Thursday, 23rd July 2015

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Welcome back to Semester 2, Term 3 which is already proving to be a busy Term on our yearly calendar. We would like to welcome all our new families and trust that you have settled in to the Blackwater community smoothly and that you are enjoying your time at Blackwater SS.

Athletics – congratulations to the students who were selected in the Duaringa District Team who went on to participate in the Central Highlands (CH) Trials in Wk. 2 of this Term at Dysart SS. Special congratulations must go to Bob Frame who was selected in the CH Team with his 1st place in High Jump. Bob will now compete at the CAP Trials on Tuesday 18th August in Rockhampton – all the best Bob!

NAIDOC Week – thank you everyone for your wonderful support of NAIDOC Week 2015. This year we again participated as a whole school in the community celebrations which included our students representing us as part of the traditional dance performance and speaking at the official ceremony.

Schools Tree Day – we would like to thank Central Highlands Regional Council, whom we continue to have a positive partnership with, for providing the school with several native trees that will soon be planted in the school grounds. We value this partnership and look forward to participating in ongoing projects with CHRC throughout 2015 and beyond. Each year around 3000 schools across Australia take part in this event.

NCCD – the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data is an annual way schools can monitor data on students who may require additional support related to a disability. Currently all schools are undertaking this data collection process, should you wish to discuss this in any way please contact me this week.

Gotcha’s – as part of the review of our school Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students this Semester we have given our Gotcha's a facelift; they are now referred to as Super Gotcha’s. As outlined at Assembly we now have new rewards in place to recognise the positive efforts of all students. Next time you are at school ask your son/daughter to show you their collection of Minion Gotcha’s so you can also recognise their positive efforts at school!

Central Highlands Eisteddfod – this year’s event is being hosted in Blackwater from 17 to 19 August. We are desperately seeking volunteers to help at Blackwater State School Hall over the three days. There are some specific roles that need to be filled in order to ensure the smooth running of the event over the three days.

They include:  
- Door person
- Ushers
- Scribe
- MC
- Music and Audio

If you are able to help for any amount of time over the three days, please let the office know at your earliest convenience. Even if you can only donate an hour of your time, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please don't forget that our Newsletter can be obtained via your children bringing it home in paper form, by being on our newsletter email list or it can be downloaded from our school website at https://blackwaterss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

Cheers

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Principal

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CENTrAL HIGHLANDS EISTEDDFOD
The Central Highlands Eisteddfod for 2015, hosted by Blackwater, is fast approaching! This year’s Eisteddfod will be held at the Blackwater State School Hall. It is the region’s premiere avenue for performance and competition. It is also a means of encouraging cultural activities in the Central Highlands area, and is a non-for-profit organisation. Our choirs, band, and soloists have been busily rehearsing to be ready by the 17th, 18th and 19th of August.

We are desperately seeking volunteers to help out at the Blackwater State School Hall over the three days. There are some specific roles that need to be filled in order to ensure the smooth running of the event over the three days.

Door person – to collect gold coin donations of general public on arrival, to collect sheet music from competitors on arrival, distribute timetables to general public on arrival.

Ushers – Direct people and competitors to certain areas of the Hall, assist in moving repositioning the stage/equipment if required.

Scribe – help organise the adjudicator, write competitor names/numbers on forms, fill out certificates.

Master of Ceremonies – Announce events, competitors, various messages during the day.

Music and Audio - Cue up backing tracks for competitors, adjust volume if needed.

If you are able to help for any amount of time over the three days, please let the Blackwater State School office know at your earliest convenience on 4986 0111. Even if you can only donate an hour of your time, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Arts in the Central Highlands.

FUN WITH MATHS
Fun with Maths sessions will be presented on Thursday 6th August. The cost per student attending the sessions will be $6.00. Notes and invoices have been distributed.

LIBRARY NEWS
2015 BOOK WEEK
Dress up as your favourite Book Character.

Book Week will be celebrated for the week beginning the 24th August—28th August. The aims of this celebration are to encourage children to read quality literature, to promote the publication of worthwhile material for children and to recognise the achievements of Australian writers and illustrators.

The theme for Book Week this year is “Light Up Our World”. Blackwater State School will be celebrating with displays, competitions, lunch time activities and a school dress-up as your favourite character parade on Wednesday 25th August.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club was given out to students this week. If you would like to place an order please return it to the school library by next Friday 31st July. Thank you for your support.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
The Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for the Blackwater State School. This program is a fantastic way of boosting supplies in the classrooms, library, or music room.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10.00 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet (or individual stickers) in the Collection Box at the office or at Blackwater Woolworths.
Dates to Remember

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**CENTRAL HIGHLANDS MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL—POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION**

The 11th anniversary of the Central Highlands Multicultural Festival (Saturday 22 August, 5pm—10pm, Emerald Showgrounds) is once bringing communities together. To join in the festivities, young people (aged between 0—13) are encouraged to take part in this year’s poster design competition. Poster design competition sheets are available from the school office.

Completing the design using a medium of their choice—think water colour, magazine cut-outs, acrylic, crayon, pencil, charcoal, paper, paper, fabric glitter … the list is endless!

The competition closes at 6pm on Saturday 22 August, 2015, so please ensure they are returned to the office with sufficient time to enable us to mail to the Central Highlands Development Corporation.

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**Birthdays**

04 July  Jim-Bob Collins
04 July  Cody Bozier
06 July  Taylor Malone-McInerney
08 July  Logan Brown
12 July  Edward Williams
13 July  Grace Chandler Ashe
13 July  Blake Wilson
16 July  Arianna Munns-Blair
19 July  Oliver Cameron
24 July  Nehemiah Malcolm
25 July  Rhys Haigh

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**CENTRAL HIGHLANDS MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL**

**CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

22.08.15  5pm - 10pm

EMERALD SHOWGROUNDS

WORLD MUSIC / GLOBAL CUISINE
INTERNATIONAL BEER & WINE
KIDS ACTIVITIES / WORKSHOPS

FREE ENTRY / Gold coin donation to SES is encouraged / Open Parking / Dress in National Costume for your chance to WIN GREAT PRIZES!

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**BLACKWATER Civic Centre**

Mon 27 July, 6.00pm

Bookings:  www.blackwaterciviccentre.com.au
ph  07 49825759

Stop Smoking/Lose Weight group sessions also available