Dear Parents,

From the Principal...

Cultural Concert - Celebrating the Performing Arts

Congratulations to all the students who performed Wednesday night. Once again your persistence with rehearsals and home practice rewarded us with some fabulous entertainment. Special guests from Bundaberg SHS; Karen McCord, principal, Abigail Hall and Katinka Collins were excited to see the talent coming their way next year and in the future. Congratulations to our compare, Logan Tinney, who spoke beautifully. Medallions were awarded to the following students for their effort and commitment to the music programs.

Strings: Jacinta Tait Lillis, Talia Watkins
Band: Jasmine Burt, Isha Thomas, Hayley Simmons
Junior Choir: Amy Thomas, Michael Heath, Larissa Ball
Senior Choir: Olivia McPherson, Zac Laybutt, Sophie Maughan, Logan Tinney

High standards are important in a school

Parents, please help me to keep Bundaberg West the great school it is. Please ensure:

- Students are in correct uniform. This includes royal blue shorts, lace-up/velcro joggers and a wide-brimmed sun-safe hat. Board shorts/ black shorts, slip on canvas shoes and caps are not part of the expected uniform.
- Students do not wear unsafe jewellery. This includes rings, necklaces and piercings other than earrings. Earrings should be sleepers or studs with no dangling bits. Watches are acceptable. Two loombands are permitted on wrists only.
- Students do not wear nail polish, tattoos or use pen to draw or write on their bodies. Students will be asked to remove. Keep these activities for weekends or holidays.
- Students do not bring mobile phones or other electronic devices to school. They must be handed in at office and collected at the end of the day.


This week I have included an article from the Parentingideas Insights website by Michael Grose. At this time of year our older students are starting to talk about the ‘birds and the bees’ and our early years students start to explore changes in their bodies, especially if they don’t have siblings. Knowing what is normal and what is not is hard. Here is some advice from Michael.

Attendance – Every Day Counts

Our attendance rate during this semester has dropped and the number of unexplained absences is increasing. In the next week, a letter will be sent home asking you to please explain all absences, as required legally. Please ensure you notify the school of all absences and the reason. It is really important students are at school on time every day if they are to receive the best education for their future. Students are working towards a weekly Class Award for Attendance and an end of term Tin Pin Bowling excursion.

Have you enrolled your child for Prep in 2015?

Prep Visit for 2015 Enrolments – Wednesday 26 November

Mrs Robinson and Mrs Steinberger will once again
hold an information session for parents and an activity morning for all students commencing Prep next year. The visit will be from 9am – 11am.

Prep to Year 1 Transition – Wednesday 26 November
Our current Prep students will participate in a transition program to Year 1 whilst our new Prep students learn the ropes for next year.

Year 5 Enrichment Program – Bundaberg SHS – Wednesday 26 November
Students in Year 5 participate in an exciting range of activities at Bundaberg SHS soon with students from Bundaberg South. Activities include; Wow factors – Science, In the Kitchen – Home Ec, Workshop - Manual Arts, Novelty Games, Music, and Robotics. They will enjoy a sausage sizzle and get to know some of the staff and facilities Bundaberg SHS has to offer.

Orientation Day Year 6 & 7 – Bundaberg SHS – Tuesday 9th December
Twenty eight students from West have enrolled at Bundaberg SHS for 2015. Please ensure you have completed the enrolment process as soon as possible.

Parade Messages:
Be a super WESTIE through organisation!
♦ Being organised helps you be an active learner.
♦ Setting a goal helps you to be more successful at a task.
♦ Planning helps you to have enough time to get a job done.

Ways you can be organised at school:
• Set yourself a goal to do your best in your school work.
• Listen carefully to teacher’s instructions
• Understand the instructions before you start work
• Plan your time so that you are not rushed
• Have all your equipment ready
• Keep track of your assignment’s due dates
• Keep your desk and tidy tray clean and neat
• Schedule regular reading time at home

Leanne McNamara, Principal

WASTE WATCHERS!!!
GREAT JOB AT LOOKING AFTER OUR PLANET!

MUSIC AWARDS!
STRINGS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS
LEARNING A STRING INSTRUMENT IN 2015

Mrs Buwalda has handed out a letter to students who are interested in learning a string instrument in 2015. Parents are asked to return the slip at the bottom of the page to the office as soon as possible, indicating which instrument their child is interested in learning. If your child did not receive this letter extra copies are available from the office.

Yours in music, Chris Buwalda

MR BROWN’S INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS
“NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION IN 2015”

Mr Brown handed out a ‘Notice of Participation in 2015’ letter. Parents are asked to return the slip at the bottom of the page to the office ASAP, indicating their child’s interest in continuing on their instrument in 2015. Alternatively if your child did not receive this letter please see Mr Brown on Tuesday for a copy. Please remember if you have any concerns about buying an instrument or would like some advice please feel free to contact Mr Brown.

Any students who currently play an instrument who would like to change are asked to return the slip at the bottom of the page to the office ASAP, indicating which instrument you would like to be considered for.

Yours in music, Mr Brown

P&C NEWS

Thank you again for all the donations received so far. We appreciate all your support but more donations are required for a successful raffle. Without your help we cannot raise the funds to provide such items as computers for our children. Heavy items are still being collected. Another flyer will be coming home today with information about the next category for donations. Raffle tickets will also be handed out shortly to start our sales. Remember the concert/draw is on Wednesday, 3rd December—only four weeks away!

Rosalind Simmons (Secretary)
Bundaberg West State School

SUPER WESTIES—HONESTY

PrepR  Angela Pandey, Maddison Hitzke
PrepSC  Destiny Kelly, Dylan Roff
1F  Craig Stephens, Lael Lampton
P/1/2A  Tarwin Tanner
1S  Kailah Webb-Pullman, Seth Burki
2SB  Jayda Tinney, Izac Phillips
2/3MC  Caitlyn Roberts
3G  Ahmet Ozdogan
3/4W  Tanika Mason, Shannon Antrobus
4PS  Tia Phillips, Mia Rollings
4/5/6/7W  Taylah Sim
5M  Jayden Melrose
5/7D  Kaylah Bohl
6G  Hayden Donald

BUNDABERG STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Student Resource Scheme (SRS)

As discussed at the enrolment evenings last term the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) is an annual fee which cover the cost of student resources throughout the year. The 2015 SRS fees for Year 7 and 8 students will be distributed through Primary schools at the end of October. Fee payment will accepted from November 3, by the school Cashier. A minimum deposit of $50 (Approximately 30%) is due by November 28, 2014. Payment options can be discussed with the Cashier by contacting the school on 41545333.

2015, Year 7 & 8 LOTE Offer

For students entering Year 7 in 2015 Language Other Than English (LOTE) is a compulsory area of study, unless there is an identified need for literacy support. At BSHS we are pleased to be able to offer Year 7 students a choice of 3 foreign languages next year including: German, Japanese and Chinese. For students entering Year 8 in 2015, LOTE is an elective area of study. The foreign languages being offered next year include: German, Japanese and Chinese. To be eligible to study either German or Japanese, students must have studied these languages at primary school. There is no prerequisite for selecting Chinese, other than a keen interest in that culture – any student entering Year 8 in 2015 may apply. LOTE expression of interest forms have been distributed to all Year 6 and 7 students to make the appropriate selections for next year. These forms should have been returned to school by now for processing. If your student has not received a form or you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact Bundaberg State High School on 41545333.

CHAPPY’S CORNER

The celebration of Random acts of kindness month is progressing at school. This is to help children focus on being kind and doing things for others. Have you found that the old adage – it is “better to give than to receive”?

I'm presently a member of the “Community Resilience Action Group” which includes agencies such as the Combined Churches of Bundaberg, Red Cross, Uniting Community Care, Lifeline, The Salvation Army and Centacare, Bundaberg Regional Council, Centrelink and IWC. This group is made up community organisations representing vulnerable people in our community, including those who are flood and drought affected. The aim of the group is to enable a resilient community by identifying gaps and meeting community needs within the Bundaberg region and surrounds, through a collaborative approach. During a recent meeting I learnt more about the “Befriending Service” that the Combined Churches of Bundaberg are facilitating through their Community Resilience Project.

If you know anyone – young or old, who would benefit from a cup of tea and a chat (support) contact Mrs Terry Litchfield from Combined Churches. This service is for socially isolated people who are disconnected from community and have little or no support from family and friends. Through visitation, volunteer befrienders conduct home visits and provide friendship and connection to vital community support services and social activities. All volunteers have been received mental health first aid training, induction training, have police clearance and are holders of a Blue Card. An example of one “befriending” circumstance is where a single parent has moved to Bundaberg and has an Autistic child and the family has no network of people to support them. The mother is concerned that the child has no means of learning the social skills of eating a meal with others. Two volunteers visit regularly and have a meal with the family and through their visitation have also provided a referral to other supports such as food vouchers and home maintenance.

Chappy Lynn Rathbone

SUPER WESTIES! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

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