Thursday, 25th June 2015

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

As we enjoy the last few days of Term 2 we would like to thank the school community for your support and participation throughout our first semester of schooling for 2015. We look forward to continuing our positive partnerships when we return to school on Monday July 13th after our mid-year holidays.

Athletics – congratulations to the students who were selected in the Blackwater SS Athletics team to participate in the Duaringa District Trials last Monday. The school received wonderful feedback about your efforts and behaviour – well done. Congratulations to the students who were selected in the Duaringa District Team and will now go on to participate in the Central Highlands Trials on Wednesday 22nd July at Dysart SS, we wish you all the best and look forward to hearing about your participation on the day.

Fun Run – thank you to everyone for your support with our Fun Run held earlier this year in conjunction with our school Cross Country. We would like to acknowledge:

* Highest Fundraising Class – Yr. 1/2 B.

* Highest Individual Fundraiser – Gary Roser.

School Opinion Surveys – these will be conducted at the beginning of Term 3. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take the opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. More details will follow when we return to school in July.

BSS Priority Support Review – thank you everyone who provided input into our school review last week. We have received preliminary feedback which has acknowledged the hard work that has been undertaken over the last 18 months by staff, students and parents. A final report will be made available to the school community in Term 3. We will share the findings from this report at P&C Meetings, via the Newsletter and it will be published on the BSS website.

Semester 1 Assessment & Reporting – thank you to parents who have taken the opportunity to participate in meetings with class teachers to discuss the progress of their children. Please keep in mind Report Cards will come home after the mid-year school holidays.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays – with the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. Anyone found on the school grounds without the permission of the Principal may be dealt with by the Blackwater Police who will be doing regular checks of the school over the holiday period.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable mid-year holiday break. We wish well our families who may be moving on and look forward to welcoming the new families who will be joining our school community in the near future. For all the footy fans let’s hope both NSW and Qld provide us with an exciting State of Origin Game 3 that we can all enjoy!

Cheers

Red Wood

PRINCIPAL

Office Hours Monday—Friday 8.30 am — 3.30 pm

Email: the.principal@blackwatersss.eq.edu.au
**Mutual Respect Award**

**Congratulations**

Melody Carter-Matthews & Jack Clayton

**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. A note and invoice will be distributed in Term 3, closer to the date.

**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.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Please note that the Tuckshop will be closed this Friday 26th June.

Parents will need to provide lunch for this last day of term.

**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.

The colouring in competition sheets are available from the office and can be returned to the office.

**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.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST — FAMILY DAY CARE**

Expressions of interest are being sought for Registered Family Day Care service (ccb and ccr for eligible families) all hours care available in approximately 2 months time. Day care, evening care, before and after school as well as vacation care.

If you feel that you could use this service or would like more information, please email kye.dampier@gmail.com.

**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 until 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
**Dates to Remember**

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**Ambrose State School P&C presents its Biennial Auction**

**Saturday 15th August, 2015**

700 lots — bidding starts at 10am

Gates open at 7am

Listings include furniture & household, baby items, machinery, saddlery, building equipment and tools, antiques & collectables.

Lunch 12-30-1pm: Antiques sold at 1pm.

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**Birthdays**

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**Blackwater and Surrounding Districts Most Inspirational Women!**

Do you know an Inspirational Woman?

Write in and tell us about it so we can acknowledge them and they can win some great prizes!

Entry forms are available at all schools and can be returned to the office of each school.

All entries are to be submitted by the end of August.

Awards announced at High Tea on the 16th of August.

Sponsored by Blackwater Combined Chaplaincy Committee.

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**Inviting Ladies to attend a High Tea!**

**When:** 16 August 2015

**Where:** Blackwater State School Hill Way St.

**Time:** 2pm

**Price:** $25

**Theme:** Country Chic (NO JEANS)

Tickets are Limited

Raffles, Tea cup competition, Cent Sale and Fashion Parade.

High Tea is in support of Blackwater and District School Chaplains.

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**Matt Hole Comedy Hypnosis Show**

"You are AMAZING!"

Mike Tyson, Las Vegas

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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
