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Parents – Students – Teachers

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From the Principal:

It was very good to see the sun come out this week. Our students were finally able to come outside of classrooms for their lunch breaks. We are still not able to access the oval and grass areas. Hopefully if the sun stays out these areas will have a chance to dry out.

1. **STAFFING UPDATE:** Mr Patric Brady has been appointed to the position of Acting Deputy Principal at Bohlevale State School. This is a new position due to the increased enrolment. The school Administration team will now consist of two Deputy Principals. Patric comes from the position of Principal at Clare State School. We welcome Patric to Bohlevale State School.

This week there were some class changes due to our Day 8 numbers. Thank you to all the parents and community members who worked with us to make smooth transitions for all our students who moved classes or had a change of teacher.

Mrs Trish Ratcliffe has been transferred to Rollingstone State School. I would like to thank Mrs Ratcliffe for her work at Bohlevale State School. Mrs Danielle Winstanley will take over from Mrs Ratcliffe on Year 2 and Ms Megan Vidler will teach Year 5 in place of Miss Winstanley.

2. **TRAVEL ON BUSES:** Recently there have been reports of behaviour incidences on the school buses. The Department of Transport have very clear guidelines on Code of Conduct while travelling on buses to and from school. This website can be accessed by all parents and caregivers at the following site:
http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Assistance_and_services/School_transport/Code_of_conduct/
3. **CURRICULUM CORNER:** Curriculum is the core business of all schools. Each week we will publish a 'Curriculum Corner' section in our Links for updated information on what is happening in our school. Ms Julie White is the Acting Head of Curriculum (HoC) at Bohlevale State School. Included with this week's Links is our first edition of the Curriculum Corner.
4. **INSECT REPELLENT:** Attached to last week's edition of Links was an Information sheet on Insect Repellent and a parent permission slip. If you did not receive this please contact the school office.

Donna Statham
A/Principal

Please note: Swimming for Friday 20 February is postponed due to a timetable clash – this day WILL be made up at the end of the swimming program.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PMSP	Corey	Not giving up, finishing a difficult puzzle
PDMA	Michael	Taking part in group discussions
PPB	Indianna	Always trying her best
PWLL	Megan	Taking part in group discussions
1LVI	Carly	Always showing her best work
1JSW	Ashleigh	Always giving it a go and trying hard
1MWH	Tara	Always doing her best
1/2AB	Amber	Persistence with handwriting
2TRA	Dylan	Outstanding behaviour
2JPH	Aaron	Great work in class
3RFO	Jessica	Always working hard and doing her best
3LHE	Paul	Making smart choices in the classroom and playground
3MHO	Anthony	Excellent effort at all times
3KFE	Annabel	Creative story writing
3BN	Mikayla	Consistent effort and excellent manners at all times!
4AWO	Aidan	Trying his best in all has done
4CMA	Tye	Improving his spelling results
4GC	Jamie	A huge improvement in spelling
4LLI	Lachlan	Completing all of his work.
5MFR	Jack	Always working sensibly and doing his best
5AMA	Jesse	Working hard to improve
5DPR	Callum	For great effort in class tasks
5DWI	Colby	For completing all tasks
5HAL	Ashlee	Completing book work to a very high standard
6STI	Kirra	Consistently working well in all areas of her schoolwork
6SCA	Layne	Always having a great attitude
6MMO	Lucy	Showing a great attitude to her work
7KAL	Brendan	Excellent effort in you unit work. Well done
7KWO	Tori	Consistently working well in all areas of her school work
7MBU	Courtney	Always putting in 110%
7JSO	Maraea	Completing all work to a high standard and always being polite

HONOUR ROLL – Getting Along / Helping others

PMSP	Bridget	3LHE	Brodie	5DWI	Britney
PDMA	Tahlia	3MHO	Isla	5HAL	Bryce
PWLL	Daniel	3KFE	Jordyn	6STI	Madison
PPB	Cooper	3BN	Adam	6MMO	Jacinta
1LVI	Georgia	4AWO	Rylan	7KAL	Lachlan
1JSW	Chantelle	4CMA	Shaniia	7KWO	Dakota
1MWH	Chelsie	4GC	Brendan	7MBU	Jackie
1/2AB	Jayden	4LLI	Tyler	7JSO	Angel
2TRA	Emma	5MFR	Kiara		
2JPH	Cooper	5AMA	Daniel		
3RFO	Sarah	5DPR	Zivan		

PE AND SPORTS NEWS

School Futsal Soccer Teams (Indoor Soccer) Any students born 1999, 1998, 1997 or 1996 who would like to participate in the NQ Futsal Soccer Championships need to see Mr. Floyd before Friday 20th February 2009. The teams will be selected from trial sessions on **Thursday 19th Feb and Friday 20th Feb** at second break. The final selected teams will play in Townsville on March 18th. Students selected will get a note.

Jump Rope for Heart 2009 – Yr 3 to Yr 7 Students in yr 3 to yr 7 are currently doing skipping skills in PE lessons and will be practising skills for the Jump off Events in Week 7 of the term. Details for our Jump Off will be advised later. Students can take part in the Jump Rope for Heart Fundraising Program and earn themselves some prizes. This year the Heart Foundation have added an on line system for students to collect sponsors and donations from the safety of their home instead of knocking on doors. A separate note will go home to students' outlining the new fundraising process. To register with your child(ren) for online fundraising or for more information, go to www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart and follow **three simple steps** to create a secure online account and start fundraising (Parent/Guardian permission will be required).

Inter House Swimming Carnival (8yr olds to 13 yr olds) Students who wish to be a part of this year's swimming carnival event will need to have their children nominated ensuring they are able to swim 25 m freestyle in race conditions. The notes for this event will go home in the next two weeks and it's only for swimmers who have been nominated. The event is at Aitkenvale State School pool on Wednesday 11th March between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon.

Parents and students are to note the following:

- a. A school swimming team selection policy will be sent home with the students – the school swim team is selected from this event.
- b. The referee (Mr. Floyd) at the event makes decisions on swimmers stroke technique which may see swimmers disqualified if they gain an unfair advantage in a race by using incorrect technique. Students/parents who wish to protest this decision need to submit a protest in writing no later than 15 minutes after the race.

Inter School Sport – Yr 5 to Yr 7 A selection note outlining final costs and a contract will go home with SELECTED STUDENTS this week and payment is needed by Thursday 5th March. Please contact the office if you need to make a payment plan for this activity.

Inter House Swim Carnival Parents are needed as timekeepers for the inter house swim carnival on Wednesday March 11th at Aitkenvale SS Pool. If you are able to help please give your name to Mr. Floyd at school. We only need to time the freestyle races which will take up about 30 minutes of the carnival.

ADP Shirts Order Form 2009 Term 1 Students in the ADP need to return their shirt order form by Friday 20th Feb 9.00 am so that the order details can be finalised and completed on the same day. If any parents wish to make a payment plan for the ADP shirts please speak to the office staff.

Circus Challenge Term 1 2009 The Circus Challenge Road Show is a 45 min non-stop circus stunts, audience participation and slapstick comedy that will have everyone rolling with laughter. More details coming soon as it comes to BOHLEVALE STATE SCHOOL late March.

LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing Students in P-3 do need to bring a library bag and may borrow 1 book. Students in 4-7 may borrow 2 books. The library is open before school for borrowing and at second break. Students may also borrow after school if they do NOT catch a bus! Books must be returned each week, however can be renewed for a further week if necessary. A number of students still have outstanding books from 2008 – borrowing privileges from these students have been suspended until the book/s are returned or paid for. Overdue notices will be sent out mid-term. Borrowing times available at: <http://bohlevales.eq.edu.au/wcmss/images/stories/Documents/borrowt1.pdf> some classes have changed their borrowing days and times. Please check with your child's class teacher.

Book Fair

Coming soon! 31 March – 6 April, 2009

Book Club

Book Club brochures went home last week. If you would like to place an order, please place your money and order form with student/s' name into an envelope and hand in at the Cash Window. Envelopes will not be opened immediately, they will be opened later to ensure that order form and money tallies. This is different to the way Book Club orders have been handled in the past, and it is hoped that this will eliminate some of the issues that have occurred. One of the major issues is order forms without student names – already this year a number of orders have come in without names. **ORDERS CLOSE** Friday 20th February, 9am. Parents are under no obligation to purchase books at any time – there are 8 issues of Book Club per year [2 per term]. The school does receive free books as a result of purchase – these are added to the library collection.

Wanda Austin

Teacher Librarian



CURRICULUM CORNER

READ THIS SPACE!

Parents are encouraged to read the information in this section each week. It is essential that parents and the community be aware and have knowledge of the Queensland tasks and National tests that students from Years 3-7 will be undertaking in the near future. The purpose of this section is to provide you with important information that assists to develop your awareness and knowledge in these areas.

What tasks & test? Which one is my child doing?

QCATs (Queensland Comparable Assessment Tasks) are a component of the Queensland Curriculum and Reporting Framework. Students in Years 4 & 6 will complete these tasks. They are authentic, performance based assessments that:

- involve solving a meaningful problem
- emphasise critical thinking and reasoning
- provide students with the opportunity to do their best work
- produce evidence of what students know and can do in relation to a selection of Essential Learning's.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) Involves all students in schools across Australia (Years 3, 5, 7 and 9) undertaking the same tests on the same days. Students have their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar. National tests provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning.

Bush Fire Free Dress Thank you to all the students who participated in and the families who donated money for the free dress day last week. As a school we raised \$928.70. This is a fantastic effort and everyone should be proud of themselves for helping out those families affected by the fires.

Australian Schools Competitions This year we will be participating in the Australian Schools Competitions. The competitions are for students in grades 3 to 7. A letter will be sent home with Links today outlining costs and dates.



P & C AGM & GENERAL MEETING **NEXT MONDAY – 23RD FEBRUARY 2009**

Due to Monday's storm and associated safety concerns we postponed Monday's meeting and will now hold our AGM and General Meeting **next Monday** evening in the Staff Room behind the Administration Block. Our apologies to any that turned up, however, we did try and phone as many as we knew were attending and had announcements on local radio. Refreshments will be from 6pm and the AGM will commence at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you next Monday! Any queries, please contact Jo Thomson on 0410 307 204.

RECYCLE OPSM Stockland is collecting pre-loved prescription glasses for recycling. These glasses will be donated to the bush fire victims. Their glasses got destroyed now they need some more to complete forms for assistance! Bohlevalle School is supporting this initiative so if you have a pre-loved pair of prescription glasses please bring them into our office by Friday 20 Feb and receive a promotional magnet. Thank you for your support.

Townsville Indians Baseball Club Baseball sign-on COME & TRY DAY at JABIRU PARK CONDON Juniors (5 to 15 yrs) T-Ball, Rookie Ball, Little League, 8.30am to 1pm on Saturday 21 Feb. Seniors Sunday 22nd Feb 9am to 1pm Enquiries Annette 0438 124 965.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10Feb – 3 April	Swimming Lessons – Payment at the cash window before swimming starts
23 February	P & C AGM starts 6.30pm
20 February	Book Club orders due. Hand in at Cash Window by 9am
25 February	Student Leaders Induction Ceremony 9am
31 March	Jurassic Book Fair - Library
Various dates	Australian Schools Competitions



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During the year our school will be entering the Australasian Schools Competitions through the Educational Testing Centre. These Competitions were introduced in Australia in 1981 and due to their national success were established internationally in 1994. They now attract more than one and a half million entries each year. The Australasian Schools' Competitions provide opportunities for students to demonstrate their potential and ability.

All children from Years 3 to 7 are eligible to participate. The Competitions cater for a wide range of student abilities using contexts that incorporate students' interest and engage their attention. Students at all levels of competency benefit from participation in the Competitions.

In 2009 Bohlevale State School will participate in the Science, Mathematics, English, Spelling and Computer Competitions. The cost for students to enter one or more of these is \$6:00 per competition for English, Mathematics, Science and Computers. As a school we have been able to subsidise each test by 60cents, therefore lowering family costs to \$6.00 per test. The Spelling Competition this year is \$8.80 per student. The school will be able to subsidise the 80cents for this test, lowering the cost to students to \$8.00.

Participating students will receive:

- A test booklet in full colour to keep – supplied by their school after Competition results are released
- A diagnostic report on performance
- A Certificate indicating the achieved level of success

The diagnostic report provides valuable feedback to the students, parents and teacher. It indicates which questions the student has answered correctly and incorrectly, the skills demonstrated and the comparative difficulty of each question. These tests are of excellent value when assisting children prepare for future testing.

Competition dates for 2009 are:

> Computer Skills	Wednesday 27 May	Entries close Wednesday 22 April
> Science	Wednesday 10 June	Entries close Wednesday 6 May
> Spelling	Tuesday 23 June	Entries close Tuesday 19 May
> English	Tuesday 4 August	Entries close Monday 22 June
> Mathematics	Wednesday 19 August	Entries close Wednesday 15 July

If you wish your child/ren to participate in one or more of these competitions, monies must be paid in full to the school by 9.00am on the closing date. The timelines are very inflexible as entries and fees are forwarded to New South Wales for processing. **NO LATE ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

If you wish for your child to participate in any or all of the above competitions, payment may be made now or as each date approaches. Regular updates and payment slips will be in the school Links. All tests will be fully supervised at school.

Yours faithfully

Jodie Sewer
Deputy Principal

Julie White
Head of Curriculum

Sue Dilger
Business Services Manager

PERMISSION NOTE FOR COMPETITION

I give permission for _____ to sit for the following competitions:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MATHS | \$6.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | \$6.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMPUTER | \$6.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> SPELLING | \$8.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENGLISH | \$6.00 | | |

I have enclosed \$_____ payment. Parent/Guardian signature _____