Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Welcome to the start of the 2017 academic year at Bohlevale State School. This year promises to be both busy and rewarding as we work to provide a high quality education for all of our students. This year we will continue to focus on ensuring that all students improve their literacy and numeracy standards – with a particular emphasis on reading, writing, English and Mathematics.

At this point students and staff have enjoyed a smooth start to the year with classes settling well into their routines. As of today we have 872 students enrolled and distributed across 39 classes. Class arrangements will be finalised after the “Day 8 Census” which is scheduled for Thursday 2nd February. It is possible that class arrangements will change after Day 8. Parents will be notified in writing of any class changes.

Keeping informed
The school publishes a weekly newsletter “Links” each Wednesday. The newsletter can be downloaded from our school website at [www.bohlevaless.eq.edu.au](http://www.bohlevaless.eq.edu.au) or accessed from our free Skoolbag App. We ask that where possible parents/students install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name Bohlevale State School in the Apple App Store, Windows Phone, Windows Store or Google Play Store. Parents can also request office staff to email the newsletter them.

2017 Staff
I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome staff new to Bohlevale State School in 2017

Ms Jorden Pearce (EPA)
Ms Amanda Kunne (EPE)
Mrs Roisin Travers (EPK)
Ms Cassandra Williams (EPN)
Ms Sally Prior (EPR)
Ms Jessica Capes (EPW)
Ms Frances Worrell (MPA Thursdays and MPB Fridays, specialist teacher)
Ms Charlene Turner (MPH)
Ms Leonie Rampton (MPO)
Mr Chris Smit (PE teacher)
Mrs Kerrie Issac – (specialist teacher)
Mrs Meg Vincent Early Childhood Development teacher

Over the vacation Ms Reade and Mr Howarth both resigned for personal reasons. Mrs Vidler has retired from teaching. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.
School Facilities Update
We have had significant facilities upgrades occurring over the Christmas vacation. This has included replacement of sewage infrastructure and refurbishment of:
- Junior school amenities
- 2 classrooms in Modular 1
- 4 classrooms in G Block
- 2 classrooms, computer lab and 2 office spaces in A Block
Contractors will be completing the finishing touches in these facilities over the next couple of weeks.

Further work is scheduled for Term 1, including the construction of a 2 classroom modular next to the school library which should be ready for occupation by the end of term.

School Uniform
Bohlevale State School has introduced a new school uniform this year. Students can also continue to wear the previous Bohlevale SS polo shirt in 2017. The school's uniform policy is available on our website. Currently the new school uniform shirt is only available from Lowes at The Willows Shoppingtown.

Student Leaders Induction Ceremony
The Student Leader Induction Ceremony will be held on Monday 13th February at 9:00a.m. Parents of students receiving official leadership positions will receive a written invitation.

Swimming Carnival and Water Fun Day
This year, all students in Years 1 to 6 are invited to attend and participate in the Water Fun Day/Swimming Carnival. This week students will be given the permission form which outlines the details for the event. Students have the option to participate in competitive 25m freestyle events or in non-competitive social events. Permission forms and the $6 fee must be completed and handed to staff at the cash window located at the office by 9 A.M. ON Thursday 9TH FEBRUARY 2017.

Every Day Counts
As we begin 2017 we would like to remind parents of the importance of attending school every day. Please ensure your child/children are attending school each and every day unless they are sick or have a legitimate reason to be absent. If your child is absent from school you are reminded that we require all parents to notify the school by telephoning on 4729 3555 or by utilising the SKOOLBAG APP function each time your child is absent from school. However, when your child is absent from school and we are unaware of the reason we will generate an SMS message asking you to contact the school regarding your child’s absence.

Australia Day
We wish you a very happy Australia Day tomorrow (Thursday 26th January). School resumes on Friday 27th January

Kind regards,
Helen Morris - Principal

Bohlevale State School acknowledges that our school is on the lands of the traditional custodians, the Bindal and Wulgurukaba people. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.
Annual School Swimming Carnival
This year the school swimming carnival will be held across 2 days. All students in Year 1-6 will receive a permission note outlining all the details related to the event.

Prep students do not participate in the event.

The following details relate to the Water Fun Day for all Year 1-2 students at Bohlevale State School.

The teacher in charge of this event will be our Sports Coordinator, Mr Chris Smith.

Event: Bohlevale State School Swimming Carnival and Water Fun Day
Venue: Northern Beaches Leisure Centre
7-31 Erskine Pl, Burdell QLD 4818

Date: 16th February 2017
Time: 11:30 a.m.-2:10 p.m.
Cost: $6.00 per child attending

The information relates to all students in Year 3-6:

Event: Bohlevale State School Swimming Carnival and Water Fun Day
Venue: Northern Beaches Leisure Centre
7-31 Erskine Pl, Burdell QLD 4818

Date: Friday 17th February 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. for all Year 3-4 students
11:30 a.m.-2:10 p.m. for all Year 5-6 students
Cost: $6.00 per child attending

All payments and notes can be returned to the cash window starting Monday the 30th of January. Payment to be handed in at the cash window by 9 a.m. Thursday the 9th of February 2017.

Tuckshop News
Welcome to all old and new families to the Bohlevale School. I hope everyone is settling in to new classes and routines, please help yourselves to a new tuckshop menu it is available from the office, the tuckshop and off the school website. It will also be published a few times a year in the newsletter.

We have sports shirts, ($30.00) and hats ($15.00) in all sizes and house colours. Either of these can be purchased during tuckshop hours 8.00am to 1.00pm Monday to Friday. **Cash only no EFTPOS at Tuckshop counter or use www.flexischools.com.au for online purchases of these items by 4pm and they will be ready for collection from the tuckshop the next day.**

What to do if you want to order tuckshop.

**Online**
Save time and order online at www.flexischools.com.au We have a great online system to make the ordering of lunches easier and more convenient. Order at a time convenient to you, in the morning, the night before or weeks in advance. Order from your phone, computer or tablet. Go online using the above link and register now. Flexischools orders close 8.30am day of order.

**URGENT REMINDER:** Could all parents who have previously registered with Flexischools for online canteen ordering, please update your children’s classes in your personal details for 2017. Thank you.

**Bags**
Where possible, please have orders dropped off to the tuckshop by 9am with the correct money enclosed, it is too easy to lose change and saves any dispute. Alternatively, orders can be processed for you straight away and change given back to you. **Phone orders are not accepted.** Using a suitably sized bag, paper
(NOT plastic), clearly write your order with child’s name, break, class and food. Doing the order at home is ideal, however, the tuckshop does have a supply of bags, at a cost of 5c each. Bags need to be clearly marked for both breaks *(each break is to have its own bag)*.

When paying for small orders at the counter, could we please ask that something smaller than a $50 note be used for purchases, we only have a small amount of change and on occasion run out very quickly, your help with this would be greatly appreciated. Ice blocks are only available at second break and can be ordered with the bag system as well. Only Grades 4-6 are allowed to purchase over the counter snacks at 1st and 2nd break all other classes need to use the pre order system.

If there are special dietary needs, please stop in for a chat, we are only too happy to help where we can.

Thank you for your support.
Julie Vickery - Tuckshop Convenor

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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Drivers must not stop on a children’s crossing.

Connecting Queensland
www.tmr.qld.gov.au
FAMILY LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM
2017 COURSES
Centacare North Queensland
Ph: 07- 4772 9000
E: els@centacarenq.org.au
W: www.centacarenq.org.au
Facebook—Centacare NQ

1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION
COACHING PARENT PROGRAM

This 4 x 2 hours a week parenting program raises key ideas about children’s abilities, the common problems parents face and ways to help make parenting enjoyable.
It is aimed at parents of children aged 2 to 12 years.
Participants are provided with a workbook and sessions are held in small groups.

Contact: Centacare NQ 07-4772 9000 to register.

www.centacarenq.org.au or Find us on Facebook—Centacare NQ.
Parents APART

2 houses

This course is designed to support separated people effectively navigate the challenges & adjustments to family life after separation.

5 x 2 hour sessions
• held weekly

Ex-partners do not attend the same group.

The aim is for participants to be able to:
• understand the concept of family and the issues/challenges associated with separation
• recognise and understand their own and their former spouse’s changed roles
• understand the impact of parental separation on children
• reduce conflict to improve communication
• support children to cope with the changes and transitions
• develop a workable relationship for all involved

Contact Centacare NQ 4772 9000 to register for courses.
Find us on Facebook—Centacare NQ

www.centacarenq.org.au
Registration is now open for boys and girls age 6 to 18 for the 2017 season. If your child would like to be a part of one of the most popular junior sports you can sign on online at www.unitedsuburbs.com.au or contact Gary Kinsey at president@unitedsuburbs.com.au or Tracey Ford secretary at secretary@unitedsuburbs.com.au 0432017817. Our training grounds are John Barr Oval Morey Street South Townsville.
Sign-On

Our 30th Anniversary Year!

Saturday 4th February - 9am to 1pm
Peggy Banfield Park, Mt Low Parkway - Bushland Beach

New and improved Fields

Returning Players—please re-register online prior to using the link on our website www.northsdevils.com.au or by going directly to https://playnrl.com/register/

New Players—if you haven’t played before please bring your Birth Certificate with you.

Transferring Players—please contact us for a Clearance Form so it can be completed and signed off to clear you from your previous club.

* Canteen Open from 9am

* Memberships—$10 (includes members 30th Anniversary keyring & a complimentary night at Rollingstone Beachfront Resort)

* Merchandise sale (including jerseys, laces covers and Norths supporter gear—key rings, earrings and much more) Cash only for Merchandise—thanks.

See you there!

Any questions, please call the Club
Chairperson—Leah Simmons - 0423 592 420
Secretary—Jo Thomson - 0410 307 204

Free Jumping Castles, Glitter Tattoos & fun for all!