Thursday, 14 May 2015

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Well here we are, almost half way through Term 2 and we continue to see our school community come together for a variety of positive and productive reasons during the school day and outside of it!

We would like to pass on our appreciation to all the families who have volunteered to assist with fundraising activities over the last few weeks. Our P&C Association is tasked with the role of providing additional funds for school activities along with decision making in conjunction with the school. The way families have embraced this in a positive and productive way is yet another reason why this is wonderful school to attend.

This week our students in Yr. 3 and Yr. 5 have participated in the 2015 National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) Testing. Along with this we have had Yr. 4 and Yr. 6 students participate in NAPLAN Re-sits so we can evaluate the ‘distance travelled’ for each student since last year’s NAPLAN. Teachers use the information gathered from these activities along with a variety of other assessment tasks to track the progress of your child throughout the school year.

Semester 1 Assessment & Reporting – each semester teachers provide you with a Report Card to report to you 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. We will shortly be sending home a note inviting parents 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 as we move into the second half of Term 2.

Attendance Champions – congratulations to the students who were recently acknowledged on Assembly for outstanding attendance during Term 1 this year. Over 100 of our students achieved between 90 – 100% attendance during Term 1 and we would like to thank parents for working with us to ensure students are at school every day to give them 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.

2015 Athletics Carnival – after listening to feedback from the school community we are making a few modifications to the organisation of our Athletics Carnival this year. We will be splitting our carnival over 3 half days with students from Prep to Yr. 6 participating as follows:

- Monday 25th May from 9am onwards – Field events.
- Monday 15th June from 9am onwards – Track events.
- Wednesday 24th June from 12pm onwards – Ball games.

We look forward to families supporting these half days by assisting staff and cheering along with the students as Bradman, Fraser and Jackson ‘battle’ for the honour of being this year’s champions!

Under 8’s – just a courtesy reminder to Prep to Yr. 2 families that this Friday we will be joining in with the Blackwater community at Rotary Park for this year’s activities to celebrate Under 8’s! Please refer to the note that was sent home in regards to this and ensure your Permission Form is returned before Friday.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL

Office Hours Monday—Friday 8.15am—3.30pm

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ATHLETICS PRACTICE

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

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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 award 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.

DUARINGA CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Chelsey, Emily, Dakota, George, Jesse, Rhys, Lauren, Bob, Thomas Haigh, Malachi and Tom Denniss who participated in the Duaringa District Cross Country.

Special note goes to Emily Connolly and Rhys Haigh who won their age group.

Cool Running. Mr Clements.

WEBERS CIRCUS

The Weber’s Circus is coming to Blackwater (Yeates Avenue) from Thursday 28th May through to Sunday 31st May. Please visit 365tix.com.au for more information.
Dates to Remember

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**Birthdays**

- 01 May: Jed Franklin
- 01 May: Alex Fraser
- 04 May: Billee Hodgson
- 05 May: Nick Connolly
- 10 May: Kyle Doyle
- 11 May: Kevin Lammermoor
- 14 May: Zack Hare
- 14 May: Xavier Flanagan
- 17 May: Carmilla George
- 19 May: Charlee-Kae Fenner
- 21 May: Kaitlyn Williams
- 21 May: Stella Hare
- 29 May: William Rauchle
- 30 May: Shanoah Garner

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**Health Checks for all Adults and Children**

Health checks are being provided at Blackwater North Medical Practice & Kurrajong Street Blackwater.

A doctor and nurse from CQRAICCHO will be available on the following dates for bookings:

- 1st to 5th June and 22nd to 26th June

All adults will be provided with a shopping voucher and children with a gift pack for having their health checks completed.

Transport can be provided to the appointments if necessary.

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**Ambrose State School P&C**

**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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**John Ellerman**

The Role of Probiotics & Gut Health in Overall Wellbeing.

As an eminent scientist of over 35 years, John Ellerman BSc MASM, led a team of up to 130, including Research Scientists & staff, in the development of a Scientific breakthrough in Probiotics: “Super Symbiotic”. This involved over 8 years of Research & Development in conjunction with the CSIRO and University of NSW.

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**Book your health check by ringing 4988 1179**

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**Ambrose State School P&C Auction**

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**Auctioneers—Neville Messer, Savage Barker & Backhouse & Team**

10% of sales will be directed to funding a new undercover multipurpose area at the school.

A detailed auction listing will be available from Monday 13th July on the Ambrose State School website and our Facebook page.

Bookings open 1st June

Anthea Adams Ph: 0458 751 391
antheaandgraham@bkpond.com

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**Great Family Day**

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**BLUEG.**

Kid’s Rides
Mum’s & Bub’s Tent
Cake Stall
Stalls & Raffles
Kid’s Corner
BBQ & Bar

Gold coin donation at the gate is appreciated.

General Enquiries
Ambrose State School 4975 1165
Helen Creed 0428 249 535

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**MORANBAH**

- Wednesday 13th May — Workers Club, Mills Ave. @ 7pm
- Entry $5 — Contact: Jacqui 0431 136 483/Wendy 0488 410 411

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**EMERALD**

- Thurs 14th May — Anglican Church Hall, Theresa St @ 7.30pm
- Entry — $5 — Contact: 0412 287 813

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**BLACKWATER**

- Friday 15th May — Anglican Church Hall, Tauros St @ 7.30pm
- Entry — $5 — Contact: 0422 874 014