Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Our two Student Leaders, Rhys and Madison, attended the annual Capricorn Coast Student Leadership camp in Brisbane this week. This year, Year 6 and 7 students from schools attended. They were under the very experienced and capable supervision of Mr Greg Lowcock, (Taranganba Deputy), Mr Nathan Scoffin (Yeppoon YSS) and Ms Kerry Gilmore (Acting HOSE Emu Park). They joined 23 other Student Leaders from the schools of the Capricorn Coast. The students attended the Halogen Leadership Conference (an awesome experience) and participated in team building and self-challenging activities. For some students from the schools it was their first time on a plane, so that was their first amazing experience. I would like to thank our P&C for their generous donation to each student to assist with payment of this camp.

Congratulations to our newly elected P&C elected Executive:
President: Ros Clarkson
Vice-President/Safety Officer: Kate Thiedeke
Secretary: Skye Michaels
Treasurer: Jodi Stickley

I look forward to working with you to enhance our school environment and support the learning and curriculum activities for our students. I wish to thank last year’s P&C executive and members for all the work they did to fundraise and support our school. Besides the fundraising which helped the school in some projects and excursion, our revitalized Rainbow Serpent looks terrific on our entrance pathway, and the hopscotch is well used. We are hoping that Working Bees this year can add more hopscotch games and hand ball courts, and attend to our gardens.

Yours in education
Jo Shephard
Principal
Reading Rockets

Please arrive at 8:15 for Reading Rockets.

Focus:
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Accuracy
- Sight Words
- Reading to punctuation

Active After School Sport

Welcome back to Active After School Sports.

Welcome to our coaches—Bryce from CQ Energex, Eilish—Active After School coach and Roz Active After School coach.

The students enjoy playing soccer and cricket at lunchtimes and it is great to see them learning the skills and rules to help them enjoy the game. It is great to have Bryce (soccer), Eilish (cricket) and Roz here each week. The lessons are fun, fast moving and constructive.

From the Junior Classroom

We have moved on to our next unit in English. This time the students are looking at persuasion in picture books. We have read ‘Hey, Little Ant’ and “I Will Not Ever Eat a Tomato”. The students have really enjoyed talking about when they persuade their parents for birthday/Christmas presents or after school ice-blocks/lollies. A very funny discussion and in some persuasions the students were quite theatrical.

Our students are very lucky as they are able to learn about the culture of Japan. LOTE is not assessed for Prep—Year 4 students. Later this year all students will participate in a Japanese Day making and tasting sushi, making Koi kites and lucky Japanese charms and doing some origami. We have ALWAYS enjoyed these days.

The Junior class members are doing a great job completing their homework, however some are not doing any home reading at all. I ask parents to ensure reading is done every night please.

Mrs Shephard

From the Senior Classroom

Another busy few weeks in the classroom.

We have finished our first unit in English and students have done well with their assessment. The Year 3s and 4s have done some great writing for ‘The Twits’.

Students are having a great time learning LOTE. They have been learning how to count and how to write in Kanji. They have to practice counting at home.

In our classroom we have a homework goal chart. Congratulations to those students who have been handing their homework in each week fully finished and neat. For students that have 100% homework at the end of term will get a small reward. Keep it up!

Happy learning
Mrs Issaakidis
Dear Parents and Carers

As the new school year begins, I’d like to start by thanking the parents and teachers for all your hard work last year. I’m looking forward to an equally fantastic and productive 2014.

Last Wednesday was our first P&C and AGM meeting for this year. A new President (myself), and Vice President (Kate Thiedeke) were elected. Thank you Ellen and Sparkle for your continued support regarding these positions. Sky Michaels will continue being secretary and Jodi Stickley as Treasurer.

A date has been chosen for our Yearly Market Day—Sunday 25th May. A school disco each semester is also on the agenda and is always popular amongst the kids and a great fundraiser.

Don’t forget folks that we are always in need for new members to join our P&C, so if you can help in any way during our fundraising efforts however big or small, it would be greatly appreciated. Remember many hands make light work.

Here’s to a great upcoming year, great fundraising and happy times.

Roslyn Clarkson  P&C President

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

Each child has their own learning goals to strive for in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. They are on display in the Junior and Senior classrooms. Come and see what your child is aiming for!

EXCURSION — GALA DAY!

Dance & Small Schools Cross Country

Monday 17th March

$10 per child + optional sausage sizzle $5 (sausage on bread, packet of chips and a popper. Extra sausages $2)

Own transport required

Students need to be at Coowonga by 9.15am

Bank Details for payment by bank transfer (for excursion payment only $10)
Account Name: Byfield State School General Account
BSB: 064-712
Account No.: 00090081

All permission forms and payment (for Gala Day & sausage sizzle if ordering) MUST be returned BEFORE the Gala Day.

Closing date on permission form

If there is not enough parents able to transport other students, school will be open for non-attending students

P&C NEWS

There will be a special meeting to adopt 2014 constitution at the next P&C meeting Wednesday 19th March.

Ice block
Wednesday
20c for 1/2 an ice-block.
Second break only
Bike safety reminder tips

Parents play a vital role in teaching children bike safety. Since children learn by example, parents can help teach children road and bike safety. When your child does ride to school:

- ensure they wear a correctly fitted and fastened helmet – the helmet should fit firmly, be comfortable, and shouldn’t move around on the head when worn
- show them the safest route, ride with your child until you’re confident they have the necessary skills to ride on their own make sure they ride on the footpath (if primary school age), keep left and give way to pedestrians
- teach your child never to be towed by a vehicle, and never “double” other children.
- Helmets help protect bike riders from head injuries and can save lives. Queensland law requires that everyone must wear a helmet when riding a bike. Set a good example by always wearing a helmet when riding a bicycle – helmets are not just for kids.
- Helmets come in a variety of shapes and sizes and some helmets fit kids better than others.

To help to make your child more visible to motorists, place a flag and red reflector on the back of the bike and a white reflector on the front. Wearing brightly coloured and reflective shoes and clothing will also increase visibility.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Soccer Sign On 2014

The Capricorn Coast Football Club welcomes new and past players to the 2014 season.

Registration for 2014 is now open online at www.myfootballclub.com.au

Information & Sign On for Under 5’s – Under 11’s is also available:

When: Saturday’s 15th and 22nd March 8 am – 12 md

The 22nd March will also be a come and try day.

Where: Clubhouse - Apex Park, 37 Cordingly Street, Yeppoon

To register for Under 12’s to Seniors please register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or call 0400024020

Junior (u5-u11) Start date is the 29th March.
Senior (u12-Seniors) Start early March.

www.capricorncoastfc.sportingpulse.net

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.