Thursday, 28th May 2015

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

Thank you for your ongoing support with the variety of school activities taking place this term.

2015 Field Events were a great example of students, staff and parents working together positively was at our Sports Day athletics field events this week. I would like to congratulate our students for their sportsmanship and the positive way they participated in the events held throughout the morning. It was also wonderful having so many parents assisting with the running of events and cheering for our students at each event along with providing us with a tuckshop full of home baked and delicious hot food that was enjoyed by all. Thank you also to our hard working staff who ensured the smooth running of events and encouraged students throughout the morning. It was also wonderful being able to use our refurbished multi-purpose court as a sun-safe location for students in between our events and during our meal break. 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 9am onwards – Ball games.

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 (BHS 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:


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. 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.

2015 BSHS Art Show – congratulations to all the students, staff and community members who entered items in the 39th annual art show. I thoroughly enjoyed viewing all the art works submitted and encouraged continued participation in this valuable community event. Special congratulations goes to the following:

* 3/4 A 2nd Place Primary Division
* Dakota Hickey - Highly Commended

Cheers
Red Wood
PRINCIPAL

www.blackwatersss.eq.edu.au
Email: the.principal@blackwatersss.eq.edu.au

Office Hours Monday—Friday 8.15am—3.30 pm
Mutual Respect Award
Congratulations
Chelsey Rogers
&
Jasiah Dalton

BLACKWATER STATE SCHOOL
BUSH DANCE

We are having a Bush Dance on Saturday 13 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 HULLABALLOO from Mackay has been hired to provide music on the night. Can you please contact Ms Cooper if you are able to donate bales of hay to help decorate the hall? Tickets will be available to pre-purchase closer to the date.

WEBBERS CIRCUS

The Webber's Circus is coming to Blackwater (Yeates Avenue) from Thursday 28th May through to Sunday 31st May. Visit website 365tix.com.au for more information.

P&C News

Thank you to all who helped out with Tuckshop, donation of cakes/slices and out in the field on sports day. This helped the day run smoothly and the continuing support from the School community is much appreciated.

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.

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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Library News

Book Club was sent home last week. If you would like to place and order please return completed forms to the office by Friday 29th May. Thank you for your support.

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 to 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.

Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program

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

Saturday Courses:

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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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**PCYC Blackwater Vacancy**

**Position: Branch Support Officer**

Casual (approx. 8 – 12 hours per week.) Includes Friday shift 8am to 4pm and alternate Saturdays shift 8am to midday. Opportunities to perform additional relief work.

$23.54 (gross) per hour

Position Description: The role of the Branch Support Officer is to support and improve PCYC Branch operations by ensuring all patrons receive the highest possible customer service. The Branch Support Officer will operate primarily from the reception / front desk and requires a complete knowledge of Branch services and activities. They must possess and demonstrate excellent customer service skills, intermediate level of computer skills, and enjoy working in a service-oriented role.

The Branch Support Officer is responsible for sales (merchandise, memberships and activity fees), cash handling/reconciliation, Branch opening/closing procedures, canteen stock control, telephone operation, program, hall and activity bookings, assisting in set up / pull down of equipment for activities, incidental cleaning duties and administrative support.

As PCYC Blackwater is a not for profit youth organisation, we also encourage occasional volunteering at PCYC events.

For a full list of selection criteria please view the Position Description.

To apply for this job go to: www.pcycqldcareers.com.au & enter ref code: 2160014.

Applications close 07 June 2015

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**Health Checks for all Adults and Children**

Health checks are being provided at Blackwater North Medical Practice 8 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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**Auction**

Ambrose State School P&C presents it 's Biennial

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 @ 1pm.

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**Australian Government Mobile Service Centre Assistance**

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre:

Library Car Park, Wey Street

BLACKWATER

Wednesday, 17 June 2015 10am to 4pm

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**Birthdays**

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