It is official....I get to stay!
Last week I was officially appointed as Principal of Bundaberg West State School and I am over the moon. I love being a Westie and love working with the students, parents and staff. Our recent QSR has determined the direction I will lead the school over the next four years and towards our 100 years centenary (only 11 years away).

Please be safe over the holiday period. Enjoy time with your loved ones and I look forward to catching up with you in the New Year.

The office will be open from Monday 19 January.
Pupil Free Days – Wednesday 21, Thursday 22 and Friday 23 January.
Classes displayed outside office – Friday 23 January
School starts Tuesday 27 January

Changes to school hours for 2015
Next year, school hours will be from 8:45am – 3:00pm. This will enable families to have their children to school on time and support teachers to ensure all students achieve the guaranteed curriculum.

P&C - Thank you
I cannot speak more highly of the outstanding contributions of our P&C this year. They have been wonderful to work with.

P& C members are volunteers and do what they can in and around their own work and family commitments. It is often an enormous job when only a few hands to help. Too often people are very quick to criticise but not willing to help. I congratulate the team on a super year of fundraising with the Christmas Concert earning a record amount. Students and staff are looking forward to using the TECH LAB in 2015. Thanks again to our out-going President, Shay Von-Deest. Shay, we wish you, Sheree and Monique all the best for the future.

If you are interested in being an active member of the P&C in 2015, we meet on the third Tuesday of the month, alternating between a 2pm – 3pm and 6pm – 7pm meeting. Meetings are short and sweet and focused on improving the educational experiences of our students at school. Students love knowing their parents are interested in their education and your participation can help promote success at school.

Report Cards
These will be sent home with students on Tuesday. Congratulations to students who received Attendance Awards for 95% or higher attendance and Principal Award stickers for achieving an A standard in either English or Mathematics.

School Attendance Award: Ten Pin Bowling Tuesday at 1pm
4PS achieved a 95% or higher rate of attendance 8 out of 10 weeks in Term 4 and are the winners of the ten pin bowling excursion! Congratulations! I am hoping to have at least one strike but it will be a lot of fun!

Gold Awards: Swimming and an ice-block Monday
More and more students are receiving a GOLD Award for maintaining the expected standard of behaviour each term. Congratulations to all!

Principal’s Morning Tea Award: Outstanding Behaviour
On Friday, I was privileged to have morning tea with some amazing students and their families. Teachers were asked to identify those students whose behaviour is impeccable every day, whose manners are exemplary and whose kindness and persistence to school rules is automatic. I was a proud principal surrounded by proud parents. Congratulations.

Break Up Day - Thursday
Students are permitted to wear free sun-safe dress and closed in shoes rather than school uniform on Thursday. The P&C will provide some food on the day but parents are encouraged to pack some small items for students who burn lots of energy!

Year 6 and 7 Graduation – morning session at TAFE
Parade – 2:30pm
Please be prompt to collect students at 2:50pm.

Clean Up Day – Friday
Students are expected to wear school uniform and need to bring their own morning tea and lunch. This day involves finalising the end of year clean up procedures. Please advise the office if students are to be collected early so we can have them waiting at the office.

SMOKING BAN EXTENDED TO 5M AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS FROM 1 JANUARY 2015
The use of cigarettes, other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes within five metres of school land will be banned from 1 January 2015. This applies before, during and after school hours, and on school holidays and weekends. The ban doesn’t extend over neighbouring residences or businesses.

Staffing and Classes for 2015
It is important to remember that there are many factors that affect how classes are organised. Many hours of deliberation are spent trying to blend a range of personalities, abilities and friendships in the best interest of each child. With only one or two classes there are not many options and we do the best we can. Class placement remains a school decision.

We are currently 12 students short from being able to have 12 classes. I am hoping this final week will see many families finalising arrangements for next year so I can confidently organise teaching staff to minimise the disruption a change after day 8 next year can cause. Often during pupil free days we have many new enrolments also. If you know of any families who have not yet enrolled a younger sibling, can you please encourage them to do so asap.

*It is for this reason I am holding off announcing which class students will be in until the pupil free days next year.

Classes will be placed on the pin-board outside the admin building on Friday 23 January from 9:00am.

Enrolment numbers on Day 8 will determine 11 or 12 teachers. We need to be over 295 students.

11 TEACHERS
Year 6: Mrs Shauna Parsons
Year 5/6: Mrs Joy Papp, Mrs Robyn Were
Year 5: Mr Paul Gehrke
Year 4: Mrs Judy West
Year 3/4: Mr John Boulton
Year 3: TBA
Year 2: Mrs Tracey Grieving
Year 2: Mrs Anne Schmidt, Mrs Deb Brettell
Year 1: Mrs Louise Stitt
Prep/Year 1: Mrs Sue Steinberger, Mrs Dennette Connolly
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Staff Farewells
Jill Menzies retires this year after a successful career. Jill has many fond memories of her time at West and wishes everyone a prosperous future. Jill plans to travel and relax in retirement. Thanks for your dedication and commitment to education. Retire knowing you made a difference to lives of many children who were in your charge. All the best Jill!

Cale Driver moves to Bundaberg State High School. Cale starts another phase of his teaching career in a different sector. Cale has spent many hours organising and will facilitate the Graduation Ceremony this week on Thursday. Cale we wish you all the best and thank you for your service at West.

Contract Teachers
Wendy Freeman, Brittney Roberts and Toni Stumer have been popular teachers this year at West and we are very sad to see them go. Thank you kindly for your commitment and we hope to see you back regularly on future contracts.

Instrumental Music Teachers
Tony Brown will be facilitating the circuit at different schools in 2015. Tony has worked with our students marvellously this year and we will miss you. Thanks Tony. Mr Dale Lockley will be facilitating our circuit.

Holiday Maintenance
Maintenance on courtyard near the The John Bigg Centre and the Dental Clinic at the front of the school will be upgraded during the holidays. The aged, structurally unsound brick walls and gardens will be removed and levelled with a ramp built to provide wheel-chair access. Carpet in C Block will be replaced.

Leanne McNamara, Principal

OUR WONDERFUL GREEN TEAM—
GREAT EFFORT IN 2015!
DATE CLAIMERS for TERM 4, 2014

Break-Up Day 11th December
Clean Up Day 12th December
Office opens for 2015 19th January 2015
Class lists issued 23rd January 2015
Australia Day Public Holiday 26th January 2015
Term 1 2015 commences (Tuesday) 27th January 2015

SUPER WESTIES
PrepR Alexis Gosper, Rhyh McHugh
PrepSC Dylan Roff, Daniel Janciauskas
1F Summer Phillips, Nisha Whitton
P1/2A Ethan Tindel, Chunni Connelly
1S Quang Nguyen, Shyia Williams
2SB Izac Phillips, Haylee Maughan
2R Ryan Bohl, Hudson McGaw
2/3MC Caity Raines
3G Trinity Boyton
3/4W Hayden Steenson
4PS Charlotte Rose Bentley, Olivia McPherson
4/5/6/7W Shakira Mabb
5M Madison Davis, Hallie King
6G Chloe Niekerk

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BROTHER’S NETBALL CLUB

SIGN-ON AND GRADING DAY

Brothers Netball Club will be holding a Sign-On and Grading Day on Sunday, 18th January 2015 at the Netball Courts, Brother’s Sports Club, Takalvan Street, Bundaberg. Expressions of interest now being accepted. To go on the mailing list and to be kept up to date contact brothersnetballclub@gmail.com.