • Illicit Laboratory Investigation Team •
Police Recruiting • Special Emergency Response Team • Missing Persons and Cold Case
Homicide Unit • Task Force Argos

Get your family active and eating well

The FREE healthy lifestyle program for families called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health – is coming to Yeppoon for the first time.

Registrations are now open for 2015 with a new group commencing in both Yeppoon and Rockhampton in February.

The free program is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age.

The program helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It’s also fun for kids and helps boost heir confidence.

It runs for 6 months and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology in partnership with Central Queensland University.

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