QSR – Statements of Intent
This term the school has been involved in reviewing all the data we have about our school. This includes the school opinion surveys completed by students, parents and staff; NAPLAN and Report Card A-E distribution results, attendance rates; SWPBS data and the Discipline Audit to name but a few. The purpose for doing this was to plan the strategic direction of the school for the next four years.

West has lots to celebrate
*Highly dedicated and supportive P&C - small but mighty
*U2B Project has extended high flying students
*Cultural Concert highlighted the enormous talent at West
*New Performing Arts Centre
*Sporting achievements have been many by individuals and teams
*Past students from West recently acknowledged for academic, cultural and sporting achievements at Bundy High’s Awards Evening
*Significant tree lopping has occurred for safety and grounds improvement
*Learning space has been maximised by clearing the clutter of old furniture
*Teachers are committed to teaching reading well through the Success School Project
*SWPBS focus on rewarding the good kids to create a positive culture for learning
*New air conditioned TECH LAB in 2015 – P&C initiative
*Prep Transition Playgroup and Indigenous Playgroup

We determined ten statements of intent for the next 4 years.

◊ Continue a strong focused agenda to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for students.
◊ Continue to develop consistent school wide positive behaviour strategies to improve attendance and develop a positive culture for learning.
◊ Establish a guaranteed curriculum for English and Mathematics that ensures all students will know and can do “the basics”.
◊ Continue to develop Programs of Excellence to encourage and extend students “beyond basics”.
◊ Continue to develop the skills of teachers to teach reading and number well.
◊ Continue to develop the skills of teachers to understand and support students with disabilities and their families.
◊ Involve parents more in school life and inform parents of student progress four times each year through formal parent-teacher interviews in Terms 1 and 3, and written report cards in Terms 2 and 4.
◊ Target our resources, e.g. teacher aides and physical resources, to provide differentiated, focused and intensive support to enable all students to achieve “the basics”.
◊ Target resources to ensure our students learn in a well maintained and attractive facility, especially where students eat and play.
◊ Return West to its proud historic status as the school of Academic, Cultural and Sporting Excellence in Bundaberg.

I presented these statements of intent to our P&C Tuesday night for feedback and in this newsletter I have included a survey for you to show your support for these statements of intent. Please complete and return to the school office. If you have any questions about this plan, feel free to make an appointment through Kim at the office. I would love to share my vision for WEST and clarify
any questions you may have. If you have any skills or contacts that could help please get in touch.

Guitar and Piano Lessons at West in 2015
I have been trying to source more opportunities to develop the talents of our students at West. Music Education will send out a flyer to parents shortly inviting expressions of interest. Lessons would be offered in small groups and cost only $13 each. For a term the cost to parents would be $110. This is significantly cheaper than private lessons and more convenient! There will be an online or phone registration of interest and confirmation if we get a minimum of 10 students. Call Kim at the office if you already know you are interested and we will make sure you get the EOI information.

Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea (10:30am)
On Tuesday 9 December, all volunteers are invited to a special morning tea to say thank you for your personal commitment to helping the students at West. It takes a community to raise a child and your time certainly helps to create lots of wonderful Westies! The morning tea will be held in the courtyard beside the office. Hope to see you there.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Rewards
What an exciting year we have had at West. It has been great to see excited students wanting to receive gotchas, values certificates and postcards home. We have so many great students and families at West and the more we focus on creating a positive culture for learning the brighter the futures for our students.

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards
We are moving steadily towards our school goal of 80% students receiving a Gold Award each term. The Gold Award Celebration will be held on Friday 5 and Monday 8 December and will be a fun swim in the pool and an ice-block.

Principal’s Morning Tea Award
To acknowledge those students whose attendance and behaviour is always exemplary, their families will be invited to attend a special morning tea in their honour. This will be held on Friday 5 December at 11:30am.

Class Attendance Award
We have been working hard to improve our school’s attendance rate. Classes have been encouraging each other to be at school on time each day and currently 4PS have the highest number of weeks with 95% attendance and are excited they may get to “go places”, i.e. ten-pin bowling with me. Several classes are not too far behind though. This prize will be at 1pm on Tuesday 9th December. Parents of the winning class are invited to celebrate with us.

Parade Messages:

Celebrating Attendance with Super Westie
This week on parade seven classes received a class award for super attendance!

- Playing in the right areas.
- Being organised for school – remember to bring togs for swimming.
- Approaching Duty Teacher before coming to office.
- Maintaining focus on learning and positive behaviour till the end of the year.

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
- REMEMBERING YOUR TOGS

2015 Class Preparation

- If you are not attending in 2015 please notify Kim at the office with intended school.
- If you would like us to consider particular factors about your child’s friendship groups – past or present (sometimes we don’t have any options if only one class) please do this in writing and hand in at the office by Monday. Please NOTE – no guarantees.
- Our current enrolments for 2015 means we will either have 11 or 12 classes. If you know anyone who hasn’t enrolled for Prep etc, please let us know so I can plan for a smooth beginning to the year and minimise changes after Day 8.

Transitioning
Bundy High has been wonderful in helping to prepare our students for high school. In the next couple of weeks, several trips are planned and all costs are covered by BSHS.

- Indigenous Transition Day – Wednesday 20 November
- Year 5 Enrichment Program – Wednesday 26 November
- Year 6 and 7 Orientation – Tuesday 9 December
- Special Education Program students have been transitioning each fortnight since the beginning of term.
- Current Prep transition to Year 1 - Wednesday 26 November
- Prep 2015 Orientation Day – Wednesday 26 November 9am -11am.

Junior and Senior Choir Performance – Wednesday 3 December
West will proudly showcase their singing talents at Sugarland for the enjoyment of all.

Christmas Concert – Wednesday 3 December
Many thanks to the P&C and our teaching staff for organising the festivities for this year’s Christmas concert. With only a couple of hands to complete the task, the mantra “keep it simple” was employed. Responding to feedback from teachers and parents:

⇒ The venue has changed. We will use the staged area in the quadrangle for the concert. This will enable the performers to use The John Bigg centre for Performing Arts as an organising point. Entry will be via the walkway from the admin building. Students are not to be roaming the school or on any equipment at this time.

⇒ The stalls will operate from 5pm – 6pm. The stalls will be outside the tuckshop area. Parents are invited to help man the stalls.

⇒ The songs have changed. For those parents who have been to a few and know those old favourites really well – you are in for a treat.

⇒ Parents need to bring their own fold-up chairs as usual.

⇒ The concert will be from 6pm – 7pm.

This is the major fundraiser for the year so bring lots of gold coins to enjoy the BBQ, drinks, lolly-bags, raffles, ham wheels, sandbox and candles.

Leanne McNamara, Principal
CULTURAL CONCERT—AWARD WINNERS!
CONGRATULATIONS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND EFFORT!
YOU ARE SUPER WESTIES!

SUPER WESTIES—ORGANISATION

PrepSC  Destiny Kelly, Kahleyah Buckle
1F  Summer Phillips, Aliyah Poole
P/1/2A  Benjaimn Raymond
1S  Aylah Garland, Karmaleai Tanner
2SB  Larissa Ball, Haylee Maughan
2R  Amy Thomas, Montana Weder, Macaela Bocking
3G  Erika Ravalo, Kiaan Hosler
3/4W  Jasmine Bentley, Delysha Tanner
4PS  Brad Shorter, Hayley Simmons
5M  Jack Shillito, Jasmine Burt
6G  Chloe Niekirk

SUPER WESTIES—PERSISTENCE

PrepSC  Anakie Wright, Kane Raines
1F  Seth Fallon, Duru Tosun
P/1/2A  Alex Britten, Ethan Tait
1S  Kailah Webb-Pullman, Ashton McGaw
2SB  Zanda Ramett, Benny Medley
2/3MC  Maleka Patterson, Shy-Lah Masina
2R  Talisha Nickelson, William Lewis
3G  Jack Staples, Amber Flynn
3/4W  Yasmine Hewitt, Jacinta-Tait Llllis
4PS  Hayley Tait, Olivia McPherson
5M  Trekessa Gould, Allegra Thompson-Ellacott
6G  Lockie Capell
Music  Talia Watkins, Class of the Week—5M

SUPER WESTIES!
GREAT ORGANISATION!

SUPER WESTIES!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

BUNDABERG STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Year 6 and 7 Orientation Day

Bundaberg State High School will be holding an orientation day for Year 6 and Year 7 students on Tuesday, 9th December 2014. Full primary school uniform will be required. It is the responsibility of each parent to arrange transport for their child to attend Bundaberg State High School for this day. Orientation day commencement time and schedule will be handed to all students who have submitted their enrolment paperwork to the high school. Booklists and Applications for the Student Resource Scheme will be handed to your child shortly. If you are intending for your child to attend Bundaberg State High School please ensure that all enrolment forms have been handed to the high school.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR DISCO

The student council will hold a disco in the new hall on Friday 21st of December. Entry will be with a gold coin and students attending the disco will be able to wear free dress. The senior disco will be held between 10:45am-11:25am and the junior disco will be held between 12:55pm and 1:35pm. There will be plenty of prizes and games so come along and have a great time.

Michael Buckholz
Classroom Music Teacher

P&C NEWS

Christmas Stocking donations are going well but more donations are welcome if families are able to help. Thank you to all of those who have donated—it is much appreciated. Raffle ticket sales have started to come in. Please return the tickets as soon as possible. More tickets are available at the office and it would be great if extra tickets could be sold. Please remember to write your name and contact details on the stubs being returned to school for the draw. Don’t forget to pick up your free entry when you drop off your donations. Thank you again.

Rosalind Simmons (Secretary)
Bundaberg West State School

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