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Parents – Students – Teachers

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Principal's Paragraph

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

As literacy and numeracy skills are vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life, a new suite of parent resources, *Achieving with Literacy and Numeracy*, has been developed to assist parents with their children's literacy and numeracy skills.

The new resources include a range of fact sheets and activities for the early, middle and senior phases of schooling. The resources can be downloaded online at: www.education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy

Parents and carers are encouraged to visit the new website, which also includes video clips of parents sharing their literacy and numeracy tips. The videos can be played in English and 12 other languages.

The website also provides useful information on how to get involved within your school community, support services available and details about the *National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy*.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's literacy and numeracy skills please contact your class teacher.

This week, we were visited by Senator Hogg, the President of the Senate. Our school was selected at random for this visit, and I took the opportunity to talk with Senator Hogg about how delighted I am with the Building Education Revolution works that are occurring at Bohlevale. I have the highest praise for Gabrielli Constructions, and am very thankful that we have such a high-quality local business building our new facilities.

I also discussed our plans for using Federal funding to renovate the entrance to the school, and our difficulties with greening our grounds and endeavouring to provide a dust-free environment for our students.

The highlight of the visit was the time spent in Year 6STI, where the children engaged the senator in a discussion about government – a topic they are learning about in class. They asked very insightful questions and represented Bohlevale admirably. We are very proud of them.

I would also like to acknowledge our school captains, Tom and Jemmah, who welcomed the senator to Bohlevale most capably.

I do feel very proud to be the principal of Bohlevale when I can walk around with visitors in a calm, litter-free, neat and tidy environment, and hear productive learning sounds coming from classrooms.

With kind regards

Loretta Swayn
Principal

PREP PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

The school will be holding an information evening for parents of children who are beginning Prep in 2010.

Date: Wednesday 4th November

Time: 5:30 pm

Venue: Bohlevale State School Library

The evening is designed to inform parents of Bohlevale's:

- curriculum
- uniform requirements
- sun safe policies
- Prep booklist
- daily requirements
- first day procedures.

Enrolment forms will also be provided on the evening. If your child is due to begin Prep, please come along and learn about what Bohlevale has to offer,

KITCHEN GARDEN GRANT – PARENT HELP NEEDED!

The school is currently in the process of applying for Stephanie Alexander Garden Foundation Grant. This grant will fund the construction of a kitchen learning space (where the existing library is now located) and a garden for growing food. If the grant application is successful, it will contribute significantly to student learning outcomes as it provides opportunities to integrate authentic learning experiences across a number of key learning areas. The school's success with the grant depends largely on community commitment and contribution to the project. The school is seeking anyone in the school community who can contribute time, material, labour or expertise to the project. If you can contribute any of these things, could you please contact the Deputy Principal, Tracey McAskill, before or on Friday 16th October? We are seeking any assistance, but in particular, people with the following skills or trades:

- carpenters
- cabinet makers
- plumbers
- electricians
- gardeners
- handymen

We are also seeking donations of any of the following:

- hardware supplies
- kitchen electrical goods
- garden supplies including plants, soil, mulch, edging etc.
- kitchen linen such as tea towels
- kitchen utensils

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEARING HEALTH REVIEW

The Hearing Unit from Queensland Health will be visiting our school on Tuesday 20th October to do a hearing review on all indigenous students. For those students who have been given a form to be completed, could those forms be returned to the school office by Friday 16th October.

FAMILY PORTRAITS

The P & C have organised for a professional photographer from *NQ Family Portraits* to take portraits of Bohlevale State School families and friends on Friday the 23rd (late afternoon) and Saturday 24th October. All photos will be taken in the studio at 8 Carthew Street Kirwan. (Not at the school as in previous years).

You will receive a FRAMED 25 X 33cm (10" x 13") FAMILY PORTRAIT FOR \$10. Additional portrait sizes and other poses will be available on the day. (Please note the \$10 offer is a family portrait and must consist of 2 or more generations.)

Please ensure you return these to the cash window ASAP as spaces are limited and the booking form must be returned with \$10. Any queries, please contact Jo Thomson on 0410 307 204.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PMSP	Zachary	For being a great student
PPB	Annakah	For having a great first week back at school
PDMA	Jack	For doing great thinking during class discussions
PWLL	Erin	For contributing great ideas to class discussions
1/2AB	Hayden	For a fantastic week in his new class
1LVI	Amara	For fantastic spelling efforts
1KBA	Dylan	For being persistent with his writing
1MWH	Rhys	For having a great start to Term 4
2DWI	Lachlan	For always making a big effort
2JPH	Caleb	For trying hard to go for gold
3LHE	Kelly	For being a friendly classmate and great worker
3ASU	Blair	For improving his attitude and behaviour (going from good to great)
3MHO	Harrison	For excellent work and behaviour
3RFO	Shontaye	For always striving to do her best
3BN	William	For achieving "Gold" status for the first time on our "Go for Gold" chart
4CMA	Jake	For making a positive start to Term 4
4LLI	Lachlan	For being an enthusiastic class member
5HAL	Jake	For improved work ethic and attitude
4GC	Harley	A great start to your Term 4 unit
5MVI	Caleb	Finishing all work on time
5/6AM	Jarell	For working hard to complete all set tasks this week
5DPR	Eden	For great study attitude
5MFR	Kiara	For a great effort in maths
6MMO	Zacc	Dor a positive attitude at start of new Term
6STI	Skye	For a top effort on her investigative report
6SBO	Jermain	Applying himself to all set tasks this week
6/7KA	Carmen	For your excellent effort on your ballad assessment
7MBU	Xanthe	For an excellent start to Term 4
7JSO	Courtney	For an excellent start to Term 4
7KWO	Reece	For having good values and being a good citizen – Well done!

HONOUR ROLL – PERSISTENCE WITH WORK

PMSP	Elizabeth	3BN	Sunni	5MVI	Ben
PWLL	Ethan	3RFO	Jessica	5MFR	Skye
PPB	Blake	3RFO	Leah	5HAL	India
PDMA	Millie	3LHE	Paul	5DPR	Jack
1LVI	Braith	3ASU	Jordyn	6STI	William
1KBA	Brianna	3MHO	Isla	6MMO	Kirsten
1MWH	Dean	4GC	Alicia	7MBU	Matthew
1/2AB	Kiasten	4CMA	Felicity	7JSO	Nicole
2DWI	Tyrone	4LLI	Aleesha	7KWO	Emily
2JPH	Ozzy			6/7KA	Adam

SCIENCE ON SATURDAY

Science on Saturday is a fun, hands-on program for children aged 7 to 14. Each week there will be a new 1 ½ hour session of awesome science, come to one or come to all six. Children who attend all six sessions get a cool magazine (The Helix or Scientriffic) to take home. Check out the fabulous topics.

Scientists at work 24/10/09

Our Environment 31/10/09

Health and Wellbeing 07/11/09

Whodunnit? 14/11/09

Geology Rocks 21/11/09

Awesome Agriculture 28/11/09

Cost \$6.00 Venue North Queensland Science Education Centre, James Cook University, Townsville

Times: 10.00 – 11.30a.m. 7 – 10yr olds (children under 10yrs must be accompanied by an adult

12.30 – 2.00p.m. for 11 – 14yr olds.

P & C News

ROUND UP YOUR PLASTIC BAGS!!

If you and any of your friends or family have any plastic bags lurking around your houses, please collect them and bring them into school (drop them to Debbie McCarthy or in at the cash window). We have entered the school in the 'Coles Plastic Bag Challenge' which means we need to collect as many plastic bags as we can by 16th October. They will then be sent into Coles Junior Landcare for recycling and the funds raised from this challenge against other schools are donated to the Coles School Garden Grants Program which we can then access to make new gardens within our school SO ROUND 'EM UP AND BRING 'EM IN!!

CURRICULUM CORNER

Students are well under way with learning and engaging in their final units work for 2009. The learning occurring across the school is:

Prep – Students in Prep are continuing to work on the Early Years Learning Statements: Social and personal learning, Health and Physical learning, Language learning and Communication, Early Mathematical understandings and Active Learning Process.

Grade 1 – Students will reading, viewing and interpreting literary texts in order to write, design and construct a children's narrative, relating to a personal emotion.

Grade 2 - Throughout this unit students will be investigating different cycles that occur in nature. Students will be required to create a narrative, a scientific explanation and a seasonal picture using different visual art elements and techniques.

Grade 3 - Students will be identifying how Christmas is celebrated by different cultures around the world.

Grade 4 - Museums collect objects, preserve them, study them and then inform people about them. Students will research and design an informative museum exhibit about a natural specimen.

Grade 5 - Students will participate in several activities based on the Australian legal system and Government. Students will use the knowledge gained to participate in a team debate and design a new playground for year 6 and 7 and the rules for the playground. Student knowledge and understanding will also be put to the test by a quiz about Australian Government and Legal system.

Grade 6 - Students will investigate the qualities of great leaders around the world and reflect on their own leadership qualities as they head into grade seven. Students will also identify the political and economic systems in Queensland and then create a proposal that identifies reasons for dividing Queensland into two States.

Grade 7 – Students will review Gilbert's Ghost Train or Lockie Lesrod and complete several activities based around the story including a book review. Students will participate in readers theatre. Students will design and create several technology design challenges culminating in designing a case for an ipod/phone/sunglasses case.

STUDENT ART WORK CALENDARS, GIFT CARDS AND MOUSE MATS

The Student Council is holding the art works fundraiser again this year. All students from Prep to grade 7 will be creating an art piece that can then be made into a calendar, pack of gift cards or a mouse mat. They all make great Christmas presents!! The costs are Calendars \$11, Gift Cards \$14 and Mouse mats \$14. Order forms will be given out as soon as they arrive and all orders are to go to the cash window by the 29 October.

COLD CUP UPDATE: Last term Cold Cups were being sold on Wednesdays to raise money for Chaplaincy and the Athlete Development Program. This term we will be selling every Friday as we celebrate another week closer to the Christmas holidays. Cold cups come in 2 varieties: one flavour costs 50c and a double flavour cup is \$1...Students may purchase them during the first 10 minutes of playtime at 2nd break and after school on their way home. All bus passengers are not allowed to carry cold cups home so please do not try. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support in this area...Cheers, Chappy Jess : D

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – 2010

Testing will commence shortly for students wishing to learn a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument (Year 4 2009) or strings (Year 2 2009). If you wish your child to be tested, could you please complete the form below and return it to the Music Room as soon as possible. We will then send you an application form.

I would like my child _____ in Year _____ to be tested to commence learning an instrument in 2010.

Signature _____ Date /10/2009.

Name (Please print) _____

If your child is playing an instrument this year, please complete the following:

My child _____ currently plays _____

School Instrument () Own Instrument ()

Education Queensland's policy is that children supply their own instrument after one year of instruction. We wish him/her to continue in 2009. We are purchasing our own instrument. Yes / No

PE AND SPORTS

Term 4 Prep to Yr 3 Swim Lessons

Prep to yr 3 students will be given the opportunity to do swim lessons at the North Shore Pool in term 4. The students will receive 8 lessons for \$56.00 – which is \$7.00 each lesson (40 minutes per lesson). The lessons focus on life saving skills and stroke correction for the better swimmers.

Permission notes and payment forms have gone home and lessons start 10th November. If you need to make a payment plan please speak to the admin office staff. Please also note that the school helps reduce the cost for each student attending through the Education Queensland Learn to Swim Grant and this has already been taken from the final price.

The 8 lessons will be done on Tuesday and Thursday for some classes and Wednesday and Fridays for other classes. Two lessons a week for four weeks. Class teachers will advise students and parents of days and times as we get closer.

Athlete Development Program NEWS

2010 Expressions of Interest – Mr. Floyd will pass out forms and information for next years Athlete Development Program over the next few weeks. If you are interested please ensure your class teacher provides you with a form. Only students in yr 3 to yr 6 for 2009 can be considered for next year's program.

2009 Fitness Medals Achieved – congratulations to Bryce and Taylor who have achieved their Lead Level in Fitness Medals – first male and female for the year.

ADP Camp Sausage Sizzle – we have 3 Saturdays booked still – 17th / 24th and 31st October 2009.

ADP Camp Raffle – the second raffle tickets sheets should be returned by Wednesday 14th October sold or unsold.

ADP Camp **FINAL PAYMENT** – the final cost of the camp has been calculated at \$670.00 per student attending plus \$30.00 cash spending money for the event travel days for lunches. Students attending the camp must have full payment completed by week 5 of this term and a final payment note will be given to parents after the last Sausage Sizzle on 31st October with details of final amount.

Camp Sponsor THANKS – the students attending the camp would like to thank the following companies and families for their kind support/sponsorship which has helped with the costs of attending the camp this year.

Townsville Earth Moving	Douglas and Miller Motor Body Repairs	Cemex
Wood Family	Sportscene	Bohle Barn Hotel
Beach Cutters Hair Salon	Anaconda	Fielding Family
Marshall Family	Parkside/Tropical Homes	Woodlands Woolworths

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

19 October	Student Free Day
20 October	Hearing tests for indigenous students