From the principal…

*High Praise from Discipline Audit this week*

On Monday, an external auditor spoke with staff, students and parents about the school wide positive behaviour strategies we have in place to create a culture that promotes active learning by students. There were many commendations and affirmations that we were highly praised for, e.g. Super Westie, focus on values, postcards home to parents, attendance class awards, lunch clubs and structured sport and records of minor behaviour. There were some wonderful recommendations for enhancing our systems which will ensure our classrooms are engaging places where students want to come to learn.

*New PCYC Child Care Service*

The Bundaberg PCYC are pleased to announce that as of the 7th of October 2014 they will be running a before and after school care child care service operating from the Bundaberg PCYC situated in Maryborough Street Bundaberg. This service will include a pick up and drop off bus service which will allow families from all schools in the Bundaberg division to access this new child care service. To find out more about this great service being offered for your children please contact our friendly child care coordinator Mrs Hollie Hall at the Bundaberg PCYC or pop in today to pick up a parent information enrolment pack or to enroll in the service online please go to https://bundabergpcyc.hubworks.au.

Parents already using this service will receive a letter from the PCYC outlining how this affects the current service at Bundaberg West. Essentially, students are dropped off to the Maryborough Street facility and they are transported by bus to and from school by the PCYC.

Parade messages:

Be a super WESTIE through resilience!

- Being resilient helps you stay calm and feel better.
- Stopping yourself from getting angry helps you keep friends.
- Controlling your behaviour when you are upset helps you bounce back after disappointment.

Ways you can be resilient at school:

- When someone treats you unfairly, you stop yourself getting too angry or lashing out;
- When you make mistakes, you stop yourself from getting very down and withdrawing;
- When you do not understand something, you stop yourself from getting angry or upset;
- When you are teased or ignored, you stop yourself from turning a small problem into a big problem;
- When you have an important test or speech, you stop yourself from getting extremely worried;
• When someone is putting pressure on you to do the wrong thing, you stop yourself from getting extremely worried about what others will think if you say NO.

How to handle verbal insults: **DO the 5!**
⇒ Ignore
⇒ Walk Away
⇒ Tell them to stop
⇒ Tell a teacher
⇒ Tell your class teacher

*Promoting success through a new Class Attendance Award*

Week 10 the competition begins! Which class/classes will enjoy a session of **Ten-Pin Bowling** for having the fantastic attendance (includes no lateness). Each classroom has a Westie Ladder to climb each day. **Certificates and trophies** are presented to classes each week if they have 4 out of 5 days with 95 – 100% attendance. Reminder – first bell goes at 8:35am. Students are expected to be at school around 8:15am. **Every day counts!**

*Music Enrichment Program at Bundaberg State High School*
Six students from Year 6 and 7 will be attending a Music Enrichment Program next Wednesday 17th September. It is a great opportunity for our students to show case their talents and interact with other musicians around Bundaberg.

*Restock pencils, rubbers and glue!*
Your children are working hard at school each day and great learning requires certain “tools” like pencils, rulers, rubbers, sharpeners, glue-sticks etc. Please restock as required ready for the final term of learning.

**WIDE BAY PRIMARY ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**
Three students from Bundaberg West State School competed at the Wide Bay Athletics championships last week, Joseph Hoerler (Shot Put), Zac Laybutt (Discus) and Tiger Vo (100m/Discus). Zac gained selection in the Wide Bay Team with a place in discus. Well done boys!

**Leanne McNamara,**
Principal

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**YR 4/5 CRICKET RESULTS**
In our first game of the season the Year 4/5 boys and girls played Norville and Walkervale Schools. Games were very close with some students demonstrating good skills. There was Hayley Simmonds for bowling, Kitanah Smith, Payden Cooper, Brad Shorter and Sam Thompson for batting, and Sean Carey for some good wicket keeping saves.

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**FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE DRAW**

**THE WINNER—JAI EDEY**
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Last week most classes in the school were fortunate to be involved in participating in some Oztag lessons. The game is similar to touch football and involved some rugby league skills. Christie is an Oztag Developmental Officer from Hervey Bay who presented the class lessons. Children involved themselves in the skill sessions and this was followed by a game. Students enjoyed themselves and displayed some excellent skills.

CHAPPY’S CORNER

Welcome to week 9! Holidays are fast approaching. My children are going on Camp (teenagers) over the first week of the holidays, so I will have a week to prepare for next term and catch up on all those things which go faster if there are no interruptions!

In the Chappy Room we have been doing drawing, beading and some painting.

If your child likes to come to the Chappy Room at lunch times, it would be great if they could keep a long sleeved (old) shirt in their bag, which they can use when we do painting. That way they can prevent paint getting onto their uniform. Op shops often have cheap shirts for sale.

I have been attending the Parenting Adolescents Course run by two very experienced teachers. If you have children approaching late Primary School – keep an eye out for future courses as a course will provide lots of very practical strategies to have a peaceful and cooperative household as your young person grows into the teenage years. As a parent of two teenagers, I can thoroughly recommend it, and we’ve only completed one week – two to go.

Remind your children, that they can get involved in the ‘Green Team’, run by Mrs Schmidt. Recyclable and compostable items are being collected for the worm farm, which will provide compost and ‘worm liquid’ to fertilise the newly planted garden.

I look forward to getting to know more of your children and meeting you.

I am at School on Mondays and Thursdays and contactable through the school office and via Email at lynnr@chappy.org.au

Have a great weekend.

Lynn Rathbone

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