A Letter to the Community

Dates to Remember in 2011

**AUGUST**  
26 - Book Club orders due  
30 – Yr 7 Parent Information Meeting  
5pm at Beaudesert SHS

**SEPTEMBER**  
6 – School Centenary Meeting  
7 – Skipping Demonstrations 10am@school  
9 – Beaudesert Show visit  
12 – SEAT team visit to school  
13 – P & C Meeting 7pm, staff room  
16 – Last day of Term 3

**OCTOBER**  
03 - Term 4, first day back for students  
17 – Student free day  
24 – Eureka Gold Rush day Years 4-7

**NOVEMBER**  
2-4 - Senior Camp – Moreton Island

2012  
May  
12th & 13th – School Centenary

**Junior News**

This week has been a very busy week for our students in the Early Learning Centre. They are putting in 110% to get their projects finished in time for the Beaudesert Show. They have tried very hard and we are sure their efforts will be greatly appreciated at the show. Well done students!

In art the students have been making beautiful, creative pieces to enter for the Beaudesert Show. They are coming along wonderfully and they look amazing.

In maths this week the Prep students are exploring the days of the week and putting them in sequential order. They are also studying weather charts and discussing how they are used in everyday life. In addition to this they are starting to experiment with position (first, second, third, fourth, fifth). The Year Ones are looking at the language used to describe position (below, beside, above etc) and developing their problem solving skills.

TUCKSHOP  
31ST AUGUST

HELPERS  
Marlene Houston, Tracey Vayne

CAKES/Slice  
Kymberley Griffiths

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solving skills. The Year Two students are also developing their problem solving skills and working with time (minutes, hours). The Year Three students are experimenting with measurement. They are focusing on centimetres and millimetres.

It has been very busy for our students and they have all worked hard throughout week.

Kasey, Karin and Cathy

**Year 4/5 News**

We have been busy again this week preparing our entries for the Show. The students are selecting art work which they have done this year to mount for the Show. All of their story writing is completed. We need to have all entries completed and sent into Beaudesert by next Friday afternoon for preliminary judging. The students are doing a fabulous job on their entries which should look great when displayed at the Show.

In SOSE, in our unit of work on the early exploration of Australia we have studied the work of explorers Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth, George Bass, Matthew Flinders and John Oxley in opening up the country to further settlement in the 1800’s. During library lessons, Mrs Goggins has helped the students research the explorer about whom they are doing their individual projects. Next week we will write our explorer reports to include in the projects. Most students have now completed their borders, headings and maps for their projects and only need to add their writing and perhaps a small illustration.

In maths, we have continued working on multiplication and division of numbers, decimal and common fractions as well as doing some problem solving and patterning.

In literacy, students have started work on their English QCAT which involves writing literary descriptions for narratives (stories).

In art, we will do one or two more projects for entry into the show. This week we will look at symmetry using black and white paper cut-outs. It is a simple technique but looks very effective when completed correctly.

More from our classroom next time.

**Year 6/7 News**

Hi, Ho! Hi, Ho! It’s back to work we go. After enjoying my long service leave it is now full steam ahead till the end of the year. Currently in English the class is reading and analysing how Myths/Legends are written, what the stories are about and what they can teach us. Later on in the unit each student will write their own myth. During maths lessons the class are looking at inverse operations to solve equations. This is then consolidated in their Targeting Maths activities.
For homework on Thursdays and Fridays, students are revising perimeter and area to complete problem solving, and from time to time completing inverse operations problems.
For S.O.S.E. this semester groups of students have been given a religion to research. They will then present an oral report to other class members who will take notes. This activity will be followed by a written exam about the six main religions in the world.

Mrs Benstead

Thought for the Week
Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations:-
I've never made a mistake. I've only learned from experience.
Thomas A. Edison.

From the Library
Year 7 students have been working this term on researching an individual topic for a project for the Beaudesert Show. This week they printed their final research data and found an illustration to go with it. The students used a combination of literature and internet searches to gain information. Mrs Watson will now use this information to help the children to complete their show projects.

As Mem Fox is our author for this term, this week the Prep to 3 children read stories by Mem Fox to each other. Seb, Ashlin, Liam and Kayla read with understanding and enthusiasm. Certificates for this week are:

Trent Carpenter – Good Behaviour
Angus Mullins – Good Library Manners
Carly Griffiths – Good Library Manners

This week the year 4/5 students have been finding information on Early Australian Explorers. Each student has used printed material and various web sites to find interesting facts and stories on their chosen explorer. They have been working with Miss van Bennekom to gather the information to produce a project to exhibit in the Beaudesert Show.

Maryann Goggins

Raffle
As most parents will already be aware, students have brought home raffle tickets to sell. The winning ticket will win a Lorraine Lea Linen Silhouette Bedroom Set. Part of this amazing prize valued at $432, was donated by Kelly Balaschow who is a Lorraine Lea Linen Consultant.

Any member of the community who would like to hold their own party for the lovely linen that she sells, can contact her on 0413 126 572. Kelly can advise you about the amazing specials
and gifts you can be eligible for as a party host.

**Special Event**

Parents are invited to come to school at 10am on Wednesday, 7 September, to see skipping demonstrations by the students. For daily PE this term, the students have been practising skipping and each of the three groups of students has choreographed a routine to music. Following the skipping demonstration, parents are invited to listen to a song that all the students have learned during music and then to join us for morning tea.

After the morning tea break, Mrs Ore-vich, our support teacher for literacy and numeracy will be giving a talk for parents about how to help students of all ages with reading. She will also share the secrets of how to read to very young children, and explain how this helps your children become good readers when they start school. This may be especially helpful to parents who have children at home in the 0 to 5 age group.

**Walkathon**

It all seems a long time ago now, I know. Our school had a walkathon at the end of last semester. It was a really successful day and a great way to finish the term. Most of our students as well as many parents and friends joined us on the walk.

The students were all given sponsorship forms beforehand and the money raised from the walkathon will be donated to the Student Council’s charity, the Queensland Cancer Council. To date we have only received back 4 sponsorship forms. We would like to finalise the collection of forms and money, so that the students who were sponsored can receive their prizes before the end of this term. If you have forgotten about this, could you please attend to this matter as soon as possible?

**Student Council**

**HEALTHY LUNCHES**

*Tomorrow 26th August 2011*

*The Yr 6/7 class will be serving Fried Rice for $3-00 and a cup of Fruit Juice for $1-00.*

Today each student has taken home an order form for the Friday lunches that are on offer for this week. It would be appreciated if you could attach this form to your children’s envelopes with their money. This will make it much easier for the 6/7 students to collate the orders so that everyone gets their lunch on time.

Thank you for your co-operation

*Colleen Benstead (Yr 6/7 Teacher)*
INFORMATION ON COAL AND GAS MINING IN BOONAH AND SURROUNDS

Landowners are invited to drop into the forecourt in front of the Boonah Council Chambers anytime between 11am and 4pm on Saturday 27th August to learn more about the coal and coal seam gas industry looming in the region from "Keep The Scenic Rim Scenic" volunteers - a non-political community group committed to preserving what we love about this region.

With more than 70% of the Scenic Rim already under licence, including all of the Boonah half of the shire (excluding the towns and a 2km buffer as of last week), landowners have the opportunity to learn which company holds mining exploration licences over their land, what the companies intentions are, and how the community can resist this change to industrialisation of the shire.

Maps, free advice, stickers and “Lock The Gate” signs will be available on the day.

More information can be found at keepthescenicrimsenic.com; also contact keepthescenicrimsenic@gmail.com or 5544 3233.

WOODENBONG
Yowie Country
MARKET LAST SATURDAY
EVERY MONTH 8am-3pm

Woodenbong Hall & Grounds
Contact: Carey 0266351176
NEXT EVENT SATURDAY 27th August

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

New look for parent and carer website

Access a wide range of educational websites from the newly updated parent and carer section of the Department of Education and Training’s website.

Whether you are looking for information about the curriculum, details of special programs or health support services, or online resources to help your child with literacy and numeracy, you will find it on the new site.

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Digital STORYTELLING SESSION @ The Centre Beaudesert Presentation by Gavin Bannermann from State Library of Queensland. Wed 31 August 11am-12noon. Free. Enquiries and to register your interest T. 5540 5050 E. thecentre@scenicrim.qld.gov.au

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS APPLICATIONS are now open for Scenic Rim Regional Council’s Environmental Grants Program Application forms are available on Council’s website at www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au or by contacting the Environment Section on 5540 5444

RADF FUNDING ROUND NOW OPEN! The 2011/2012 Grant Round 1 is now open and closes COB Friday 16 September 2011 for projects commencing after 1 December 2011. Grant application packs are available at Council Customer Service Centres, Libraries, The Centre for Arts & Culture - Beaudesert and The Boonah Arts and Cultural Centre or they can be downloaded from www.liveatthecentre.com.au.

Creative hideaway for sale at Cedar Vale: on 8.5 natural acres with purpose built studio 100 sqm purpose built & fully equipped studio with 5m ceiling. For more information phone Steve Hodgson on 0409 499 563 or forward your enquiry to steve.hodgson@eldersjimboomba.com.au the artists blog is http://www.chrisworfold.blogspot.com/

Boondocs is a rolling documentary screening and speaker program in Boonah. Sessions are tailored to various audiences including primary school, high school and the general public. Speakers will briefly introduce the documentary topic and their relevance to the documentary (After the screening, a brief Q&A session will ensue. For more info contact Kimberley Sakzewski Mob: 0413 413 537

Boonah IGA Arts Festival 2nd - 11th September 2011 key events: Saturday 3rd - Taking it to the Streets - High Street Boonah 9am - 12noon, Saturday 3rd - Scenic Rim Regional Council Art Awards - Boonah Cultural Centre, 7pm, Wednesday 7th - The Great Debate and writing awards - Boonah Cultural Centre, 7pm, Friday 9th - Youth SPARtacular - Boonah Cultural Centre, 6.30pm, Saturday 10th - Stroud Homes Calico on the Catwalk - Boonah Cultural Centre, 7pm, Sunday 11th - Jazz in the Scenic Rim - Bunjurgen Vinyard, 11.30am More information www.boonahartscollective.com

Mum and Dads “little koalas” are invited to come camping under the gum trees and help save the native koalas.

September 7 is National Threatened Species Day, and the whole of September is the Australian Koala Foundations “save the koala” month.

Mt Barney Lodge is supporting the Australian Koala Foundations education and conservation actions by donating every childs camping fee to the Australian Koala Foundation from the 1st to 15th September. Each child will receive a sticker and koala tattoo for their efforts!

For camping bookings: 5544 3233 or info@mtbarneylodge.com.au

Thanks for spending a couple of nights outdoors this spring to help our koalas.