From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

New Friendship Award
Next Friday 28 August will be our first draw of the friendship award. Remember if you have seen someone or experienced a student being accepting of others or being polite to others nominate them.

Prep Enrolments for 2016
We are currently taking prep enrolments for 2016. Next week myself and Prep teachers will be visiting the centres of Blackwater to hand out our new Prep packs. These will contain useful items, information about getting your student ready for prep, and enrolment forms to be filled out and returned to the office. We will be holding our transition days early next term and this term we will be holding parent information sessions on Tuesday 8 September @9am, and Thursday 10 September @7pm.

Mobile Phones
This is just a friendly reminder as we are having a few incidents of students bringing mobile phones to school. The school has no objection to students bringing mobile phones to school - there are many good reasons for this, however these mobile phones must be handed into the office on arrival to school and collected at departure of school. The school and I take no responsibility if phones are stolen or go missing. Please remind your child/ren that if they do bring a mobile phone to school it needs to be handed in.

Book Week Disco
Next Thursday we are holding a book week disco 5-7pm. P-2 will be in the multi-purpose court and 3-6 in the hall to coincide with the free dress day; come as your favourite book character.

Eisteddfod
This week Blackwater has been hosting the Central Highlands Eisteddfod. I just wanted to say a big Thank You to the organisers from all three schools, volunteers, and all students who participated in the eisteddfod. Also special thanks to Laura Henderson, our Blackwater North SS music teacher. Laura has worked very hard with organising the Eisteddfod, and has done a fantastic job. Once again congratulations to all Blackwater North Students.

P&C meeting
Next Monday at the P&C meeting (7pm in the staffroom) I will be presenting an information session on Positive Behaviour for Learning, a program our school has been involved in this year and will be ready to fully implement next year.

Facebook, Absenteeism, Electronic Newsletter
Just a reminder that Blackwater North State School does have a Facebook page, where information is broadcast. For students absenteeism we have a phone number 49805366 or you can email admin@blacnortss.eq.edu.au or the.principal@blacnortss.eq.edu.au. Over the past few months we have been placing a slip on our newsletter for parents to fill in so we can electronically email the newsletter. We have had very minimal response in regards to this, please find the time to fill out and return slip if this would be your preferred way of receiving the newsletter.

Until next week, Damien.
Building Foundations + Sustaining Gains = More Opportunities
The weeks seem to be passing very quickly and it is interesting how Monday can be so far from Friday, yet Friday is so close to Monday. Weekends are precious times to recharge batteries ready for the week ahead. These two weeks are busy weeks at Blackwater North State School, with the Eisteddfod this week and National Book Week just around the corner. Please check Library News.

Every year, our annual Book Week: Dress Up As Your Favourite Character is a highlight of Term Three and provides an opportunity for all members of our school community to come dressed as a favourite book character from a favourite book. As a child, I remember some wonderful stories and one in particular was ‘Where’s Wally’ about Wally who sets out on a ‘world wide hike’. Who knows, this ‘world wide hike’ may make an appearance at this year’s Book Week 2015. On the same day, 27 August from 5-7pm is the Book Week Disco: Books Light Up running for prep-2 in the multipurpose court and years 3-6 in the Hall. See you here!

Work is currently underway already to prepare for 2016. If you are leaving our school in 2016 or know of families wishing to join us, we would love to hear from you to ensure our enrolment predictions are as accurate as possible.

Lost Property
Our two Lost Property bins in the Tuckshop Area are overflowing with many items, including school hats, winter jackets, lunchboxes, water bottles and shoes. Please consider taking the time to look through the bins.

Any unnamed and unclaimed items will be washed and given to either the Uniform Shop as second hand options or to a local charity.

Behaviour Buzz of the Week
This week, we explore another of our school values — respect — where I am positive and encouraging to others.

Behaviour Awards this fortnight:
Week 4:
Prep: 2 – Laine PC, Jason 2C
Year 3-6: Charlene 5B, Amber 6B
Week 5:
Prep: Ania PC
Years 1/2: Josie 2A
Years 3/4: Logan 4B
Years 5/6: Amber 6A

Our Weekly Attendance Statistics
In week 4 our “Every Day Counts” Champions were 3A and 2C with 92.3% attendance. Last week our Champions 3A and 3B with 92.2% attendance. Good job!

Book week winners will be announced next week. We are all eagerly waiting to find out which book from each category has won.

Book week Celebrations
Next Thursday will also be our Book Week dress up where students can come dressed as their favourite book character. The Book Week disco will also be held next Thursday night from 5-7pm. This year we are trialling something different and both discos will be held at the same time. The Senior disco will be held in the hall and the Junior disco will be held in the Multi-Purpose Court. There will be sausages, chips and drinks available for purchase from the Senior Undercover area. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed, best dancing and competition winners. Entry to the disco will be $3.

Well done to Dylan on winning the ‘Pig the Pug’ Colouring in competition.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is almost finished. If you haven’t returned your forms to the library, please do so as soon as possible. The challenge finishes on August 28, so all forms will need be returned soon after that.

4A NEWS
Hi Everyone at home! Isn’t the year flying by!
So far this year 4A have learnt about researching endangered animals and using their research to write an information report. They have studied Africa and South America in Geography and investigated Materials and their properties in Science.

In History, 4A delved into the reasons for colonisation and put themselves in the shoes of a convict child, John Hudson, who arrived in Australia with the First Fleet on 26 January, 1788.

In Art and Technology, we put our historical knowledge into effect by designing and building an authentic replica colonial building. 4A displayed their constructions and hosted a morning tea for their parents and family members.

Not only were their constructions authentic, they were AWESOME!!!

This term, 4A are digging deep into Rocks, Weathering and Erosion in Science and in History they are using primary and secondary sources to help them investigate the experiences of Indigenous Peoples in Australia before, during and after contact with explorers, traders and colonists.

In English 4A are having a lot of laughs! After examining and creating funny poems, they are now immersed in the weird and tricky world of Roald Dahl’s ‘The Twits’! I am definitely looking forward to reading 4A’s new chapters for this classic and very funny book!

Combine all this learning, investigating, creating and experimenting with Music, HPE, Sports, Instrumental Music and all the other extra curricula activities that the amazing kids in 4A have on the go, and you might have a glimpse of our very busy and exciting world!

Mrs Martel and 4A

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) starts in Queensland next year. The NDIS will be a new way of supporting people with a disability across Australia. People who currently receive disability support will need to move to the new scheme between July 2016 and June 2019. Other eligible people with a disability, who do not currently receive support, will also be able to access the scheme.

The NDIS provides an important impetus for people to think anew about what would make (or build upon) a good life for them or their family member, and the supports that will suit the person and help them enjoy a good life which is sustainable over time.

The Community Resource Unit Inc. is pleased to have the opportunity to travel and talk with people about the new NDIS scheme.

Join us for a cuppa and a conversation...

Blackwater

Wednesday 2 September

Conversations with people with a Disability and families
10:30—4:00

Wednesday 3 September

Conversations with health, disability and community workers
9:00-11:00

Home visits can also be booked.

Community Centre (Library building)
14 Wey Street, Blackwater
Contact Toni Woodrow 0428 103 621

Other News from Special Ed

Last Tuesday afternoon an Occupational Therapist and Speech Language Pathologist from Autism Queensland in Rockhampton spoke to the staff. They provided both teachers and teacher aides with information about working with children who have Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

It was a very informative session and we look forward to more Professional Development regarding ASD.

Blackwater Junior Cricket

Sign On Fun Day
Wednesday, 26 August, 2015 and Wednesday, 2 September, 2015 4pm to 5pm

At Hunter Street Cricket Nets
Come and try a game of cricket!

$ 8 to 15 year olds
Both boys and girls are welcome
Any questions please call Melissa Newman on 0409825478 or Email: blackwaterbilbies@outlook.com
**Students of the Week - 14 August**

In our fourth session at Girl Life we had guest speakers Sally Collins and Megan Latchford come and teach us about natural makeup. We all had a go at applying foundation, mascara, lipstick, eyeshadow and rouge. It was lots of fun and we learnt some cool makeup tricks of the trade.

Our fourth my life rule is "It isn't just what happens to me that matters but how I choose to think about it." The way we think about things is far more crucial than the things that actually happen to us. Our minds have all sorts of perceptions that affect our attitude. Many things can happen to us but it is the conclusion that we come to about an event that determines how we move forward in life. It's always important to remember that children are great recorders of their experiences but poor interpreters and that it is our role to help children find the correct perception when things happen to them.

My thoughts need to look after me no matter what is happening. My thinking can be like a naughty puppy but I can train it to do what I want it to.

Failure or getting it wrong is a useful part of learning. It doesn't have to be terrible.

Bad thinking makes a bad mood and good thinking makes a good mood.

My mood is always my choice. My thoughts will decide how my life is, not really the things that happen.

In our fifth session at Girl Life we had guest speakers Melina Faine, Elke Flint and Zoe Hopes came and teach us about Hair-care. We learnt some interesting facts about hair and then tried straightening, crimping, braiding and twisting and learnt how to do some fancy up styles.

Our fifth my life rule is "Everything can be talked about and most things sorted out." Often we try and second guess, mind read or jump to conclusions or assumptions about people's reactions and responses and then we filter what we should or shouldn't say. It's important to find someone trustworthy that you can talk to when you have a problem and not let it build up. Silence is not always the best option and it can stop resentment building and withdrawing or shutting down from taking root.

Usually nothing scary will happen when I say what I need to. There are no dumb questions. I am allowed to ask anything respectfully.

Talking is better than holding it in. I won't guess what they may do and say. I'll just be honest. There are lots of adults that care about me and can help me. Most adults are on my side and want the best for me.
BLACKWATER SCOUT GROUP
Girls & Boys of all ages most welcome

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

CUB SCOUTS  Age 8—11 years
Monday Nights 5.30—7 pm

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

Ph: 0437339084 (Pengana) 0403137309 (Mysa)

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15 Taurus Street, Blackwater
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