From the Principal

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

“Many hands make light work” – John Heyward,
“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new” – Albert Einstein.
“Keep calm, Teamwork makes the Dream Work”. “If you can dream it, you can do it” – Walt Disney.

As outlined in our Newsletter at the end of Term 3 P&C’s must have 2 Executive positions filled to be viable. Without two Executive officers the Principal will place the P&C into Care-taker Mode until there are at least 2 officers elected. Executive officers include the P&C President, Vice-President, Secretary, P&C’s Qld Representative and Treasurer.

It is critical that we fill the Treasurer’s position as they are responsible for all financial elements of the P&C which includes – paying the Tuckshop Convenor, raising Purchase Orders & Paying Invoices and Banking all funds including any fundraising.

As agreed at the last P&C Meeting, a Special P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th October from 2:15pm in the Staff Room to confirm the election of our new Executive and non-Executive for the remainder of 2016. If after this meeting the 2 positions are not filled the P&C will be put into Care-taker Mode.

What does Care-taker Mode mean?
The school, under the Principal’s management, would be required to manage the P&C. This would include the school being responsible for all the financial duties usually undertaken by the P&C Treasurer. Given the school does not have the human resources available to do this it would mean that things including the Tuckshop would cease to operate, no further fundraising would be able to take place to assist the students at our school and we would have to change the way we manage the sale of school uniforms to our families.

We look forward to your attendance and support at the Special Meeting on Wednesday 19th October from 2:15pm.

It is that time of the year when schools have begun planning for the next school year and as we all know enrolments determine the number of teachers we get each year. Given this we please request any families who know or think they will not have their children attending Blackwater North SS in 2017 please contact the Office, or me, as soon as possible.

Prep Enrolments for 2017 are currently being taken. If your child was born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012 then your child is eligible for Prep in 2017. Consideration can also be given to students born up to 31 July 2012 via an Application for Early Entry to Prep but this needs to be done in consultation with the Principal. Please come to the school Office with your child’s Birth Certificate and we can assist you with Enrolment Forms and book an Enrolment Interview for you. Prep Transition activities have begun and will continue throughout Term 4 this year.

Please keep in mind that other than notes sent home, information about our school can be obtained from our school website (www.blacnortss.eq.edu.au), our Facebook page (Blackwater North State School) or download the QSchools app and search for Blackwater North State School and add it to your favourites.

It is wonderful to see all the smiling faces on our students as they have excitedly boarded the bus ready to participate in our Term 4 school swimming program. Thanks parents for ensuring your children have had all their ‘swimming essentials’ packed and ready for their swimming day!

Please keep in mind that Monday 17th October is a Student Free Day for all Queensland State Schools and so our students can enjoy another long weekend this weekend!

Cheers
Rod Wood
Principal

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**Dates To Remember**

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**STAFF**

- Laura Henderson

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**PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

We are seeking a Mum from each class to supervise female students after swimming, as they change back into their uniform. This is particularly relevant for the lower grades.

If you are able to assist, please call to the office for more details.
Our hardworking P and C executive resigned for their commitment to the school and their tireless efforts to support students during the past few years. The P and C are responsible for ensuring our students are able to access opportunities that enhance their educational opportunities.

If you are interested in attending a P and C meeting they are held each month in the staff room. Attending a meeting holds you under no obligation to take on a position. All community members are welcome and opinions and input are valued by the school staff to ensure we are providing the best educational opportunities.

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**Term 4 is here which means the end of the year is just around the corner.**

Monday, 17 October (next Monday) is a PUPIL FREE DAY for all students. There will be no school that day. Teachers will be participating in Professional Development activities throughout the day.

Year 5 and 6 have camps during Week 7 of this term. Information has been sent home last term and final arrangements are being completed by teachers. If you have not yet decided whether your child is attending camp, please contact your class teacher immediately as numbers have to be confirmed well before the start date.

Swimming commenced this week so if you have not yet returned your permission form, please do so as soon as possible. If you need more time to pay that is fine, however your child cannot attend if the permission form is not returned.

The swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday of week 9 (29 November). This involves the upper school only and students are to make their own way to and from the pool on that day. This is a compulsory school event and it would be expected that if your child is not confident at participating in the carnival then they would be attending school on that day.

Planning is starting to commence for the Year 6 Graduation. This will be held on Thursday, 1st December in the school Hall. More information will be made available as details are finalised.

The end of year Carols will be held on Wednesday, 7 December. This will be held on the grassed area outside the school hall if the weather permits. Each class will be performing a song or carol.

Our colouring competition winners were:
- Ramon Spooner 1B
- Emily Michelmore 2/3C
- Alissa Jaques 3B

We trust you have enjoyed reading your prizes!

Happy Reading
Mrs Hayes & Library Staff

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**Book Fair**
This semester’s Book Fair theme is: 
**Australia! Story Country – Find Your Story at the Book Fair!**

Book Fair will be on in **week 5, October 31 – November 4**. This season’s Book Fair will be an exciting celebration full of fun activities and hundreds of books kids want to read. We always receive a great range of books, activity packs and funky stationery items, so come in and have a look. We are open from 8am to 4pm daily. Classes will visit the library at their normal borrowing time to view the range of books and fill out a ‘wish list’. Any parents wishing to help during these times are welcome to add their name to the roster which is located on the pin board at the front of the library.

**Best Borrowing Class: 1C and Miss Guttler with ZERO overdue books!**

**Book Week Disco**
What a fun-filled night! We spotted some amazing dance moves and appreciate the effort that both students and parents went to once again with their costumes. Although we had a downpour of rain towards the end of the night it certainly did not dampen our spirits.

Congratulations to our Book Week Competition Winners! Tobias from Prep C filled up on lolly bananas over the holidays after guessing just one banana away from the correct amount of 303. Well Done Tobias, all of that math work in prep must be paying off!

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We hope that the remainder of the term is successful and positive for all students and families. Remember that by working together, incredible things can be achieved!

Miss Sawtell, Mrs North and the Prep B Superstars!
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ~ 7 OCTOBER

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

Blackwater State High School will host the annual ‘Music Under the Stars’ concert on Wednesday the 26th October at 5:30pm. If there are any students from Blackwater North interested in performing a solo, duet or group performance at the concert, could they please contact Miss Henderson either in person or via email (lhend119@eq.edu.au) by Friday the 14th of October.

Band members, look out for your note which will be sent home shortly.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Henderson

High Tea
23rd October @2pm
Wey St School Hall
$25 per ticket
Can be purchased at the door
Supporting Chaplaincy in Schools

Lucky Door Prize
Tea Cup Competition
Best Dressed (Floral Theme)
Cent-sale
Enter you Wedding Dress in our “Wear it Again” Wedding Dress Parade
Markets stalls

To pre-purchase tickets, please contact
Anita 0407 646 187

Guidance Officer Musings

Providing students with the opportunity to perform random acts of kindness:

Random acts of kindness are a hot topic in science and psychology today. Study after study has proven that compassionate giving and benevolence are not only great for the recipient, but the giver as well.

Here are some facts:

😊 Giving not only makes you feel good, it also makes you stronger.
😊 People who are kind and compassionate are usually more successful.
😊 We increase [children’s] feelings of happiness and well-being, reduce bullying, and improve their friendships by teaching them to be givers of kindness.

When you are grateful and practicing random acts of kindness, the result is inner calm and clarity of thinking.

Practice Random Kindness

Physiological benefits [of kindness] include:

😊 Strengthened immune system.
😊 Improved cognitive performance.
😊 Increase in energy.
😊 Lower heart rate.
😊 Balanced cortisol levels which result in less internal stress.

Laughing and inner joy resulting in decreased stress hormones; lower blood pressure and diminished pain.
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Girls & Boys of all ages most welcome

JOEY SCOUTS Age 6—8 years
Monday Nights 4—5pm

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Monday Nights 5:30—7 pm

SCOUTS Age 11—15 years
Tuesday Nights 5—7 pm

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