A Letter to the Community

Dates to Remember in 2011

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2012

May

12th & 13th – School Centenary

Junior News

I hope the students had a nice and relaxing time off over the long weekend and pupil free day. The students are still busy working on their projects and stories for the Beaudesert Show.

In maths the students have been learning various problem solving skills in order to solve mathematical word problems. In addition to this the Preps are learning to sequence numbers in order from 1-10. The Year Ones have been exploring calculators and their functions. The Year Twos have been experimenting with length and the Year Threes have been practicing their timetables.

This week the students are doing a beautiful butterfly painting. Some of these paintings will be entered into the show. The students are very excited about experimenting with various colours. The students are also looking at the symmetry of butterflies wings. So far they look absolutely stunning.

In English the students have been learning

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24TH AUGUST

HELPERS

Trish Jurd, Tracey Vayne

CAKES/Slice

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new spelling rules in order to help them become better spellers. The students enjoy learning the rules and colouring in their spelling rules book. In addition to this they have been working on their spelling conventions workbooks.

As this week has been a short one, there will be more from us next week.

Kasey, Karin and Cathy

**Year 6/7 News**

**Year6/7 Student Diaries**
All Year 6/7 students please arrive at school on **Friday 19 August** with your student diaries. The class will be planning the completion of assessment tasks for Semester 2 on that day.

*Mrs Benstead*

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16-08-11

Staff and Students
The two new students, Brandan and Letitia, who enrolled with us last month were waiting for a house to become available for the family. Two weeks ago the housing commission offered them a 4 bedroom house in Woodridge. The children were sad to leave our school but very happy to be able to move into a proper house after spending some very cold weeks in a tent at Flannagan’s Reserve at Barney View. We wish the family well and hope they settle in well in their new home. We’ve had two new enrolments since last month. Lachlan, in Year 3 and Taleesha, in Year 1 have moved into Rathdowney from Tamrookum. Both children seem to be settling in well and we hope that they soon feel an integral part of our school.

Mrs Benstead returns from her long service leave this week. So the year 6/7 class will again have Mrs Watterson on Monday to Wednesdays each week with Mrs Benstead taking the class on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Benstead will again be teaching the Year 4/5 class on Wednesdays. Our thanks go to both Mrs Watterson and Mrs Perkins who took over Mrs Benstead’s responsibilities while she was away.

Student Council
The Student Council is busy planning further fund-raising efforts. Friday’s healthy lunches are still proving to be a winner, and will continue to the end of this term. The Student Council will continue to sell chocolates at every opportunity until all chocolates have been sold. There are still a few boxes remaining. Our thanks go to Mr Wieland who has managed to sell many of our left –over chocolates at his work for us! The Council will continue collecting milk bottle tops from Paul’s milk bottles. Please keep an eye out for special milk bottle tops at the supermarket, and please save and send in those bottle tops to the school. The Student Council is presently in the process of collecting the sponsorship money raised from the walkathon day (held on the last day of term in June) and this will be donated to the Queensland Cancer Fund. There are still some outstanding forms and money from the walkathon but the Council hopes to finalise the matter before the end of term.

The Student Council is presently also supervising the collection of vouchers for sports equipment from Coles. Parents and friends are asked to please send these vouchers along to school so that we can reorder some more much-needed sports’ equipment.

We are also collecting Woolworths docket which will earn the school points which will in turn buy us some educational books, toys, games and craft materials from Modern Teaching Aids, a company that sells educational goods to schools all around Australia.

After a successful linen party held last week at school, the Student Council were presented with a beautiful bed linen set for a queen size bed. With the help of the P&C this will be raffled off to help the Student Council raise extra funds to help subsidise this year’s excursions.

School Band
The school band received a special award of 14 fifes from the Beaudesert RSL recently. The P&C had successfully applied for a grant from the RSL to buy the fifes. This is great recognition for the band’s long-standing commitment to leading the local ANZAC Day march in Rathdowney each year.

The band regularly practises for weekly school parades. There are no other special band performances planned for this term. However, since there are presently only 3 students under Year 7 currently in the band we are looking to encourage students now in Years 3, 4 and 5 to consider learning the fife and joining the band ready for next year, when our school has its centenary celebrations. The band will be a special feature of the program at the centenary.

School Events

The playgroup continues to meet at school on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 12:00. It’s great to see all these new little ones enjoying the play and interaction with other children.

The school’s Centenary committee meets every month on the first Tuesday to prepare for next year’s centenary celebrations in May. This year will be a time for getting the school and grounds ready for this event. The school now has a brand new exciting web-site with a special page for centenary information. The school has employed a private company to maintain and update our website for us. This is especially important to us now as we are very keen to let people know about what is being planned for our school centenary celebrations next year. Having an exciting and current ‘new look’ web site is also important as we try to attract more enrolments to our school. Web sites are becoming the first point of contact for most prospective new families when choosing a school for their children.

This term, the Years 4/5 and 6/7 classes are learning more about digital photography through a series of weekly, hourly workshops. Kelly from Blue Bird Photography on Mt Tamborine has been conducting the workshops with our students. We hope to have a special exhibition of the students’ photographs at the end of this term. We also intend to enter the photos in the Beaudesert Show in September.

Two weeks ago, the Queensland Arts Council presented their show, “It’s Good to be Me” here at school. The artist was a juggler and circus performer who presented a message about bullying. RAW Art visited the school this month to run art workshops with our students. We hope to use some of the students’ work from the day as entries for the Beaudesert Show in September.

The Early Learning Centre students are studying local industries and have visited various farms as well as invited farmers to come to school to talk about their work. Last Thursday’s visit to the local farms was highly successful and the conduct and behaviour of the students was a credit to the school. Last Friday there was great excitement at school when local pig farmer, Mr Alan Stick, brought 4 piglets to school and spoke to the prep to year 3 students about pig farming.

The annual School Opinion Surveys were distributed to families and staff last week. The students from years 4-7 will fill in their own surveys within the week, so that all surveys are returned to Education Queensland by the 26 August. Results from the surveys will help to guide the development
of a new quadrennial planning cycle for the school.
The older classes have started their practice for the end-of-year musical this term. This year’s musical is entitled “Kids in Space”. We also hope to have the school hall’s equipment up and running soon so that we can stage our school concert in our own hall at the end of this year. Students will soon be humming the songs for this musical around the house. Speaking roles have been assigned to individual students so now it’s just a matter of learning lines and songs and practising and practising!! Choreography will be added next term.
The school will visit the Beaudesert Show on Friday, 9 September. Students will be participating in the Ag-Ed program and learning more about our local primary industries, as well as visiting the exhibits and seeing their own entries on display.
The Spinal Education Awareness Team will be presenting a workshop for all students about personal safety at school on Monday, 12 September.

Staff Inservice
Tina attended the first day of a 2 day Principals’ meeting at Dreamworld last week. She learned about the new emphasis Education Queensland is pursuing on catering for the different needs of each child within the school and classroom.
Last week two teachers attended the introductory workshop of a 2-day course in teaching philosophy in primary school and the benefits to learning and behaviour as a result of studying philosophy. The next workshop will be on the pupil-free day in October. We hope to investigate the feasibility of introducing philosophy as part of the curriculum offerings for our students.

This term, Mrs Todd will continue to meet with senior regional finance personnel to learn more about the school’s new finance system.
In our weekly staff meetings, Mrs O is leading discussions on the Developing Performance Plans for Teachers. We will also spend some time becoming acquainted with the new Australian Curriculum. It is also part of our task this term to begin to prepare the next 4-year planning cycle for the school.

WOODENBONG
Yowie Country Market
 LAST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH
8am-3pm Woodenbong Hall & Grounds
NEXT EVENT SATURDAY 27th August

EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE
BRING HOME A BROTHER OR A SISTER
In January 2012, students aged 14 – 19 years from Japan, Europe, the USA and Latin America will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity.
Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience
life in Australia. This is a great way to practice another language, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family....and your relatives and friends....will grow and learn as you all get to know your new ‘son’ or ‘daughter’ from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website.

http://studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

CURRUMBIN COMMUNITY FARM SCHOOL SPRING FESTIVAL
Sunday 4th September, 9.30am – 2.00pm
Live Music, Rock Climbing,
Farmyard Feeding,
Jumping Castle, Market Stalls,
Food & More!
STALL HOLDERS WANTED – From $10
1226 Currumbin Creek Road,
Currumbin Valley
Phone: 5533 0312  Email: alock16@eq.edu.au

Local Events
ERIC BOGLE’S SMALL PENSION OPTIMISATION TOUR
A night of outrageous fun, sharp wit and the flowing melodies of Eric Bogle.
When: Wednesday 24th August
Where: Boonah Cultural Centre
Cost: $41.70

MORNING MELODIES
My Life in Musicals staring John Bowles and Michell Fitzmaurice
When: Friday 26th August
Time: 11.00am
Where: Boonah Cultural Centre
Cost: $16; Groups 10+ $12.50; F'dation $14.40

SPECIAL EVENTS:
INTERDENOMINATIONAL LADIES’ DINNER
In aid of “Touching Lives in the Lockyer Valley' flood relief appeal
When: Saturday 20th August
Time: 6.30pm
Where: Boonah Cultural Centre
More info: Ph. 5463 1524

BLUE LIGHT DANCE FOR 12 - 18 year olds
Fully supervised event. Snacks available.
When: Friday 26th August
Time: 7pm - 10pm
Where: the Centre, Beaudesert
Cost: $5

Buy tickets online (except for films) at www.liveatthecentre.com.au