Dear Parents and Caregivers

Duaringa Districts Athletics
I just wanted to acknowledge Mr Eric Smyth for his efforts in convening the Duaringa District Athletics trials here at Blackwater North SS. Also a big congratulations to those students who made the DD athletics team who now go off to the Central Highlands athletic trials next term, Good Luck!

Central Highlands Readers Cup
Congratulations to Mrs Hayes and the students she took to Emerald last Friday. Those students did us very proud and I congratulate them.

School Watch - 131788
Over the past couple of weeks we have had a few incidents regarding people entering school grounds without approval from administration. We have had some inconsiderate person graffiti a blackboard and we have had someone also try to light up a paper sign, which could have caused a lot of damage. The police have been informed. With the holiday break approaching we remind everyone to be vigilant and call School Watch 131788 if you see anything or anyone acting suspicious on school grounds. No one is allowed on site after hours unless they have sought permission from the principal. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Playgrounds and Car Parks
Some younger children have been observed playing on school playgrounds after school hours, particularly in the Prep area. You are asked to not allow your children to do this. Parents are still continuing to park in the staff car park off Park Street near the hall. Parking in school grounds is not permitted.

Safe Holidays
I hope everyone has a safe and well deserved break. Remember school resumes on Monday 11th July.

Farewell
As we come to the close of Term 2, I would just like to acknowledge Teagan Cochrane who is leaving us. I wish Teagan all the best for her future endeavours. A huge North School welcome to Miss Bree Sawtell, who will be replacing Teagan as Prep B teacher.

Until next time, Damien

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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART IS HAPPENING AGAIN. FORMS WENT HOME WITH STUDENTS LAST WEEK. ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR FUNDRAISING. http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Blackwater-North-State-School-BLACKWATER-QLD-116920
LIBRARY NEWS

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY

Over the last two weeks classes have been working on some indigenous art to coincide with this year’s NAIDOC theme: Songlines. Dreaming tracks crisscross Australia and trace the journeys of our ancestral spirits as they created the land, animals and lore. These dreaming tracks are sometimes called ‘Songlines’ as they record the travels of these ancestral spirits who ‘sung’ the land into life. These Songlines are recorded in traditional songs, stories, dance and art. They carry significant spiritual and cultural connection to knowledge, customs, ceremony and Lore of many Aboriginal nations and Torres Strait Islander language groups.

Keep an eye out for the students’ beautiful art pieces around the library and the school.

Best Borrowing Class:
We are so pleased to announce that our Week 10 winners, with an overdue percentage of just 0.4%, are: 5/6C and 2B! We trust you will enjoy your prize when you collect it this week!!

Read With Me Club
It has been so exciting to see our reading ticket boxes filling with those lovely purple tickets every week. Thank you to those parents who are assisting with the completion of these reading logs. A huge congratulations to our ticket winner for Week 10 … Connor Kurtz 2A!

Readers Cup Challenge
Last Friday Mrs Hayes accompanied our Readers Cup team to the Emerald State School library where they competed against other schools in the Reader’s Cup reading challenge. Our Blackwater North team, the ‘Northern Scorpi-on Readers’, certainly made Mrs Hayes very, very proud! Shanleigh Carey, Jarrod Meadows, Dylan Petty, Max Power and Ninekupoyieh Moore should be impressed with their efforts. They achieved a ranking of 5th out of 13 teams and were only 6.5 points off the lead. They were a part of the top 5 teams that were well ahead of the bunch.

Mrs Hayes thoroughly enjoyed the day and was excited and happy to see so many students enthusiastic about reading. If you see any of these five team members please congratulate them on their amazing efforts. We look forward to seeing where reading takes them in the future.

Get ready for RACING! Fun Night-Friday July 15th
Registration from 5:30pm, Track time starts at 6:30pm.

Briefing for all riders and families will be held just before riding commences.

The crew at Central Highlands BMX Club have been working hard to bring the thrill of racing to town.

Our first Club night is booked and we are ready to showcase our sport to the region.

How can you be a part the fun?
Join our Facebook Group Central Highlands BMX Club.
Visit our club page on the BMX Australia Website
https://www.facebook.com/groups/91873764906916/

To join our Club events, all riders must hold a current BMX Australia membership.
Simply go to the BMX Australia website http://bmxaustralia.com.au/ and follow the links to get yourself a 4 month trial membership.

Leading up to our first race night we will have a club meeting/working bee at the track located at Sunrise Rotary Park, Opal Street, Emerald, July 9th. You are welcome to join us anytime from 9am onwards.

This is a great opportunity to come and meet the team and we can answer any questions you have.

Bring your bike and we can give you some tips on getting it “race ready”.

DEPUTY DIRECTIONS with Sara Whittington

As the term draws to an end, I wish to take the time to acknowledge some highlights of Semester 1.

The great work completed by Kelly Hayes and her team of Reader’s Cup students who came 5th last week at the district competition. Blackwater North was the highest placing State School out of the 13 schools participating.

Congratulations to Eric Smyth for the fantastic job he has done managing the various sporting events held throughout the semester. Congratulations to those students who have participated in all or any events throughout the semester.

A huge thank you to our teachers and aides who have worked extremely hard throughout the semester to ensure your children are achieving the best education possible.

Last of all we must congratulate our students for the great achievements they have made throughout the semester. We have a large number of students participating in A plus day on Friday due to students making good choices all year.

Report cards are issued today and for many students, it is a true reflection of how well they have applied themselves to tasks to achieve the success they have. Well Done Students!

Next term, we have numerous events coming up - the main one being the fete on 2nd September. This is the main fundraiser for the P and C. The fete is a highlight for many students and classes will be preparing for the fete in the weeks prior to the event.

Year 5 and 6 have camps in Week 6 of Term 4 and planning for those will commence in Term 3.
Year 5 will go to Camp Fairbairn and Year 6 will visit North Keppel Island.

Please take the time over the holidays to rest and recharge ready for the second half of the year. It is important to enjoy yourself and not think too much about school to give your body, including your brain, a complete rest.

Have a happy and safe holiday,
Regards, Sara Whittington

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS
BMX CLUB

Last week's whole school attendance
93.8%

Week 10 attendance
P = 94.7%
1= 92.0%
2= 95.1%
3= 95.0%
4= 96.6%
5= 90.8%
6= 92.0%
A selection of our Year 4 students and their recreations of early settlement dwellings, proudly on display today in their classrooms. This culminating event was linked to the history curriculum they have been studying this term. Well done to all students!!
**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

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