Thursday, 27th August 2015

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

It is that time of the year when schools have to begin planning for the next school year and as we all know enrolments determine the number of teachers we get each year. Given this can we please request any families who think they will not have their children attending Blackwater SS in 2016 please contact the office, or me, before the end of this Term.

Prep Enrolments for 2016 – we are currently taking Prep enrolments for 2016. If your child was born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011 then your child is eligible for Prep in 2016. Consideration can also be given to students born up to 31 July 2011 via an Application for Early Entry to Prep but this needs to be done in consultation with the Principal. Please come to the school Office with your child’s Birth Certificate and we can assist you with enrolment forms. Details about Prep Transition activities will be shared with the school community in the near future.

Attendance Champions – congratulations to the students who were acknowledged on Assembly this week for outstanding attendance during Term 2 this year. Nineteen of our students achieved 100% attendance and there was a further 75 of our students who achieved between 90% – 98% attendance during Term 2. We would like to thank the Capricorn Hotel who continues to sponsor this initiative and our parents for working with us to ensure students are at school every day to give students the best possible chance with their learning.

All three Blackwater schools believe that Missing School is Missing Out! So please continue to assist us to ensure your child doesn’t ‘miss out’ by not attending school unless they have a genuine reason such as illness.

Book Week – on Tuesday morning our school community came together to celebrate Book Week and held our annual parade. It was wonderful to receive the great support from families who got into the spirit of our parade by ensuring their children came dressed as a character from a favourite book. Thanks also to the staff led by Lillian King, who set up an awesome display in the Library, and who dressed up with the students. The following students received recognition for Best Dressed on the day – Thomas H, Amity J and Trae A. Here are some inspiring quotations that bring to life the power of reading – “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.” (Dr Seuss). “There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.” (Walt Disney).

Eisteddfod - Thank you to the organisers from all three schools, volunteers and congratulations to the students who participated in the Eisteddfod this year. Our Blackwater State School Band received a score of 86% and came third in their section – well done! Also I would like to pass on special thanks to Helen Cooper our Blackwater SS Music Teacher, Matthew Kachel our Instrumental Teacher and Laura Henderson (BNSS Music Teacher) for all their efforts with the organisation of the Eisteddfod.

P&C meeting - Our next P&C meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd September from 3:30pm in the school Library. I look forward to sharing our Executive Summary from the Priority Support Review held at the end of Term 2 amongst other topics that I will discuss.

Cheers

Rod Wood

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Library News

Book Week - Books Light Up Our World

This week BSS celebrated Children's Book Week with competitions, library displays, lunchtime activities and a dress up day on Tuesday where the children and staff came as a book character. It was fantastic to see so many children in costumes supporting this school event. We would like to thank all parents for helping their children with their costumes and the P & C for having a meal deal for the day, which was delicious.

Book Week fantastic costume winners were:-
Lower School – Trae Alexander dressed as the Christmas Grinch
Middle School – Amy Jackson dressed as a Pink Lady
Upper School – Thomas Haigh dressed as Wally from 'Where's Wally?'

Book Club

Book Club was given out this week. Please hand in all orders and money to the Library by next Friday – 4th September. Thank you.

Girls Life

Week Five Girl Life – Hair

In our fifth session at Girl Life we had guest speakers Melina Faine, Elke Flint and Zoe Hopes came and teach us about Haircare. We learnt some interesting facts about hair and then tried straightening, crimping, braiding and twisting and learnt how to do some fancy up styles.

Our fifth my life rule is “Everything can be talked about and most things sorted out. Often we try and second guess, mind read or jump to conclusions or assumptions about people's reactions and responses and then we滤 what we should or shouldn't say. It’s important to find someone trustworthy that you can talk to when you have a problem and not let it build-up. Silence is not always the best option and it can stop resentment building and withdrawing or shutting down from taking root.

Usually nothing scary will happen when I say what I need to. There are no dumb questions. I am allowed to ask anything respectfully.

Talking is better than holding it in
I won’t guess what they may do and say. I’ll just be honest
There are lots of adults that care about me and can help me
Most adults are on my side and want the best for me.

Week Four Girl Life – Makeup

In our fourth session at Girl Life we had guest speakers Sally Collins and Megan Latchford come and teach us about natural makeup. We all had a go at applying foundation, mascara, lipstick, eyeshadow and rouge. It was lots of fun and we learnt some cool makeup tricks of the trade.

Our fourth my life rule is “It isn’t just what happens to me that matters but how I choose to think about it… The way we think about things is far more crucial than the things that actually happen to us. Our minds have all sorts of perceptions that affect our attitude. Many things can happen to us but it is the conclusion that we come to about an event that determines how we move forward in life. It’s always important to remember that children are great recorders of their experiences but poor interpreters and that it is our role to help children find the correct perception when things happen to them.

My thoughts need to look after me no matter what is happening
My thinking can be like a naughty puppy that I can train it to do what I want it to.
Failure or getting it wrong is a useful part of learning. It doesn’t have to be terrible
Bad thinking makes a bad mood and good thinking makes a good mood.
My mood is always my choice
My thoughts will decide how my life is, not really the things that happen.
**Dates to Remember**

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**BNSS FETE—ANNUAL RIDE PASSES**

Blackwater North State School P & C are currently organizing this year’s school Fete which will be held on Thursday, 3rd September starting at 3.30pm until 8.00pm.

Blackwater State School are invited to come and join us in the fun, by offering everyone to pre purchase Ultimate Ride passes for the discounted price of $28.00. Ride passes are to be pre-purchased at the BNSS. Passes will also be available on the day of the fete for the full price of $32.00.

**CASUAL CLEANERS WANTED**

A vacancy exists for casual cleaners at Blackwater State School, applicants need to be available for shifts from 5.00—9.00am and 2.30—6.00pm. Resumes can be given to the school office.

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**Blackwater Junior Cricket**

**Sign On Fun Day**

Wednesday, 2 September, 2015. 4pm to 5pm.

At Hunter Street Cricket Nets

Come and try a game of cricket!

8 to 15 year olds. Both boys and girls are welcome

Any questions please call Melissa Newman on 0409825478 or Email: blackwaterbillbies@outlook.com

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**“Blake’s Vision”**

Blake’s Vision will be holding a Mega Cent Sale on Sunday 18th October in the Blackwater State School Hall. We are kindly accepting donations at the office. Thank you to Jade Fenner for helping to co-ordinate this fundraising event. All assistance and support is gratefully accepted!

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**Understanding changes in disability support:**

**Conversations about the NDIS**

2-5 September 2015

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) starts in Queensland next year.

The NDIS will be a new way of supporting people with a disability across Australia.

People who currently receive disability support will need to move to the new scheme between July 2016 and June 2019. Other eligible people with a disability, who do not currently receive support, will also be able to access the scheme.

The NDIS provides an important impetus for people to think anew about what would make (or build upon) a good life for them or their family member, and the supports that will suit the person and help them enjoy a good life which is sustainable over time.

While this opportunity sounds promising, we know that navigating any new system can be confusing and daunting, so CRU is really pleased to have this opportunity to travel through the South and North Burnett to talk with people about the new NDIS scheme, what it will mean for people with a disability and what people can do to get ready for when the NDIS starts in Queensland.

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**Birthdays**

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**Tickets can be pre-purchased either through Jag’s Restaurant or from Melinda at the Blackwater State School office. Final numbers are required by 31.08.15.**