Meet and Greet - wonderful parent involvement
Thank you to all parents who took the opportunity to meet your child’s teacher on Monday. Students are more successful at school when parents are actively involved in their education. The P&C loved seeing many families visit the tuckshop for the sausage sizzle too!

Student Leaders for 2015
Last newsletter I introduced our four school captains. This week I will introduce our remaining student leaders. Congratulations.

Music Captains - Jasmine B and Isha T
Sport Captains – Trekessa G and Sam T
Citizenship Captains – Olliver P and Nicole O
Hinkler House Captains – Sam T and Trekessa G
Tallon House Captains – Marcus J and Kitanaah S
Moncrieff House Captain – Reyna T and Sean C

School Photos – Monday 23 February
Please ensure students have the correct school uniform, including closed in black or white joggers for this day. Envelopes will be sent home with students after the photos have been taken for parents to see the proof and order.

GRIP Student Leadership Conference – Tuesday 17 February
Our eleven student leaders will be attending this year’s conference with Mrs Parsons and Ms McNamara. The conference is held at the Brothers’ Sports Club from 8:45am to 2:30pm. Parents are required to transport students to and from the venue. It should be a great opportunity for our students to develop their leadership skills.

LEAP Day of Excellence at Bundaberg North SHS - Monday 16 Feb
This is an excellent opportunity for students to be extended academically. Identified students will engage in a range of learning experiences designed to challenge and inspire.

Team UP – Developing Resilience in Leadership
Once again the PCYC is facilitating student programs that aim to build skills in solving problems when interacting as part of a team or in the playground. This term our student leaders will learn to work together as a group. Each Monday afternoon for eight weeks the students will tackle practical problems together. The PCYC transport the students to and from the venue at no cost.

Prep Photos in Newsmail – 25 March
Photos were taken today of our two Prep classes. These photos will be published on March 25.

Interschool Sport commences next Friday 20 February
Students selected their sports this week in preparation for school sport. All students pay a $3 sports levy to cover equipment and transport costs even if they have chosen to play a school-based sport. Permission notes will be sent home early next week to be returned for Friday.

Correct Uniforms Every Day – maintaining high standards for school pride
This year we will monitoring the wearing of correct school uniform closely. Please ensure a royal blue short, skort or skirt is worn every day with the school shirt. Closed in school joggers (not canvas slip-on shoes) in either white or black are expected to be worn with white socks. A sunsafe hat is compulsory also.
CHAPPY’S CORNER

It is hard to believe that it is week 3 already! It has been great to meet new students and I’m looking forward to meeting many more parents this year. The Chappy room is a hive of activity already this year and the students come in at both first and second break. My friend Mrs Morris who is an accomplished sewer and Blue card holder has been coming into the Chappy room to teach sewing basic sewing skills such as threading a needle and sewing on a button or bead. In addition we are doing sewing activities. Approximately 25 children made a soft toy “Minecraft” character in week two. Those who finished early made a second toy. Mrs Morris made cube shaped boxes from fabric. The children filled them with wadding and then they sewed together the final opening. They decorated their character by sewing on braid, ribbons and other items, to finish off the look of their character. This week we started to practice our sewing skills on a blank piece of fabric which will be the front of a Library bag that Mrs Morris has donated. The children are designing what they want to put on their bag and have put their name on their bag in pencil, ready to stitch. They are using an assortment of buttons, beads and ribbons to decorate their chosen design. Once finished, the back of the bag will be sewn on – ready for use. While the sewers “sew” in the Chappy room, there are also a group of children who come in and play on the mat with a “Dinosaur” set. This is a great opportunity for children who may have challenges socialising in the playground, to play in a safe and relaxed environment.

If your child struggles interacting in the playground – remind them to come to the Chappy room during the breaks. They are always welcome. You as parents are very welcome to come in to see me or say hello in the playground before school. I look forward to meeting you, if we haven’t already met. Remember if you have any concerns or there have been changes to your normal routine that might upset your child, you can always ring me on the school number: 4132 8333 or contact me via email at: lynnr@chappy.org.au

Kind regards, Chappy Lynn

WIN A $5000 CLASSROOM MAKEOVER

The News Mail will be running a competition to be the school who wins $5000 for classroom improvements. All we need to do is start collecting the coupons that will be in the News Mail from Saturday 14 Feb to Monday 16 Mar. The more coupons we collect, the better our chances of winning this fantastic prize. Just imagine what we could do with $5000! There will be a box in the office for coupons to be dropped in to. So come on! Get friends, family, Grandma and Granddad and anyone else you know to start collecting. If you know businesses that get the paper, ask them if they would keep the tokens for you. Every bit helps!

SUPER WESTIES—KINDNESS

•  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

CITIES HOCKEY CLUB

JUNIOR HOCKEY—COME & TRY

Cities Hockey Club invites all new players aged 6 to 16 years to join current juniors for training and a hockey game on Tuesday 17 February from 4pm to 5.30pm at Bundaberg Hockey Fields, Hinkler Park, Corner Thornhill Street and Hinkler Avenue. Please bring hat, long socks and a water bottle. Hockey sticks and shin pads will be available to borrow. Email citieshockey@hotmail.com with queries.
DATE CLAIMERS for TERM 1, 2015

LEAP Program—North Bundaberg High  Monday, 16 February
GRIP Conference for school leaders Tuesday, 17 February
P&C Meeting—Admin Building 6pm Tuesday, 17 February
Interschool Sport commences Friday, 20 February
School Photos Monday, 23 February
P&C AGM Tuesday, 17 March
Last Day Term 1 Thursday, 2nd April
Good Friday Friday, 3rd April
Easter Sunday Monday, 6th April
First day Term 2 Monday, 20th April
ANZAC Day Saturday, 25th April

P&C NEWS—P&C Association

Wow, third week of Term 1 already! It seems that everyone has settled into their school routines well this year. The P&C has been very busy since before school returned. We’ve already held a sausage sizzle on voting day, provided Welcome Packs for Preps, held another sausage sizzle for the “Meet & Greet” and have got the tuckshop up and running with a tasty new menu.

The first P&C meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 17th February at 6pm in the Admin Building. Everyone is welcome to attend. All new thoughts and contributions are welcome. If you want to have your say this is where it can be actioned.

Please support the P&C where you can. This could be volunteering help when required or in the tuckshop, supporting the tuckshop or attending meetings to help bring in new ideas. We look forward to seeing you.

Expressions of interest for the position of tuckshop convenor are being sought. Please submit your applications to Bundaberg West State School P&C Association through the school office by Monday, 9th March 2015. The P&C will review all applications and a decision will be made at the P&C AGM on Tuesday, 17 March 2015.

SUPER WESTIES—HONESTY

PrepR  Esther Symes, Tiger Phan
P/1SC  Kane Raines
1S  Cameron Spencer, Maddison Hitzke
1/2SB  Maddylain Webb-Pullman, Dominic Rollings
2G  Aylah Garland, Ashton McGaw
3S  Cleo Williams
3/4B  Grace Dale
4W  Jack Staples, Rhys Parsons
5G  Masela Molo
5/6PW  Kaleb Raines, Joshua Russell
6PF  Jayden Melrose, Isha Thomas
SC-M  Maleka Patterson

SUPER WESTIES! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

AFL BUNDABERG JUNIORS SIGN-ON DAY
FRIDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY 2015—5PM TO 7PM

Registrations from Auskick to Under 13s can be made on the above day through either Across the Waves, 22 Clayton Road, Thabeban or Brothers Bulldogs, Faircloth Crescent, Bundaberg. For more information phone 0439746683 or email aflbjinc@gmail.com

AEIOU OPEN DAY
AEIOU Bundaberg will be holding an Open Day on Thursday 26 February 9.30am to 11.30am. Come and meet the multi-disciplinary team and learn about AEIOU’s early intervention program for children with autism aged 2 1/2 years to 6 years. Open day is at 6 University Drive. To secure your place phone 41550399 or email andrea.trudeau@aeiou.org.au

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

BOTH BRASS AND STRINGS INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS ARE HELD ON MONDAYS. PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR INSTRUMENT.