Dear Parents and Caregivers

Attendance
I hope everyone had an enjoyable long weekend. When working in my office yesterday can I just say what a joy it was to hear parents bringing their students to the office to explain them being late. The administration team do appreciate this. As you would know Blackwater North stresses the importance of attendance for students for the educational benefits. I have been very impressed with attendance rates since arriving at Blackwater North, it is also great to see that you, the parents have this as a high priority as well.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
We have now created our Vision Statement - Blackwater North State School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and responsible learning environment for students and staff, where students show effort and have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong well-being.

On the last day of this term we will be celebrating positive behaviour throughout A+ Day. Students will be divided into 3 categories depending on their number of office referrals for the semester. Gold level- 0-1 referrals, Silver level- 2-5 referrals, and Bronze level- 6 or more referrals.

Those students in Prep to year 3 will be celebrating their A+ activities from 9:30-11am and years 4-6 will have their A+ activities from 11:45- 1:15. These items include- Gold level- just dance, sport, obstacle course, movie, computers – free choice, art activities and reading. Silver level is computer games- educational games and bronze level years 4-6 will be classroom helpers for prep-year 3. Prep will be holding its own fun activities.

Athletics carnival
A reminder that athletics carnivals will be held this week -Thursday (P-3) 9am to 1:15pm and Friday (4-6) 9am-3pm. During the lunch breaks, as there will only be one break for both days, can I ask that these times be available for only Blackwater North students. This will reduce disruptions as we do not want students leaving/missing rotations or events due to going for lunch. The sausage sizzle and snow cones will run for the day for all parents, carers, family members and visitors. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

Reminder—there will be NO parade this Friday due to athletics.

Until next week, Damien

Mr Hoare with Miss Henderson, discussing the upcoming Eisteddfod in August.
‘Week Eight is Great!’
at Blackwater North State School.

Thought of the Week “Happiness isn’t something you experience; it’s something you remember.”

**Junior & Senior Sports Carnivals**
This Thursday our preps to year 3 have their Junior Sports Carnival from 9-11.15pm on the school oval. On Friday, our years 4 to 6 will have their Senior Sports Carnival. We are looking forward to these wonderful events. Teachers, parents and carers are very excited about this year’s competition, particularly the sportsmanship, teamwork and commitment they have already shown Mr Smyth during PE lessons. Well done already!

**Sports Shirts:** You can purchase Sports shirts from our uniform shop from 2.45pm on Wednesday. Oxley – yellow, Cook – red, Archer – blue, Gregory – green.

**Safety Buzz**
Thank you to our parents who are watching their children before and after school walk safely across our pedestrian crossings. Also thanks for keeping your children off the school’s playground equipment before and after school. These playgrounds are only used when staff can supervise during lunchtimes. Let’s keep our kids safe!

**Behaviour Buzz of the Week**
I use equipment as it is designed
I am where I am meant to be
I take turns
I walk on the concrete and in class
I wear correct clothing - hat, shoes, shirt
I follow adult instructions

Our school value of the week is Being safe is being flexible to change. It means not always having to have your own way. It is being open to the opinions and feelings of others. With safety and flexibility, we are willing to change our minds. If something doesn’t work out, we try another or new way. Being safe is making changes for the better. Please consider discussing safety with your child/ren over the next week.

**Behaviour Awards this Fortnight:**
Weeks 6&7:
Prep – 2: Shayla 2C, Noah 2C
Year 3-6: Haylee 6B, Kaylee 4B

**Our Weekly Attendance Statistics**
Last week our ‘Every Day Counts’ Champions were 3A and 5B with 94% attendance good job.

**Semester One Report Cards**
End of Semester One Report Cards will be handed out to all our students on Wednesday June 29th 2015. If your child is absent the Report card will be kept in the office then sent home at the end of term.

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**LIBRARY STARS**

For the past two weeks, 2A have been our Library stars once again. 2A have won the Library Stars award 7 weeks out of 8 this term. It is great to see a class so committed to returning their library books on time.

This will be the last week of borrowing for students before the end of the term. Weeks 9 and 10 will be for returning books only. Please try to ensure that your library books are returned before the holidays. We will be stocktaking all of our resources next term and we would like to see as many books returned as possible.

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**3B NEWS**

What a spectacular term we have had! We passed the stresses of NAPLAN with ease way back in Week 4, and are now working hard on finishing the term with a bright smile. As bright as the sun in fact! Did you know the sun is over one million times bigger than the Earth?!! We have been learning a lot about the sun and the Earth’s rotation. It’s really interesting! We have also been learning a lot about Anzac Day and a man who did some pretty special things at Gallipoli in WWI. His name is Jack ‘Simpson’ Kirkpatrick. If you want to learn a bit more about him, you should check out our timelines hanging up in the foyer. A timeline documents someone’s life in chronological order, from birth to death with milestones or special events that occurred in between.

Go and have a look!

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**National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection. The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide or to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know. Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Damien Hoare, Principal
AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Mrs Smyth getting to know her new class, 5A during lessons today.

Literacy and Numeracy (homework) Class
Mondays 4-5.30pm at Panda Park (Blackwater Rotary Park) during school term. Adults welcome.

Contact Sally on 4980 5555 or email satkinson@chrc.qld.gov.au for more information.

Our School Leaders proudly displaying their certificates from the office of Senator Glenn Lazarus. These certificates were presented as part of the Queensland Young Leadership Recognition Program.

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre Assistance

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre:
Library Car Park, Wey Street
BLACKWATER
Wednesday, 17 June 2015 10 am to 4 pm

Experienced specialist staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. Our staff can assist you with Centrelink, Medicare, Australian Hearing and Child Support payment and service options. They are specialists in rural servicing and live and work in the communities they serve. If the assistance you’re after is not available, arrangements will be made for someone from the relevant organisation to contact you.

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.
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