From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

ANZAC DAY Parade
Well, there is not too many times that I am stunned for words! At my first ANZAC Day Parade at Blackwater North State School on Friday, I will be totally honest and admit I dropped a tear over the experience. I was absolutely amazed at the parade and the way it was conducted. Our students behaviour and the respect they showed during the ceremony was absolutely awesome and made me feel proud as Principal of Blackwater North SS.

Thank you to our special guests and our BNSS school leaders. I must also add a special thanks to Linda Galloway for organising the Blackwater High School Cadets. Once again I am reminded of why I enjoy being a part of BNSS.

7 Habits of Highly Effective People
This week myself, Sara Whittington (deputy principal) and Carolyn Rogers (business services manager) will be in Brisbane taking part in a professional development course—7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

We will be learning about the key principles of effectiveness that underlie effective, productive living. The 7 Habits are based on these principles. In addition, participants will gain the skills and tools that will enable them to live the 7 Habits and become more effective in our work, making our school even better.

NAPLAN
In week 5 students in years 3 and 5 will be sitting NAPLAN assessments. Any parents NOT wanting their children to sit NAPLAN will need to see me and we can fill out an exemption form. Please make this a priority in the next two weeks as this exemption has a due date.

Blackwater Schools make final of NRL Development Cup
Congratulations to the boys from not only Blackwater North SS, but also Blackwater SS and Bluff SS, for your efforts in the 2016 NRL Development Cup.

Blackwater Schools played out a very good final, but unfortunately lost by one try to St Patrick’s Emerald. Big thank you to Mr Smyth for organising this opportunity for our students.

Until next time, Damien

Building Foundations + Sustaining Gains = More Opportunities
Our ANZAC Day Display looked amazing last week largely thanks to those students who came to make poppies during lunchtime activities in the library. Students learnt the significance of the poppy and why it is used as a symbol of remembrance.

Many of our books on World War 1, soldiers and ANZAC Day specifically, were borrowed out last week. We trust you enjoyed reading these with your special little people and helped to impart some historical knowledge about this memorable day of our Australian history.

This week in the library we have begun a new display to assist with our school’s participation in Autism Awareness Month. We have been reading books, watching video clips and discussing the importance of being confident in oneself and accepting that we are all special and unique.

We look forward to seeing you all in blue on Thursday to help raise awareness of Autism!

Best Borrowing Class
A HUGE congratulations goes to 2/3C for finally knocking the preps off their best borrowing ladder in Week 2— it’s hard to do!! With only 10% of their books overdue they have certainly earned their prize this week.

With ANZAC Day and junior sports day impacting heavily on lessons this week there is no best borrowing class for Week 3.

Read With Me Club – Home Reading Logs
Rolling out this week and next, will be our new school wide reading logs. The days of doubling up, recording home reading and completing Read With Me Club sheets are gone. The coloured Read With Me Club sheets have been replaced with a new universal, school wide reading log. This sheet is a product of an amalgamation between the Read With Me Club sheets and the current home reading system teachers were using.

A purple reading ticket has been introduced and will be used to reward students for each night of completed reading. A prize draw of these tickets will take place weekly on parade.

More details are included in an information sheet which will accompany the first of your child’s reading logs.

I look forward to seeing many, many tickets in our first draw on parade this week!

Happy Reading
Library Staff

This week in year 2B students have been working hard to familiarise themselves with new vocabulary and to use that vocabulary in their writing.

Students have added the words expensive, fantastic, slammed, magnificent and tangled to their vocabulary. Each week we have been learning new words that arise in our texts that we have been reading throughout our English unit.

As a class we discuss the meaning of the word, link it to something in our lives, think of a sentence using the word and use the word within our writing. Students have shown this technique within their fantastic narratives on display in the foyer.

Official Opening and Award Presentation
Friday 27 May @ 7pm
Blackwater Civic Centre
Admission: Adults $15.00
Students $5.00
Under 12 Free

Student Entry Forms are available from the office. Closing date for entries is Monday 23 May.

I am very pleased to announce that our school has banked a total of $1575.35 for the Leukaemia Foundation from our "Shave for a Cure" fundraiser.

On top of this, BNSS student Rebecca Russell and her big sister Elissa (from the high school) had their long locks cut off to donate to the foundation to make wigs for cancer patients. To date, they have raised well over $2000.

I would like to thank everyone who had their head shaved, hair cut or donated in any way and supported this worthy cause.

Until next year,
Kind regards
Mrs Anderson

Celebrate Mother’s Day with Blackwater North at the Student Council Mother’s Day Stall.

The stall will open next week in the hall on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th of May - in the morning from 8:00am until 8:40am

What’s for Sale?
A variety of items ranging from $0.50-$6.00

There are many more items available than those pictured here.
QCWA COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Each year, the QCWA State International Officer runs competitions for school children centred around the QCWA’s nominated Country of Study. This year, the QCWA chose a region of a country to study - Greenland.


Entries can be left at the school’s office for passing on to the local branch of the QCWA.

The competition closes 6 May.

IMMUNISE AUSTRALIA PROGRAM
An Australian, State and Territory Governments initiative

CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL GENT SALE
SUNDAY 15 MAY
DOORS OPEN 10AM FOR 11AM START

THANK YOU TO ALL THE STUDENTS AND THE PARENTS THAT MARCHED FOR THE SCHOOL AT THE ANZAC DAY PARADE.

IMMUNISATION CATCH UP CLINIC
IS YOUR CHILD’S IMMUNISATIONS UP TO DATE?
HAVE YOU RECEIVED A LETTER RECENTLY TO SAY YOUR CHILD IS DUE FOR IMMUNISATIONS?
Free Blackwater Clinic
25 May 2016
Anglicare/Centrelink
14 Wey Street, Blackwater
10am—2pm

Due to recent Legislation changes, Centrelink may stop your Family Assistance Payments if your child/ren are NOT up-to-date with their immunisations. If you are unsure if your child is up to date with their vaccinations you can still bring them along to the FREE clinic.

For further details on clinics:
Riaz Ahmed or Tegan Schefe
On 4921 7777
BLACKWATER SCOUT GROUP
Girls & Boys of all ages most welcome

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

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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