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Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week, the new building works are finally underway. I ask that every member of the community takes special care, looking out for trucks and keeping well away from the construction zone.

Professional conversations at Bohlevale are a vital component of teachers' work, as we continue whole-school improvement in curriculum, teaching and learning, assessment and reporting procedures. On Monday, we identified our strengths, the areas in which we are learning, and challenges we have yet to master. As a whole school, we identified confidence and strength in daily planning and classroom management and we acknowledged that we still have work to do in mastering whole-school understanding of the Queensland Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Framework (QCAR), which is our core syllabus.

We'd love your help! If you have an industrial size high-pressure cleaner, and are willing to donate a couple of person hours on a weekend or late one afternoon, we'd be very grateful. Our cleaners are doing a wonderful job of cleaning up the cement over time, but it would be good to give the whole school a good clean, then our people could more easily maintain it. Please phone the office and leave a message for me if you can help.

Finally, next week, I will be attending the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) conference in Perth. I am attending as part of a District team which will report back to the Regional Executive Director, Vicki Baylis. The conference will focus on using data to inform teaching and learning, which will be very useful for us at Bohlevale in this era of high accountability for ensuring value-addedness for every student.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our great school.

With kind regards

Loretta Swayn
Principal - Bohlevale – **LEARNING, LEADING, LIVING!**

CURRICULUM CORNER

National Science Week

National Science Week is 17 August to 21 August. This year's theme is Astronomy: Science without limits. On Tuesday 18 August we are holding a whole school 'Science Challenge Morning' full of science experiments and activities.

Students will participate in four experiments or science based activities and will move to different teachers throughout the morning.

The purposes for the morning are for it to be fun, to focus on science, to encourage students to want to try more science and to raise the general profile of science within the community.

Parents are welcome to attend and help out. The morning program will run from 8:40 until 10:20.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PMSP	Edward	For participating in all activities
PWLL	Todd	Working hard on the Dinosaur Habitat
PDMA	Ethan	Making a great contribution to our rainforest
1/2AB	Sharon	For on task behaviour in class
1LVI	Keely	For always completing tasks to expectation
1JSW	Jack	For always giving it a go
1KBA	Brianna	For always trying her best in spelling
1MWH	Lareen	Hard work and persistence during writing
2DWI	Anita	For beautiful presentation and layout of book work
2JPH	Aaron	Always starting work straight away
3LHE	Gracey	For improved effort with spelling and homework
3ASU	Lorita	Being a responsible class member
3BN	Shari	For amazing spelling results!!
3MHO	Anthony	For creating a fantastic procedure and working hard
3RFO	Amber	Using the keys to success as she works
4CMA	Zachary	For completing all tasks to a high standard
4GC	Melanie	Displaying greater confidence and speaking in a loud voice
4LLI	Chris	For coming to school with a great attitude
4AWO	Brayden	For always doing his best and having a go
5MVI	Jack	Improving in all areas
5/6AM	Nicola	For being a hard working, courteous and co-operative student
5DPR	Eden	For outstanding work
5MFR	Jack	For always trying hard and completing set tasks
6MMO	Chelsea	For having a great positive attitude towards her work
6STI	Nic	For a great effort with his homework
6SBO	Emily	Achieving set tasks on time
6/7KA	Ryan	For your excellent effort with your ballad appraisal work in class
7KWO	Courtney	For making a great start to your Youth Violence assignment
7JSO	Nicole	For an excellent start to your Ballad appraisal
7MBU	Courtney	For always completing her work to a high standard

HONOUR ROLL – STARTING WORK STRAIGHT AWAY

PMSP	Taliyah	3RFO	Jessica	5DPR	Sam
PWLL	Malakai	3LHE	Brodie	5MVI	Brock
PPB	Anton	3LHE	Poppi	5MFR	Emily
PDMA	Christian	3LHE	Hope	6SBO	Kada
1LVI	Tahlia	3LHE	Andrew	6STI	Chyna
1KBA	Hannah	3ASU	Chory	6MMO	Michael
1JSW	Kane	3BN	Alana	6/7KA	Daneka
1MWH	Jasmin	3MHO	Sarah	7JSO	Kristy
1/2AB	Dakota	4LLI	Mana	7MBU	Shaun
2JPH	Cooper	4AWO	Leilani	7KWO	Jessica
2DWI	Emma	4GC	Jaccinta		
		4CMA	Luke		

FETE NEWS – 9 DAYS TO GO

Only 9 days to go until the fete and fun begins. Friday 21st August 5.30pm to 9.30pm.

A big thanks to those who have donated time and goods. The P&C is working hard to make the fete a success.

The P&C need your help with the following donations:

600ml water bottles, Plant Pots, 2 litre Ice-Cream Containers with Lids, Coloured Hair Spray – used or new cans.

Craft Items for our Craft stall – homemade crafts please – jewellery, earrings, crocheted face washers etc

The Tuckshop has cooking margarine available to parents to use for the cooking for the cake and bake stall. If you would like some please see Julie at the Tuckshop.

We are also looking for persons to man/women the Sausage Sizzle on the night. Please contact Sara on the number below if you are able to help. This will involve cooking onions and sausages.

If you can lend a hand with the Cake and Bake stall please advise the teachers of year 6/7KA or 7KWO or any P&C member via the link below or contact the Secretary on the number listed below.

Let's all work together to make the fete a success. The money goes back to the school to improve your child's education.

For further information on P&C meeting, minutes and reports please visit the school website or contact the Secretary – Sara Adams on 0422109492, email : pandcsecretary@bohlevaless.eq.edu.au ,

Cake and Bake Stall

7KWO and 6/7KA are holding the **Cake and Bake Stall** at this year's Fete. If you can cook a cake, biscuits and/or muffins of any variety OR donate any cooking ingredients, we are seeking your **HELP**. If you are able to help, can you please bring your yummy goodies to school on the day of the Fete – Friday 24th August (2 weeks

away)? Donated ingredients can be handed into the office cash window. We ask that if your recipe has nuts in it, can you please mark it clearly 'Contains Nuts'. If you have any questions, please email me on kwoln1@eq.edu.au or phone the school. We thank you in advance for your contributions. Ms Wolno and Mrs Allman

Plant Stall

Many thanks to those families who have supported the plant stall. We still require donations of pots, plants, soil and 600ml plastic soft drink containers with their lids. Please send your much appreciated donations to the office. Many thanks Class 4GC, 4AWO and the SEP team.

YEAR 5 CAMP

Due to parent requests we are presently looking into the costing for a bus to transport our students to and from the ferry terminal. We will then send a survey to all parents, detailing times and costs. As this will be optional, we will be asking parents to return the survey if they are interested in taking up this option.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

Once a clear definition of what bullying is has been processed students are better equipped to deal effectively with bullying if and when it occurs as well as form a better understanding of their own behaviours if they are involved in bullying others.

Following the definition provided last week I thought it would be of interest to present you with scenarios to discuss with your children to help strengthen their understanding of what bullying is. Some of these scenarios may or may not be bullying depending on the context and some of the scenarios are intentionally ambiguous to promote discussion.

When discussing these scenarios with your children consider the age appropriate scenarios for your child/ren and whether or not the behaviour is; an abuse of power, intentional, repeated, or likely to cause distress, hurt or undue pressure to a person.

Which of these situations is bullying? Tick the column which best represents your thoughts.

Scenario	Yes	No	Maybe
1. Prabha sends an abusive email to Jayne.			
2. Jessica thinks that Alison is laughing at her in every lesson.			
3. A group of students calls Nathan 'dork features' whenever he passes them.			
4. Paula always sits at the same desk in the computer lab. If anyone else tries to sit there she throws their gear on the floor.			
5. Julie always demands money from the students in the tuckshop line.			
6. Ben sends a letter to Sarah in class asking her to 'go out with him'. Unfortunately Steve hears about it and now he's telling everyone.			
7. After his team has been beaten, Ari puts glue on the lockers of the opposing team.			
8. Fiona has been avoiding going to school lately. A group in her class makes crawling motions to her because they think she is the teacher's pet.			
9. Whenever Blake sees Danielle he calls her names because she dumped him.			
10. Liam tries to trip Ashley every time she goes past his desk.			
11. Craig doesn't like sport. In P.E. some of the students laugh at him when he drops the ball.			
12. Sita makes Lucy carry her bag to and from school. Lucy is sick of it.			

Scenarios from – Taking Action Keeping Safe. A resource for student leaders to counter bullying. NSW Department of Education & Training.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge for students in Prep-Year 7 – 2 weeks to go!

Are you up for the Challenge? Can you read 20 books before 21 August?

Forty students from 13 classes have already returned their Reading Records – they have read 20 books! P-2 students can have the books read to them. **Please return your Reading Record to the Library as soon as you have finished your 20 books.** Collect your Reading Record form from the library – it's not too late to get started.

Borrowing: Thank you to those who return their books regularly and to those who have returned overdue books or paid replacement costs. Each week overdue reports are distributed to class teachers. Classes with no overdue books receive a certificate acknowledging their efforts – congratulations to 2JPH, 6STI, 7KWO and 7MBU. If students are still reading their books, they should bring them to the library to re-borrow them.



Book Club: Issue 5 orders have been sent away – these are expected back within the next fortnight. Issue 6 brochures will be distributed this week. Please note that parents are under no obligation to purchase products from Book Club, however all purchases do earn free products for our library.

Wanda Austin -Teacher Librarian

PE AND SPORTS - TERM 3 WEEK 5

3 Way Athletics Challenge - Well done to all our athletes yesterday who gave their best efforts and improved on their results from our inter house carnival. It was great to see so many students pushing themselves a little harder in a competition. Thank you to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Long and the staff who attended the event and helped out on the day.

Redtrack Team - The team will be announced this week and students will be given a note asking for permission to attend. Training has already started and will continue up to the event.

Inter School Football Final Results - The OPEN BOYS won their last game against Kirwan 1 – 0, so this gave them the trophy for THURINGOWA OPEN BOYS DIVISION 2. Well done boys

Athlete Development Program NEWS -Bohle’s Greatest Athlete Challenge – The competition is very close at the moment and this week students will have a chance to catch up on the challenges they missed if they were sick... Camp Deposit – the next deposit will be required soon and the final budget is being worked on to get the total. This final total depends on activities and numbers attending.

GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL SCHOOL TEAM

As the inter-school Season is over, I would like to give a HUGE thanks for a great season to all the Year 5,6 and 7 girls who participated each Thursday for our game and our training sessions during the week. Your behaviour and sportsmanship each week were BRILLIANT!! It was a pleasure to take you all. Well Done!

ADP FUNDRAISING NEWS

In an effort to help reduce the costs for the ADP Camp, a number of fundraising activities have been organised. One being the sale of “Smencils” – which are Smelly Coloured Pencils made from 100% recycled newspapers. Last week, the youngest in the family would have received a “Smencils Envelope” (which is to be used as the order). Three classes did not receive these envelopes as we are waiting for extras to arrive. (Once these extra envelopes do arrive they will be distributed immediately). A bundle of 5 Smencils will cost \$6. A complete set (which includes every colour) will cost \$12. You can purchase extra sets, for example up-coming birthday presents etc, and all you need to do is write the number of bundles you required on the envelope. Ex: 1 bundle will cost \$6 and will give you 5 Smelly Coloured Pencils. Once your envelope/order has been completed please include the money and hand the envelope with the money inside it to the office window.

Sausage Sizzle:

The second ADP fundraising event is a “Sausage Sizzle” this weekend outside Woolworths at Woodlands from 10am until 2pm. Over the course of the next few months we will be holding regular Saturday sausage sizzles outside of Woolworths. We would like to thank Woolworths at Woodlands for supporting the ADP Program by allowing us to have regular Saturday Sausage Sizzles.

ADP Disco

Our third fundraising activity is a Disco which will be held at the Northern Beaches Hall on the 4th of September. On behalf of ADP, we thank you for your support!!

If you have any further questions, please contact me. Thanks, Sonia Borellini.

Northern Beaches State High School – Curriculum Information Night

Tuesday 18th August – CRC

The Year 7 into 8 talks will commence at 6.30 pm, followed by the YR 9 into 10 and 10 into 11 at 7.00 pm. There will be KLA displays and all teachers will be available for chats with parents.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

31 March	School Levy Past Due
20 August	4GC – 4AWO Camp
21 August	School Fete
27 August	4LLI – 4CMA Camp
24 – 27 August	Yr 7 Camp
26 August	Final payment Yr 5 Camp
31 – 2 September	Yr 5 Camp