Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

As we draw towards the end of Term 2 please note the information in this edition of the Newsletter to ensure you are up to date with school activities at this busy part of our school year.

BSS Bush Dance – this Saturday night we look forward to seeing you join us for our Bush Dance with band Hullabaloo in the school Hall from 5:30pm onwards. This activity will not only be a wonderful opportunity for the school community to come together but it will also display a culmination of the Dance until undertaken by students during Music lessons this Term. Miss Cooper has worked hard to prepare our students and the smiles I have seen on students faces during lessons tells me lots of fun will be had on Saturday! We look forward to your attendance at this school event and we thank P&C who are catering and families who have assisted with hay bales to help decorate our school Hall.

2015 Athletics Carnival – We look forward to everyone’s continued positive involvement with the remainder of our athletics carnival on the following dates:

* Monday 15th June from 9am onwards – Track events.

* Wednesday 24th June from 12noon onwards – Ball games.

Thanks again to the team in the Tuckshop who will have a great variety of food available down at the shed on the oval to keep us all sustained throughout the morning!

State of Origin 2 – don’t forget Wednesday 17th June is State of Origin 2 and some of us are really hoping NSW will play an outstanding game and square up the series before the final game in Brisbane. In order to help celebrate the great traditions of State of Origin we are having a free dress day where students may wear blue or maroon to support their team. We simply ask that a gold coin donation comes with this privilege to assist P&C with their great fundraising efforts for 2015.

BSS Priority Support Review – opportunity to have your say! Our school is scheduled for a school review from Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th June. The Department of Education and Training has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools will have a review at least every four years (BSHS undertook theirs at the end of Term 1). A final report will be made available to parents and the community on the BSS website. The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact me. Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at: education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework

Semester 1 Assessment & Reporting – each semester teachers provide parents / caregivers with a Report Card to report on the individual progress of your child. Coupled with this each Semester teachers offer an opportunity for a formal meeting to further discuss the progress of your child. By now parents should have received a note inviting them to attend meetings with teachers so there will be no surprises on Report Cards! This Semester, Report Cards will come home after the mid-year school holidays to give teachers as much teaching and assessment time as possible.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL

Office Hours Monday—Friday 8:15am—3:30pm

Email: the.principal@blackwaters.qld.edu.au
Mutual Respect Award
Congratulation

Logan Nielsen, Kyle Doyle, Edward Williams & Pania Crombie

BLACKWATER STATE SCHOOL
BUCK DANCE
We are having a Bush Dance this Saturday, 13th June. This is going to be a fantastic event for our students to participate in. All students are currently learning a dance to present at the Bush Dance and there will be lots of dances to learn on the night.

The band HULLABALOO from Mackay has been hired to provide music on the night.

P&C NEWS

 Helpers are needed for the Bush Dance on Saturday night. Please contact the office if you are able to assist and we will pass your details onto the committee.

Are you interested in helping our Tuckshop? The P and C are looking for any volunteers to help in the Tuckshop. If you are interested please see Stacey anytime during Tuckshop hours.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS EISTEDDFOD
This year Blackwater had been chosen as the lucky town to host the Central Highlands Eisteddfod for 2015.
The Eisteddfod will be held from:

17th August till 19th August
It is the region’s premiere avenue for performance and competition. It also a means of encouraging cultural activities in the Central Highlands, and is a non-profit organisation.

Your School Banking day is
WEDNESDAY

ATHLETICS PRACTICE
Mr Clements is offering the following athletics practices in the lead up to the 2015 Athletics Carnival:

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NAIDOC—Everyone Welcome
2015 Blackwater NAIDOC celebrations are being held from the 20th - 25th July. The 2015 NAIDOC theme is We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate. This theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. There are several local meetings to choose from to attend. Would encourage everyone to attend a mixture of these. Friday afternoon informal meetings are a great opportunity to spend time in the community and unwind at the end of the week. A community BBQ is held at the Blackwater All Abilities Park from 4.00—5.00pm every until the NAIDOC celebration.

Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program

Free coaching, officiating, first aid courses for teachers, school sport volunteers, sports & senior students

EMERALD
Saturday 18 July 2015
Emerald State High School, Old Airport Drive, Emerald

Saturday Courses:
- Athletics Coaching Part A
- Netball Coaching
- Sports First Aid (ASL)
- Touch Coaching
- Traditional Games

Sunday Courses:
- Athletics Coaching Part B (Sunday 19 July)

The courses are FREE to attend on the day. To register for the above courses please visit the following website:
Registration close: Friday 3rd July 2015
Dates to Remember

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PARENTS VIEWS ABOUT PARENTING SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Researchers from the University of Queensland and the University of Western Australia are investigating perceptions of parenting support programs and what influences whether parents take part in such programs. If your child is aged 2 to 10 years, please follow the link below to complete a 20 minute survey about your perceptions of parenting programs, your child, and yourself: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentviews/

Or contact Genevieve on 0408 357 311 (email: genevieve.wybird@uqconnect.edu.au), or Louise on 0419 917 998 (email: 21125278@student.uwa.edu.au). We thank you for your support!

Birthdays

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School P&F Association proudly presents

Girls and Pearls High Tea

Tickets $35/head
Individual or group* bookings available for purchase at the OLSH school office - tables of 6
*group bookings are to be paid for in full

Fashion Parade
by House of Magnolias

Pearls of Wisdom
shared by guest speakers

When 2.30pm Saturday, 20th June 2015
Where Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Big Shed

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre Assistance

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre:
Library Car Park, Wey Street
BLACKWATER

Wednesday, 17 June 2015 10 am to 4 pm

[Image of Australian Government Department of Human Services]