From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Electricity Safety Week 7-11 September

Our students will be turned into Safety Heroes next week as they learn about electricity and how to behave safely around electrical equipment as part of Ergon Energy’s Electricity Safety Week 7-11 September.

A first for Queensland, the free program will teach students valuable lessons that we hope they take home – from identifying dangerous electrical situations to knowing what to do in an emergency – to using electrical appliances safely and keeping them away from water.

A safety reminder for parents: If you see a fallen powerline, stay at least 8 metres away from it and anything it may be touching. Always assume they are ‘live’ and dangerous. Report them immediately to Triple Zero (000).

For more information visit: www.ergon.com.au/network/safety

Bookweek

I just want to say a massive thank you to all staff and students who dressed up for Book Week and also to all the wonderful staff who helped out at the book week disco. A big thank you to Mrs Nadia Kronk for her efforts in organising Book Week and the disco, this was a fantastic event. We made a total profit of $1700 from the evening.

Year 6 Graduation News

Our 2015 Senior Year 6 students are graduating week 9 - Thursday 3 December.

To make this a special event you need to know the following information:

* Location - Blackwater North Hall
* A photographer will not be available but you are welcome to take photos
* Dress code is smart casual (think about going to a nice restaurant, please note girls wear flat shoes)
* Finger food will be provided before the formal activities begin
* 2 guests are allowed per child

We look forward to presenting our graduating students to their families, staff and friends on this day. More information will be provided with your personal invitation at the beginning of next term.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

I hope all parents/carers have booked in parent teacher interviews. This is a perfect opportunity to discuss your concerns and have some feedback on how your child/children are learning. These opportunities are an excellent way of communicating with your child’s teacher.

Don’t forget Blackwater North SS FETE this Thursday afternoon/evening. Any parents who are able to give a hand setting up, or preparing for the event, your help would be more than appreciated, even if it is an hour. Many hands make light work!

Until next week, Damien

Building Foundations + Sustaining Gains = More Opportunities
**Behaviour Buzz of the Week**

This week …effort. Effort is displayed in intellectual risk taking. Asking questions involves taking risks. How can you communicate this big message to your children and help them take risks in their learning? This means helping students to push beyond the obvious and seek unusual ideas. How else can we think about this? Is there anything else we can do? What wacky and unusual ideas can you come up with? Please consider discussing intellectual risk taking with your child/ren this week.

**Behaviour Awards this Fortnight:**

**Week 6:**
- Prep: Patrick PA
- Years 1/2: Luke 1A
- Years 3/4: Lexi 4B
- Years 5/6: Henry 5B

**Week 7:**
- Prep: Amami PA
- Years 1/2: Charlie 3C
- Years 3/4: Danica 4A
- Years 5/6: Henry 5B

**Our Weekly Attendance Statistics**

For the last two weeks our “Every Day Counts” Champions have been 2C & 5B with over 93% & 94% attendance. Good job!

**Face to Face Reporting**

Towards the end of Terms One and Three each year, all parents and carers are invited to participate in face to face interviews with their child’s classroom teachers. We are in the process of sending all parents and carers a special invitation from your child’s class teachers, indicating the days and times they are available for interviews.

The times are negotiable, where parents and carers can meet with teachers to discuss the learning and progress of all of your children. Once invitations are received, please send them back to your child’s teachers so times can be locked in.

**Leaving Us or Joining Us?**

We are currently working with our Regional Human Resource Team to accurately determine our required staffing for 2016 based on our predicted student enrolments. If you are leaving Blackwater North State School at the end of the year or know someone who is intending on enrolling with us, we need to know as soon as possible so this information can be taken into account.

**Library**

**Book Week Celebrations**

Well done to all the staff and students who dressed up last Thursday for our Book Week Parade. There were some fantastic costumes and it was great to see such a variety of different book characters.

Thank you to all those students who attended our Book Week Disco last Thursday night. It was the first time we have held both discos at the same time, so any feedback for improvements for next year would be greatly appreciated. We made a total of $1700. This money will be spent on new library resources.

I would like to thank all the staff who gave up their time to help run this event. Without the hard work of our staff and helpers, the night would not have been possible.

**THRASS Parent Workshop**

**Friday 4 September**

HOC Room, end of C Block

9:30—4:00

To know more about what THRASS is, how it works and how it is used as a learning tool at school with reading, spelling and writing.

How you can use it at home to support your child with their writing and reading.

Register at the office. Toddlers cannot be catered for.

**Understanding Changes in Disability Support**

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.

**Conversations with people with a Disability and families**

Wednesday 2 September

Blackwater

10:30—4:00

**Conversations with people with a Disability and community workers**

Wednesday 3 September

9:00-11:00

Home visits can also be booked.

Community Centre (Library building)

14 Wey Street, Blackwater

Contact Toni Woodrow 0428 103 621

Let’s Get Ready for Prep

Enrolments and Information Packages are available for children who wish to commence Prep in 2016. If your child turns five by June 30th, they are eligible for Prep that year. Late last year, changes were made regarding Prep that year. Principals have the discretion to enrol students who turn five by July 31st. Prior to a decision being made, a detailed enrolment interview will take place to determine his/her suitability and readiness. The table below is a guide to assist families determine a child’s Prep eligibility.

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BLACKWATER NORTH STATE SCHOOL INTENDS TO MOVE TO ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS DURING THE TERM.

WE DO HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF PARENT EMAIL ADDRESSES ON FILE, HOWEVER PERHAPS THIS INFORMATION REQUIRES UPDATING. IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE SCHOOL’S NEWSLETTER PLEASE COMPLETE THE DETAILS BELOW AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE.

STUDENT/S NAME.......................................................... ..........................................................

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER..........................

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