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Dear Parents, Staff and Students

This week students in Years 3 and 5 participated in the annual National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The Australian Curriculum, Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has the responsibility for the development and reporting of NAPLAN. NAPLAN tests the literacy and numeracy skills and knowledge that students need to progress through school and life. Our teachers view the point in time results to identify needs in our teaching and possible areas to support our students. Each family is receiving an information pamphlet about NAPLAN. For more information see www.nap.edu.au.

Congratulations to Amelia, Lachlan, Yasmin, Jessie, Wade, Talia, Van, Brendan, Jude, Dellie and Eden on doing your very best and great positive attitude to have a go. Thank you to our senior classroom teaching staff for preparing our students for NAPLAN and to all staff for giving all students a great start to the day with an Energy Snack.

This week the Rockhampton Regional Pedagogical Coach, Mrs Carol Haigh visited our school to discuss with teaching staff the implementation of Explicit Instruction at Byfield State School. In case parents have forgotten, our signature teaching pedagogy to improve all students in their learning is Explicit Instruction. Research has shown that Explicit Instruction is one of the greatest effect change to students to improve in their learning. As part of that instruction we do Drills to start each numeracy and literacy session. Drills help to cement skills to the permanent part of a child’s brain. This is why it is very important for students to arrive at school for the start of school. Drills have finished by 9:15. Carol will visit again next week and then later in the term. Our two pre-service teachers will also benefit greatly from this PD.

Please ensure that you look at the photos in our newsletter to see evidence of great learning and engagement and children having fun. Learning at Byfield is a positive experience!

Jo-Anne Shephard
Principal
From the Junior Classroom

In our classroom we aim high!!!!

This week the whole class worked together to write a description of Gerald the Giraffe from one of our picture books. The description is on the class wall for children to read to their parents.

In Science we made a hat out of paper as part of an experiment to understand about materials and their properties. The students discovered that paper is not waterproof, transparent, durable or strong. It was very flexible! One student had an idea to modify our hat design to make it more wearable. Scientists in the making!

In Art we are constructing things. Last week we made Mothers Day gifts. This week we are making baskets out of string.

Home Readers will not replaced if they are not returned with homework on Friday.

Mrs Shephard

From the Senior Classroom

It has been a very busy few weeks again in the Senior Classroom!

Congratulations to the Years 3 & 5 students who participated in NAPLAN exams this week. They all did a great job and showed resilience and perseverance in the all assessments. Some assessments were quite tricky!

Thank you to the rest of the staff and school for being so quiet during the testing time—it was almost like we were the only ones in school. :) Thank you to everyone who helped make our Energy Booster snacks in the morning.

Next week we are back to normal—Yah!!

Mrs Issy

Reminder!

Parents if you are going to be late for afternoon pick-up for any reason, could you please advise the school of your child’s pick-up arrangements as early as possible (day before or morning preferably).

Staff and supply teachers are not always available to stay after 3:15pm due to other commitments.

School Website

Check out our updated school website!

You can find lots of information: download the school newsletter, find out information about all upcoming events and lots more.

Reading Rockets

Students are to arrive for THEIR DAY on time - 8:15

Focus:
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Accuracy
- Sight Words
- Reading to punctuation
WEEKS 3 & 4
Junior Classroom
Maya, Mia, Dylan, Jade, Poppy

Senior Classroom
Aidyn, Jude, Ajay
Amelia, Yasmin, Wade, Brendan, Van, Jude, Eden, Lochy, Talia, Jessie
-Rose & Dellie

Reading Rocket Awards
Ajay and Michael

P&C NEWS

Please support our Market Day on Sunday May 25. Please keep a look out for notes about how you can help.

Byfield Buzz! ....Know what your child is trying to achieve!

Twice per term teaching staff gather data using regional benchmark tests or commercial standardised tests in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Number. We map this data to determine the rate of improvement in these areas of our students. Staff record the data on a mapping sheet and we have now learned to record it in One School.

A summary of the improvement data is also sent to our Assistant Regional Director, Mrs Angela Collins for her to view how well students are learning and improving. A copy of the benchmark targets has been sent home to all parents this week.

Active Sport

Our Active After School sports program for this term is now being called ‘Active Sport’ to stop confusion.

For the rest of the term students will be participating in a Rugby League program run by Sally Galloway & Tegan Rolfe from the NRL Coaching Development and assisted by Roz.

Active Sport is on Thursday afternoons during school time from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

All students will be participating in this fun sporting activity.

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.
EDUCATION NEWS

2014 NAPLAN testing
Schools are reminded that the 2014 NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are scheduled for 13-15 May. The National Assessment Program website has information for parents and schools, including the National Protocols for Test Administration. Principals and teachers should familiarise themselves with the 2014 protocols. Additional information for school administration and school communities is available. Enquiries regarding NAPLAN testing should be directed to the Queensland Studies Authority on 3864 0475.

Staying safe around bats
Children need to be aware that bats, including flying foxes, are protected species and pose minimal risk to humans provided they are left alone and not touched. However, children should not try to hurt or help sick or injured bats as they are putting themselves and the animal at risk. If you see a bat or flying fox that is hurt call:
  - RSPCA—1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)
  - Department of Environment and Heritage Protection—1300 130 372
  - your local wildlife care group/rescuer/carer for assistance.

If a child is bitten or scratched by any bat, they should tell their parents, teacher or responsible adult straight away, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and visit their local doctor immediately.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sports Notice
From
Keppel Bay Karate-do

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