Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Welcome back to all for another exciting term at Byfield State School. As the temperature begins to cool and the cold and flu season begins, I remind parents of ensuring that your child is well for school. Staff is very diligent about students using very good hygiene to ensure that germs are not spread. Our expectation is students have clean hands for work, wash hands after going to the bathroom and when slightly unwell to sneeze into our shirts and use tissues. If your child is sick and unable to come to school, parents are to ring the school that morning and either leave a message or inform staff. Thank you.

This term we have the regular Term 2 events—NAPLAN, Keppel Coast Small Schools Athletics Carnival, our annual Under 8s Day at the end of term and Byfield P&C Markets. We shall be having a Keppel Coast Small Schools Gala Day later this term too.

NAPLAN will be conducted from Tuesday May 13 to Thursday May 15 in the senior classroom for Year 3 and 5 from 9:00 to 12:00. Parents of these students are asked to support their child by having them arrive at school ON TIME, ensure they have a good breakfast and a good night’s sleep and know that their best effort is all everyone expects. The school is providing an Energy Snack for students only from 8:15—8:30 on the NAPLAN days.

Welcome back to Mrs Jill Milne who will be my Admin Relief teacher for this term. We are very glad to hear that Mrs O’Hare is very well again and ready for next term.

CQ Region principals will be attending a four day regional conference from 27—29 May. During this conference principals will be updated on the direction and expectations of schools as part of Department of Education, Training and Employment. There will be a supply teacher booked for the Monday and Thursday, and Tuesday and Wednesday will be normal operations as the Admin Relief teacher and specialist staff attend those days.

Yours in education

Jo-Anne Shephard Principal
From the Senior Classroom

It has been a busy start to term with all of the public holidays. Thank you to those parents who have been able to come to a parent teacher meeting. If you missed out and would like to discuss your child, please see me to make a time.

NAPLAN will be in Week 4 for students in Years 3 & 5. Parents please know that this assessment is for data collection only and I do not place any pressure on students for performance. Any NAPLAN tests that have been done in class are for both data tracking for myself to identify where more work is needed and for students to become familiar with the structure of the assessment. It is treated as a normal test. Please continue to show support to your child at home. Students in Years 4 & 6 will be doing other work in the library during the test times.

HOMEWORK will continue on as last term with four math activities, spelling and sentence activities and is due in on Friday’s. Again I have offered a choice of doing a report on an Australian Landmark such as Uluru. Students can do one, none or as many as they like. For students in year 6 I will giving extra homework tasks for individual subjects: Math, English, Geography, Science with a due date. This is to ready them for high school next year. Students will again be tracking their homework to ‘Race to the Finish’ 100% returned and completed in full will receive a prize. Students that are away on a Friday will only be counted if I have received notification from parents for their absence and it is returned on Monday.

We welcome Ms Lei Nelson to our classroom this term. She is studying a Graduate Diploma of Learning & Teaching and will be in our class 3 days per week working with students and taking some lessons with supervision.

Happy learning Ms Issy :)

From the Junior Classroom

In our classroom we aim high!!!!

Our first week was very short and was sued for revision.

We are now into the swing of normal timetable routines which also includes homework. Parents please ensure your child reads EVERY night their home reader. We are noting there are some students who are not doing any reading at home.

Homework is to be returned each Friday and this includes readers, homework AND library book. Home readers will not be replaced if they are not returned on time.

In English this term we are looking at characters and writing descriptions. In Maths we have just completed a week of investigating shapes and next week will be doing lots of adding and subtracting. We are studying History this term and our focus is personal memories and how people keep these memories. In Science we are looking at the properties of materials and what objects are made from these materials.

We welcome Miss Kassandra Lee to our classroom. Miss lee is studying a Graduate Diploma of Learning and teaching and as part of her prac will be learning the art of teaching, the curriculum and how to gather data.

Happy learning Mrs Shephard

Thank you to the staff, students (Mason, Poppy, Hayley, Jade, Michael, Maya, Yasmin, Jessie, Amelia, Rhys and Wade) their families and their younger brothers and sisters for representing Byfield State School at the Yeppoon ANZAC Dawn ceremony and March Dawn. We were very happy to welcome so many parents and community to our school ceremony as well.

95% Attendance!
**Byfield Buzz! ....Know what your child is trying to achieve!**

Homework is an important tool for students! Homework provides students with revision and reinforcement of school work, time management skills and independence in their learning. While homework is designed so students can work on their own please continue to support your child and assist them where needed. Its fun to test spelling words and mental facts!

**NAPLAN Week 4**

NAPLAN tests will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Week 4 this term for students in years 3 & 5.
The school will again be putting on breakfast, toast with milo or juice for the students.
Parents please note that this breakfast is only for students and not for younger siblings.
Breakfast will be 8.15 am to 8.30am

**Thank You Woolworths!**

Thank you to Woolworths for their very kind donation of two trollies full of school items—activity books, diaries, exercise pads, note pads to Byfield State School. It was like having Christmas!

**Byfield Market Day**

**Sunday 25th May**

**8am to 1pm**

**Byfield General Store Grounds**

For stall holder information please contact the Byfield Store on 4935 1190.

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**P&C NEWS**

Please support our Market Day
Transition to school from kindergarten

Starting school is a major life transition for families and children. Managing this change is best done if information is shared between parents, carers, children, principals and early years’ teachers in schools and kindergartens. By managing the transition to school in a supportive way, children’s continuity of learning is maintained.

A positive start to school means children and families have a greater and ongoing connection with the school community. Have a look at the Step up into Education website (http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/) for more information and resources.

P & Cs Queensland 2014 State Conference

P & Cs Queensland 2014 State Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held at the Gold Coast on 12 – 13 September 2014. Registrations are now open. For more information visit www.pandcsqld.com.au/state-conference or contact the Conference Manager on 1800 218 228 or 07 3352 3900

Religious Instruction

We are providing religious instruction (RI) for students in Years 1 to 6 on Fridays. Our school offers a Combined Religion program delivered by a qualified Religion Instructor. RI occurs on Friday’s as per the following—10:00-10:30 Years 1 to 2, and 10:30 to 11:00 for Years 3 to 6.

Students that do not participate in RI are provided with other normal classroom lessons.

The information on your child’s enrolment form is used to place them in either RI or in other instruction, unless you have provided additional written advice to the school.

If we do not already have clear advice from you about your child’s participation in RI please provide this to the school in writing to Byfield State School.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Two FREE KARATE lessons
For new students
Karate at Yeppoon
Tuesdays: 4 to 6 pm 2 hour session
Thursdays: 5 to 6 pm 1 hour session
St Ursula’s College Hall,
Queen St Yeppoon.

Robi sensei: 0749393446, 0427016767

CAR BOOT SALE - BOOK YOUR SITE NOW:
Saturday 14th June 7am - 12 noon. Anglican Parish of Keppel Housden Place Car Park.
Only $10 a site. Bric a brac, loads of treasures and a sausage sizzle - Something for everyone. Come and grab a bargain from the great variety of stalls.

To book your site please phone Lyndall on 0418 392 303.