From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Camps
Just a reminder year 5 and 6 students will be at camp during week 6, 9-13 November. The medical forms need to be returned this week so that the information can be passed onto camp staff before the camp starts. This information is required to be at the camp school 1 week before our arrival.

Year 6 Transition to High School
The transition to High School programme kicks off next Wednesday with afternoon visits. Please remember to send in the permission note if you have not already returned it. Your child will not be able to attend if we have not received the permission notes back. Children are able to make their own way home from the High School each afternoon.

The whole school day transition is on **Wednesday, 2nd December only. It will not be held for 2 days as was previously advertised on the permission note. Thursday, 3rd December is a normal school day at Blackwater North State School for our year 6 students. I apologise for any confusion or difficulty this may cause.**

All Schools Touch
I realise that we have students representing our school next weekend at all schools touch and I wish you all the best and a big thank you to Mr Smyth for organising this.

Medical Forms
Last week you would have received a letter and medical form to be updated. If there are changes in your child’s medical situation can you please have this returned as soon as possible. Remember your child’s safety is paramount for us and if we are aware, we can be prepared.

Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 1 December will be BNSS swimming carnival for years 3-6. With today’s newsletter you will be receiving a form to fill out and return to confirm attendance at the carnival and also numbers, as the P&C will be purchasing a swim cap for all students attending the carnival (in their House colour).

World Teachers’ Day
This Friday is World Teachers’ Day. I want to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff we have here at Blackwater North State School, and acknowledge the dedication and commitment the teachers here have towards the students. Its true - without children there would be no schools, but without teachers there would be no educators for these children.

Gonski
Please remember to wear Green this Friday for Gonski Day. There is no cost associated with this.

Until next week, Damien

Building Foundations + Sustaining Gains = More Opportunities
DEPUTY DIRECTIONS with Sara

Woolworths Earn and Learn
The school earned 33,180 points in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who supported Blackwater North State School by collecting stickers.
Our order with Modern Teaching Aids has been placed and the items will arrive in January, 2016. Items ordered were readers at levels 17 to 20, whiteboards, whiteboards with clock faces permanently on them, whiteboards with music staves permanently on them and a variety of other maths resources.

Prep Transition
Our prep transition programme is wrapping up this week. I wish to thank all of our teachers and teacher aides for supporting this programme. It does require many of our teachers, not just the Prep teachers, to be involved for it to run successfully.
I also thank the Blackwater community kindergartens for attending the transition days. It is not an easy task for the kindergarten staff to pack up the kids and take them to another site and I know they could not do it without the generous support of their parents.
During the last 2 weeks I have met a number of kindy students who visited our school and they were all very excited to be able to visit the Prep classrooms. Thank you to all staff and parents who helped make this venture such a success.

Music Viva
A musica viva performance will be held next Friday 6 November in our school hall. Please be on the lookout for the yellow permission note. Children who are not attending will be supervised by another teacher during the performance.

Every Day Counts
Did you know that missing 1 day of school per week means your child is missing out on 8 weeks of valuable learning per year. That is 8 weeks of valuable learning per year. If this is your child then he/she is finishing the school year only having completed ¾ of the learning required for that year. This then has major impacts on the ability of your child to learn in the following years.
The attendance for each year level for last week is listed on Page 1. Unfortunately, last week we did not meet our attendance target of 92.2%.
Let’s see if next week we can exceed our targets and improve our whole school average.

LIBRARY

LIBRARY LESSONS
Last week in the Library we raced through the Non-Fiction section to find books on different topics. Mrs Kronk was really impressed by how quickly students found books and how well they had learnt the Dewey Decimal System.

NEW BOOKS
We have just placed an order for more DC Super Pets, Super Heroes and Comic books and they should arrive early next year. Our students have been loving these books and as quickly as they are returned, they are borrowed again.

BOOK FAIR
Book Fair will be held in week 7. Look out for posters around the school soon with all the details. We are also looking for parents to help run our book fair. If you are interested in helping before or after school, please see Mrs Kronk in the Library.

BIRTHDAYS 18 Oct - 31 Oct

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Let’s Get Ready for Prep Enrolments and Information Packages are available for children who wish to commence Prep in 2016. If a child turns five by June 30th, they are eligible for Prep that year. Please see office staff for enrolment packs and to arrange an interview.

6A NEWS

6A have been completing speaking tasks on a fortnightly basis. Each student selects a task which is based on the year 6 technology standards and is to present their selection to the class in a professional presentation. These students have chosen the Design a Bridge task which requires them to design and build a bridge to link their town to the neighbouring town across the river. Each model had to be at least 30cm long and able to hold at least 500g. The task allows for students to consider the most suitable resources in order for them to complete this task successfully.

“We had to design a bridge that could hold 500 grams. My bridge is made out of wood. I glued all of it together with crafting glue. My bridge can hold my own weight. I called it Fergs Bridge because I designed it myself.”
Michael Ferguson

“We had to design a bridge that could hold 500g for our oral presentation assessment. I chose to make a suspension bridge (like the Golden Gate Bridge). Mine is made from wood, metal and fishing line and is called the Jazmin Gate Bridge.”
Jazmin Edson

“We had to design a bridge that was longer than 30cm and holds over 500 grams. My bridge is called the Webley bridge because my last name is Webley and I designed it. I used wood and wire to make my bridge. This bridge would be located between Blackwater and Middlemount at the Mackenzie River/Bedford Weir crossing. My bridge has guard rails, reflection lights and guide posts. These would stop people from driving over the edge at day and night.”
Greer Webley
Bluff-Blackwater Amateur Race Club
BLUFF CUP & NEWSMARKET
FAMILY RACE DAY
Saturday, 28th November 2015

GATES OPEN AT 11am
Under 18 - $5
18 & over - $10
No ID = No Wristband
(NO BYO ESKIES, DRINKS or FOOD PLEASE)
5 Local Races
Fashions of the Field

STAY AFTER THE RACES FOR
MECHANICAL BULL RIDE COMPETITION & MUSIC
Under 10’s - $50 & Runner Up Prizes
Under 16’s - $100 & Runner Up - $50
Ladies & Men’s:
1st - $400 & Runner Up - $100
FREE RIDES FOR THE KIDS
Jumping Castle, Mega Slide, Merry-Go-Round & Mechanical Bull
BAR
CANTEEN
FAIRY FLOSS / SNO CONES
ICE CREAM TRUCK

This week is Gonski week and it is free dress day this Friday so wear Green for Gonski.
This year National Gonski Week will be held between October 26 and November 1.
It is a great opportunity to get active in the campaign and help secure the resources that will improve the education children receive across Australia. Where Gonski funding is going into schools it is making a huge difference.
However, too many schools are still not receiving the funding they need to lift the achievement levels of students and support those who require additional assistance.
With a new Prime Minister we have a chance to convince the Federal Coalition to abandon their plan to get rid of Gonski and stop the full delivery of this vital needs-based funding.
Included with this newsletter is a flyer with more information about Gonski and what you can do to show your support. Follow the links at the bottom of the flyer.

Blackwater Rotary Auction
Saturday 7th November 2015
Gates Open from 8am
Auction Starts 10am : Vehicles at 11am
Auction is open to the public
Items sold attract a 10% commission
Register lots on-site from 3-6 Nov (7am-5pm)
Contacts: Eric Norton 0498 346 920
Errol Rix 4982 5709
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)

St Stephens Anglican Church
15 Taurus Street, Blackwater

All are welcome to join us for:

Sunday Morning Service: 9.30 am (includes children’s ministry)
Bible Study: Tuesday 7 pm

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/St Stephens Anglican Church

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