Thursday, 31 March 2015

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Well here we are at the end of our first Term for 2015 and what a positive start to the year we have had as a school community!

I'm sure you have been watching the work on our multi-purpose court progress the last few weeks - this is a wonderful asset to our school! Whilst work on the roof is nearly complete, during Term 2 work on the playing surface will also take place, so we will have to be a little more patient before we actually get to start using this wonderful learning area. It is at this point we must again acknowledge the financial assistance provided by BMA, Friends of Panda and our P&C Association – we sincerely appreciate this ongoing support to our wonderful school.

Our 2015 P&C AGM took place on Monday evening and I would like to thank the families who were able to attend this important meeting. Our 2014 P&C Executive all stepped down from their positions and memberships of the P&C Association for 2015 were accepted. On behalf of the entire school community I would like to pass on my appreciation to all members of the 2014 Executive for their leadership and support throughout the year. Whilst we haven't yet filled all of our 2015 Executive positions I would like to thank the following parents who have taken on roles for this year:

President – Kristy King
Treasurer (General) – Rhonda Turner
Treasurer (Tuckshop) – Kym Scales

We welcome interested parents to fill the vacant positions of Vice President, Secretary and P&C Qld Rep. We would also like to thank Kristy King for continuing as Uniform Co-ordinator in 2015 and welcome interested parents to fill the vacant roles including Fundraising Co-ordinator and Guidepost Co-ordinator.

This Term all three Blackwater schools have offered our Yr. 5 and older students the opportunity to enter the Troop Train Competition. The 2015 ANZAC Troop Train re-enactment will see a steam train travel from Winton to Brisbane to commemorate the 100 year celebration of ANZAC with our students traveling from Blackwater to Duaringa. Students were asked to produce a World War 1 themed project – we would like to congratulate Gabby M, Matilda P, Cameron M, Alex B, Lauren H, Emily C and Tennille R who have all been selected to represent Blackwater SS on the Troop Train from Blackwater to Duaringa. I will provide further details for these students and their families after the Easter holidays.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Easter school holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school Friday 1 Term 2 on Monday 20th April.

Cheers
Red Wood
PRINCIPAL

No. 5
Mutual Respect Award
Congratulations

Hayley Doyle

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL

PHOTOGRAPHER

Recently on photo day we took the following special group photos:

* School Captains with Principal
* Sports Captains with Principal
* Student Leaders with Principal
* Band
* Instrumental Group
* Year 6 Graduating Class

These presentations are a group photo presentation with the children standing together with their individual portraits below.

These special group photo presentations are available for purchase for only $27.00 each by collecting a special group envelope from the school office.

You have until Friday 24th April 2015 to purchase at this price (orders placed after Friday, 24th April 2015 will incur a $20.00 search fee as the images will then be archived).

Your school photo order will be delivered to the school in approximately 28 days. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your photo day experience with us, we would love to hear your feedback on 4921 3355 or by email at schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au

Keep smiling!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.E.)/INSTRUCTION

R.E will begin in Term 2 for students in Year 1 to Year 6 at Blackwater State School. R.E is offered to those students whose religious faith was nominated on their Enrolment Form at the time of enrolment and/or updated on the Student Details forms recently sent home for parents to amend if required. For students to 'opt out' of R.E, parents are required to notify the Principal in writing. If parents have any further questions related to R.E / Instruction at BSS please feel free to contact Rod.

Your School Banking day is

WEDNESDAY

ADIDAS School Fun-Run

We have finalised our ADIDAS School Fun-Run. Could you please ensure that all sponsorship forms and money is returned to your child's classroom teacher by Friday 01st May.

Expression of Interest
Temporary Teacher Aide

(20th April to 26th June 2015 - with possible extension)

Applicants are invited to be assessed for a temporary Teacher Aide for 6 hours/week at Blackwater State School.

Applicants are to write a short response or letter (max 1-2 pages) on how your experience, abilities and knowledge apply to the position including a detailed resume and two referees.

Applications close at 3.00pm on Friday 17th April 2015
Application packages are available from the school office or by email. Please contact the school on 4986 0111 for information. Applications should be addressed or emailed to:

The Principal
Blackwater State School
PO Box 44
BLACKWATER QLD 4717
Email: the.principal@blackwaterss.eq.edu.au

The Commission of Children and Young People and child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant/s to be subject to a “working with children check” as part of the employment screening process.

P & C NEWS

On the last day of this term Mrs Angela Allfield our Crossing Supervisor (lollipop lady) will do her last shift on the crossing. Angela has been helping Blackwater State School students to safely cross the road for 15 years and we wish her all the best with the move to Yeppoon.

Blackwater State High School — Art Competition & Exhibition

Blackwater State High School will be holding their 39th Annual Art Competition & Exhibition on Friday 22nd May.

The official opening and awards presentation begins at 7.00pm at the Blackwater Civic Centre.

Admission Costs: Adults $15.00, Students $5.00 and under 12 years are Free. Student Entry Forms are available from the classroom teachers. Final date for the receipt of entry forms is 18th May.
Dates to Remember

Thursdays
Assembly 2.15pm

Thurs 2nd April
Last Day of Term 1

Mon 20th April
School Resumes Term 2

12th, 13th & 14th May
Naplan (Year 3 and 5)

Fri 15th May
Under 8’s Day in the Park - Rotary/Panda Park

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Soil Health Field Day
Four Field Days to be held across the CQ region in April 2015

A hands-on interactive day with the aim of empowering you to make better soil health decisions on farm.

What Lies beneath - Understanding Soil Health

What is Soil Health?
Soil health is defined as the capacity of soil to function as a living ecosystem and provide a vital service to humanity.

Assessing Soil Health
Soil Health Assessment workshops are a great way to use field techniques to help you learn how to assess the health of your soil. The workshops are designed to provide practical, easy to follow tools for assessing soil health.

Managing Soil Health
Managing soil health includes a discussion on the wide range of options available to improve soil health including structural and alternative strategies. Biological soil health management strategies will also be discussed.

Guest presenter: David Hardwick
David Hardwick is a research officer in agricultural science at the University of Queensland. He has developed and delivered workshops nation-wide on a range of soil health assessment tools.

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Birthdays

02 Apr
Tamariki Tamihana

06 Apr
Lawson Dennis

07 Apr
Courtne Williams

09 Apr
Lucas Blazey

13 Apr
Jordan Jackson

15 Apr
Kiera Scales

15 Apr
Drew Richards

16 Apr
Brayden Conway

21 Apr
Jasiah Dalton

24 Apr
Hannah Munro

28 Apr
Jared Hepple

01 May
Jed Franklin

01 May
Alex Fraser

04 May
Billee Hodgson

05 May
Lebron Blair

05 May
Nick Connolly

10 May
Kyle Doyle

11 May
Kevin Lammermoor

14 May
Zack Hare

14 May
Xavier Flanagan

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Good Start Early Learning

AECT Job Advertisement - for a specific centre or location

It’s so much more than a job
We share your passion for early learning. And your experience will make all the difference to our children.

Early Childhood Teacher – Blackwater North

We’re GoodStart – a not-for-profit with a vision for Australia’s children to have the best possible start in life. We’re looking for an enthusiastic early childhood educator to develop programs and practices that are responsive to our children’s needs and aligned with the Early Years Learning Framework and National Quality Standards.

Our Centre
- Warm and vibrant community
- Natural and harmonious environment
- Fresh and stimulating educational resources
- Small child:staff ratios

Your Role
- Plan innovative and engaging learning experiences
- Assess children’s learning and development
- Champion positive and meaningful relationships with children
- Permanent Part-time role
- 30 hours per week

The Benefits
- Non-contact programming time
- Supportive and friendly team
- Professional development and training
- Career progression opportunities
- Child care discounts

If you have a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education or equivalent, and experience in a similar role, then we want to meet you!

Click here to apply today! Or for a confidential discussion, please call: John On 07 3106 3279.