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**Parents – Students – Teachers**

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

It is my great privilege to take up duty as Principal of Bohlevale. I last worked here in 2001 as Acting Deputy for a term, and before that, I regularly worked here as a supply teacher.

Most recently, I have been Principal of Rasmussen School and prior to that I was Deputy Principal at Kirwan Primary. I have a strong background in Early Childhood Education and was a Preschool teacher for a number of years. I feel fortunate to have taught every year level in Primary, as this gives me a strong foundation to lead the whole learning community.

Bohlevale is a very good school. So far, I have seen very strong teachers who have the students in their classes actively engaged in learning, and I have seen wonderful manners from the students I have spoken with. Yesterday, I visited most classrooms and told the students just how impressed I was with the respectful way in which they listened while I spoke with them.

I have high standards about teaching and learning, respectful and appropriate behaviour from every member of the school community, and school conventions such as wearing the full, correct school uniform.

My thanks go immediately to those parents who ensure that their children come to school every day dressed in the uniform shirt, navy blue school shorts, closed-in shoes with socks and a SunSmart hat.

I am working with the teachers to ensure that our grounds are neat and tidy and litter-free. I would very much appreciate it if you also talk with your children about ensuring that they make a special effort to keep our school beautiful.

In addition to myself, the leadership team consists of Donna Statham, Deputy Principal, Tracey McAskill, newly appointed Deputy Principal, Sue Dilger, Business Services Manager, Jodie Sewer, Head of Curriculum and Sandra Annert, Head of Special Education. Together, we will work with teachers and ancillary staff to ensure that Bohlevale delivers high quality education for all of our students.

I look forward to meeting with more parents as I settle in.

With kind regards  
Loretta Swayn  
Principal

## **FETE HELPERS NEEDED!!**

If your child's class fete stall does not require donations or much preparation prior to the fete, could you please assist other stalls. Donations and help would be appreciated by the co-ordinators of these stalls:

- Cake and Bake
- Plant Stall
- Craft Stall

All money raised goes to your children at our school.

For further information please contact Mardi – 0447 793 770 / Sara – 0422 109 492

## **3BN CRAFT STALL**

At the fete this year 3BN will be running the craft stall. We are currently looking for donations of craft items that could be sold at the stall. If you are crafty and can make items to sell, these would be greatly appreciated. Any donations can be handed in to the office, or passed on to 3BN's classroom.

Thank you!

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **Premier's Reading Challenge for students in Prep-Year 7**

*Are you up for the Challenge? Can you read 20 books before 21 August?* Fourteen students in 6 of our P-3 classes have already returned their Reading Records – they have read all 20 books! Still waiting on some students in Years 4-7 – I hope they are busy reading! ☺

You can return your Reading Record as soon as you have finished your 20 books. P-2 students can have the books read to them. Collect your Reading Record form from the library – it's not too late to get started. We are aiming for 100% participation from P-7 this year!



**Borrowing:** Please follow up with your child to ensure that they are returning their books each week. Thank you to those who have returned overdue books. We are now tracking class overdue books each week – watch this space in next week's Links to see which classes have returned all of their books!

**Book Club:** Issue 5 order forms will be out later 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*

### **Community Software Plan – Maths Made Easy**

Our school is participating in the CSP (Community Software Plan) featuring the Australian-Made Maths Made Easy series along with all the regular EdAlive favourites. This will be the only CSP for 2009, so don't miss out! As well as the CSP saving, all titles are also eligible for the new 50% Education Tax Refund. Please consider making an investment. The leaflet has been handed out with this newsletter. **Return your orders to the Cash Window by Friday 31 July.**

### **Curriculum Corner**

During this term students will be engaged in many learning activities. Each grade level has a different focus as outlined below.

**Prep:** Students in Prep will continue investigating their world by negotiating and making decisions, contributing to discussions, engaging with others and reflecting on their learning. Students will also continue their readiness for grade 1 with integrated basic literacy and numeracy concepts within everyday learning.

**Grade 1 – Splish, Splash:** There has been a lot of water wastage within the school so the children will be investigating the wastage problem, collecting data and making suggestions in response to findings. They will respond to admin with their suggestions.

**Grade 2 – Danger in the Ocean :** Through studying the cause and effects that human behaviour is having on the environment, students will select an undesirable change and create a photostory persuasive advertisement based on their selected danger to the ocean. These dangers include oil spills, plastic bags, fishing line, litter/cigarette butts, chemical waste, over-fishing, ghost netting etc.

Grade 3 – Spot the Difference: Changes are happening all around us. By observing change, students glimpse the diversity of materials in their world and they will explore this diversity through the context of food. Students will produce a recount of a scientific procedure and keep a science journal.

Grade 4 – Arr! Me Hearties: Students perception of the world is sometimes a fantasy. When they hear on the news that pirates are attacking ships off the Australian coast they think of pirates with long beards, one eye and a peg leg. We hope to broaden students’ perception and thinking in a unit that is fun, innovative, engages all learners and provides them with a better understanding of the world surrounding them today.

Grade 5 – Shout for the Environment: In this unit students will investigate environmental impacts including habitat destruction and deforestation, air pollution, water pollution and the effects of waste. They will investigate the impact of these issues on the environment and communicate their findings through an expository argument.

Grade 6 – Who will save our planet?: The students are curious about where energy that powers our appliances comes from. In this unit they will be posing questions and investigating sources of energy, its usage and choices that are made in its consumption. They will investigate how choices impact on the environment and the sustainability of energy.

Grade 7 – Stop Youth Violence: Violence among young people is on the increase. This includes physical assaults, bullying (cyber), verbal and sexual harassment and vilification. The students will investigate, understand, reflect, plan and communicate strategies to reduce and prevent youth violence in the community.

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**PE AND SPORTS  
TERM 3 WEEK 1**

**1. Inter House Athletics Carnival Results**

Congratulations to all the students who participated at our inter house carnival last term. There was a lot of close competitions. We will be making some changes next year to allow for the growth in our school and the use of the photo finish equipment so as to ensure students are not waiting so long for their race.

Below are some of the results from the Carnival

**Overall Champion – Bohle Brolgas**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Bohle Brolgas</b>	<b>Saunders Sharks</b>	<b>Black Hawks</b>	<b>Stoney Swordfish</b>
<b>1336</b>	<b>1236</b>	<b>1220</b>	<b>1200</b>

Junior Ball Games Trophy – Stoney Swordfish

Senior Ball Games Trophy – Black Hawks

Team Spirit Trophy – Saunders Sharks

**Age Champions**

Age	Male	Female
9 yr olds	Lachlan - Black	Rhianna - Black
10 yr olds	Declan - Saunders	Sascha - Stoney
11 yr olds	Ricky – Black	Shanae - Bohle
12 yr olds	Connor – Saunders	Koralie – Bohle Jacqueline - Bohle
13 yr olds	John – Bohle	Jessica – Saunders Ao - Bohle

## **2. Bohlevale State School Athletics Team Selections**

The Bohlevale Athletics Team will be finalised by Term 3 Week 2 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2.30 pm. The following students outlined below must see Mr. Floyd before then if they wish to challenge for a position:

1. New student to the school this term and missed our inter house athletics carnival
2. Students who missed the inter house athletics carnival due to medical reasons and have a doctor's note/certificate
3. Were absent due to participating in a school sporting event at a higher level.

Check with your class teacher if you are unsure about what to do.

## **3. Tabloid Sports Carnival**

This activity is being held at our school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August for all students in Prep to Yr 3. The activity is two and a half hours of physical activity based around 10 stations of games. The cost is \$3.50 per student and permission notes for the activity will go home this week. Please return the note and money to the office cash window by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 9.00 am.

Tabloid Sports Carnivals is a program that engages students in fun physical challenges using specially designed as well as traditional sports equipment. Check out the website [www.tabloidsportscarnivals.com](http://www.tabloidsportscarnivals.com)

## **4. Inter School Football Results and Draw**

Draw for this week is as follows:

Open Boys Div 2 – Field 6 v Rasmussen

Open Girls Div 2 – Field 2 v Heatley

Speed Boys – Field 16/17 v Willows Gold

Speed Girls – Field 14/15 v Holy Spirit Red

## **5. Athlete Development Program NEWS**

Guess How Many Lollies Competition – Congratulations to Grace Middleby the winner of this competition. Don't forget to share the lollies with Mr. Floyd.

Bohles Greatest Athlete Challenge – Details of this event will be given to students early this term.

Camp Raffle – Students attending the camp have been given 2 sheets of 20 tickets to sell in a 3 prize raffle. The tickets are due back on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July sold or unsold ready for the draw on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. The 3 prizes are a Men' Sports and Outdoor Pack, Ladies Pamper and Home Pack and Children's Fun Pack. The tickets are \$2.00 each.

Team Challenge Winners Term Two – Congratulations to Borellini's Bolts who won the Term 2 Team Challenge. Your computer Sports Awards afternoon will be first week Term 3 on Friday afternoon.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>31 March</b>	<b>School Levy Past Due</b>
20 July	P&C Meeting 6:30pm Staffroom [A block behind Administration building]
22 July	Year 7 NBSHS visit
23 July	Prep Excursion – Museum of Tropical Queensland
25 July	BOSHC 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
31 July	Famous Friday – Student Council fundraiser
3 August	P-3 Tabloid Sports Carnival
4 August	ICAS English Competition
6 August	AMT Mathematics Competition
21 August	School Fete