From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Troop Train Competition

This week an information sheet will be coming home regarding the Troop Train Competition being held by all three schools. We have available 15 places on the Troop Train running from Blackwater to Duaringa on 22 April. This competition will be open to our Year 5 and 6 students. They will be required to complete a project on a World War 1 theme and can be represented as a poem/story, painting/drawing or multi-media. The competition will close on 27 March.

Crossing the Road on Park Street

It has been concerning to hear about a number of near misses that have occurred on Park Street over the last couple of weeks. Parents, remember to use our crossing when collecting your children. It is very dangerous to cross the road between cars. It would be shattering for any of our children to be hurt crossing the road unsafely. There is also confusion around the area of Park Street that is currently being used as a pick up zone. I will be clarifying with the police what this zone is able to be used for. The school’s understanding is that this area is a bus stop. I will confirm the outcome of my investigation in our next newsletter.

Children on the Bus

Some parents have reported dangerous behaviour on the school bus. It is concerning to hear about the children standing while the bus is moving, throwing of bags, etc. If your child comes to school on the bus, please discuss with them responsible behaviour. Please see our posters below that we are currently introducing about how to display respect, responsibility, safety and effort on the school bus.

Leadership Parade

Our leadership parade is this Friday at 9am. It is exciting to be able to recognise our school leaders in Year 6. Please come along and support our leaders for this year.

Until next time

Marie

**Would you like to start receiving the newsletter electronically?**

Turn over to page three and fill out the slip where indicated to register your interest.
**Behaviour Buzz of the Week**

This week Prep to Year 6 students, along with their teachers have been continuing to read through our Blackwater North State School Behaviour Matrix with students. This prepares our students to get them familiar with expectations of all behaviours at BNSS.

Lots of Safe tickets have been given out to boys and girls who are following our BNSS behaviour expectations.

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<td>I take turns</td>
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<td>I walk on concrete and in class</td>
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<td>I wear correct clothing – hat, shoes, shirts</td>
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**School Hats**

A big THANK YOU is extended to West Auto Electrics for kindly donating a hat to every child in our school. It has been wonderful to see a school hat on every child this week. Your support for our school is truly appreciated. Our students benefit greatly from wearing these wide brimmed hats.

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**Our Weekly Attendance**

Attendance is a priority in 2015 at Blackwater North State School. Our target this year is to reach 92.2%. Our ‘Every Day Counts’ winners has been the whole school during this first three weeks of school, with 96.9% attendance in week 2 and 96% in Week 3.

**Every Day Counts winners:**
- Week 2: 2C 99.2%
- Week 3: 2C 98%

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**3A News**

In 3A we have been working on our persuasive writing this week. We have been looking at modal verbs - which are words that increase the forcefulness of our work. Words like must, might, should, could, certainly, will, can and definitely. We read “I wanna Iguana” in class and have written our own “I wanna...” statements. Come see them in the office foyer and see if we have convinced you!

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**6A News**

6A has been discussing what a leader is to them and what type of leaders they would like to be at Blackwater North State School. Students brainstormed what qualities they would need to possess to be a great leader. Each child looked at the four school rules and shared ways in which they could demonstrate and role model these behaviours to others. Students were also able to share their Australia Day experiences with one another whilst exploring the past of each State and Territory.
**Notice for Catholic Parents**

Preparation sessions for receiving the Sacraments will begin at the Catholic Church at 3.30pm on Wednesday 25th Feb. This is for children in Grade 4, 5 and 6. It is necessary that the child is accompanied by at least one parent. For further information please contact the Sisters on 4982 5362.

**COME PLAY BASKETBALL!!**

**BLACKWATER BLAZERS SIGN ON DAY**

- **When:** 18 February 2015
- **Time:** 3:30 til 5:30pm
- **Where:** At Blackwater PCYC Basketball courts
- **Who:** All school aged children
- **Cost:** $60 for first term – this includes a training singlet and membership for the PCYC and all training sessions for term 1 (all subsequent terms will be $30 per term)
- **Sign On packs can be collected from the PCYC**
  - as of 13 February

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**BLACKWATER JUNIOR NETBALL**

- **For:** 5-16 years
- **Sign On Days:** Tuesday 24 February
- **At:** Hunter Street Netball Courts
- **From:** 4pm

**FOR MORE INFO CALL 0428861145

**Help our Kids get Safely to School**

- Become a School Crossing Supervisor and make a real difference to the lives of school children.

**WHERE:** Blackwater North State School

**HOURS:** Up to 12.5 hours per fortnight max of 1.25hrs per day.

**PAY:** Casual rate: $27.45 per hour includes loading

**DUTIES:** Assist children crossing roads at local schools

- Training is provided
- You will be required to undergo a medical & working with children Blue Card check provided by the Department of Transport & Main Roads

**Contact:** Blackwater North State School for application forms 49825333

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**NOTE:**

- Please cut out, fill in and drop off at the BNS Office
- I _______________________________ would like to receive my Blackwater North State School Newsletter by:
  - [ ] email
  - [ ] the paper copy

**Sign:** _______________________________ Date: _______________________________
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Monday Nights 5.30—7 pm

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

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