



BABINDA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A word from the Principal

Hello everyone,

A huge semester draws to a close, with excellent work done across the school and a well-earned break coming for students and staff. This week we farewell two fine teachers from our primary school, with Mrs Chevelle Kingwill taking maternity leave and Mrs Aliza Bower heading south to accompany her husband who has been transferred back to Canberra. We will welcome Ms Bereniece Cumming onto year five and Mr Ryan Mafua onto year six. Also this term, Mr Matt Brown was permanently appointed as Deputy Principal at Babinda SS.



In the last week our school welcomed a team from School Improvement Unit to conduct our four-yearly External Review. In less than three days they reviewed our policies, structures and operations and conducted more than 90 interviews with students, staff and community members to provide us with feedback about what we're doing, and recommendations on where to from here. The feedback was absolutely glowing – the reviewers were very clear that ours is an excellent school, which has a strong trajectory of improvement. They were struck by just how positive and supportive the learning culture is, here at Babinda P-12 SS. They particularly highlighted the Personalised Learning work led by our Head of Diverse Learning, Mrs Karen Nixon, in supporting individual learners to reach their potential. They believe this work to be state-leading and will recommend Babinda SS as a "Spotlight" school, for others to learn from. I am extremely proud of my staff for what they have achieved and so grateful to our community for the positive support you continue to give to our great school.

Thankyou very much to everyone who filled in a survey and gave us feedback about your preferences for communication from us. Overwhelmingly, people have said that they are less likely to read a lengthy newsletter and more likely to catch up on events and photos via Facebook. A clear message has been "just tell me what I need to know", so with that in mind, from next term we're changing the way we communicate with you. We will no longer produce a lengthy newsletter twice a term, but will now send out a "snapshot" of what's going on every fortnight. This will be a shorter document with calendar updates, reminders and things to be aware of with some photos and highlights of what's been happening here. We will focus on continuing to provide photos of our activities via Facebook.

Lastly, thankyou very much to everyone who came along and supported our inaugural Art Exhibition. We welcomed a huge number of families to admire the outstanding work our students have done across all 13 of our year levels, so far in 2021. The quality of the work reflects what our Art teacher, Ms Karina Talbot has achieved in such a short time. Thanks too to our State MP, Shane Knuth for donating generously to provide prizes to the winners.

Enjoy time with your children and stay safe over the winter holidays, and we'll see everyone back here on Monday July 12th.

Yours in learning
Rob O'Brien
Principal





Finance and Admin Department

Text Levies are past due

Please contact the office to organise payment

Primary Contributions:

Annual subscription \$20.00 per child (\$60.00 3 or more children)

Secondary Textbook and Resource Hire Scheme:

~ Year 7-8 annual school fee \$145.00

~ Year 9-10 annual school fees \$185.00

~ Year 11-12 annual school fees \$205.00

Note: each additional online course cost is \$100.00 per course

Certificate III in Sport and Recreation 2020:

~ Year 11 and Year 12 Students

~ Cost \$100.00

Please note: The "Student Resource Scheme – Participation Agreement Form" for text levies MUST be returned to the office.

All school related fees are available to be paid/progress paid through your QParents app or through the school office either in person or over the phone.



For more information on registering for QParents contact the school office on 40678333 or email enrolments@babindass.eq.edu.au and it can be arranged.



Important Dates

Term 2

Friday 25th June - Last day of Term 2

Term 3

12th July -17th September

Monday 12th July – First day back

Friday 16th July – Public Holiday – Cairns Show

Monday 26th July – Whole school photos

Monday 2nd August – Prep/1 Daradgee excur.

Tuesday 3rd August – Parent/Teacher interviews

Thursday 19th August – Prep Open Afternoon

Thursday 19th August – 2022 Year 7 Info Night

Tuesday 24th August – 2022 Year 11 Info Night

Thursday 26th August – Year 7 Transition Day

Friday 3rd September – Teacher Aide Day

Friday 3rd September – Student Free Day

Friday 10th September – NAIDOC Day

Wednesday 15th September – Do it in a dress – Fundraiser

Friday 17th September – Quabba's Cup (P4-P5)

Friday 17th September – Last day of term 3

Term 4

5th October - 10th December

Monday 4th October – Public Holiday

Tuesday 5th October – First day Term 4

Saturday 9th October – Babinda Harvest Fest

Tuesday 12th October – Preprep program

Monday 18 - Wednesday 20th October – Year 11 Leadership Camp

Tuesday 9th November – Presentation Night

Thursday 11th November – Year 12 Farewell

Friday 12th November – Year 12 Formal

Friday 26th November – Crocs vs Cudas swimming carnival

Thursday 2nd December – Year 7 2022

Transition Day – for enrolled students

Friday 10th December – Last day school 2021

Please note that this list is for your convenience and may be subject to change. COVID-19 protocols to keep everyone safe will always be incorporated into all of our events.



Sports Day - Crocs vs Cudas 11th June, 2021

Age Champions 2021



Girls

9yrs - Holly
10yrs - Asha
11yrs - Jessie
12yrs - Taylor
13yrs - Chloe
14yrs - Caitlin
15yrs - Felicity
16yrs - Charlotte
17yrs - Brooke
18yrs - no eligible
competitors

Boys

9yrs - Wyatt
10yrs - Elliot
11yrs - Jack
12yrs - Rhiley
13yrs - Raiden
14yrs - Jimmy
15yrs - Hayden
16yrs - Liam
17yrs - Shaun
18yrs - Oshea

Congratulations



Sports Day - Crocs vs Cudas 11th June, 2021 - Cont.

2021 Winning Team - Cudas



Various photos from the day - Enjoy!





Sports Day - Crocs vs Cudas 11th June, 2021 - Cont.





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This year's inter-house athletics carnival was held Friday 11th June. This year we held pre-events in the lead up to sports day, which due to weather changed a number of times. It was fantastic to see parents, friends and families of students come along and cheer for their team. Crocs vs Cudas is always a competitive day but whether you are team Crocs or team Cudas we are all in it together and cheer on our mates and encourage everyone to have a go.

Well done to age champion medallion recipients, the hard work pays off so if you didn't get your goal this year, keep going and never give up.

A very big thank you to our P&C team, Miss Colby and Miss Maher for running the tuckshop serving a wide range of delicious food from their menu. Thank you to the group of volunteers that helped out in the lead up and on the day.

Competitors who placed in their events will be notified by Mr O'Dwyer or Mr Richardson if they were successful in progressing to district trials. Letters will be sent home to families with more information soon.

A very big thank you to Mr O'Dwyer for co-ordinating the carnival, and well done to this year's sports captains, the war cries were very loud and sung with pride. The Crocs vs Cudas swimming carnival is on the calendar for Friday 26th November in term 4.





Sports Day - Crocs vs Cudas - Record Breakers



Girls

9yrs Shot Put - Poppy
14yrs 800m Run - Chloe M
15yrs 1500m Run - Chello



Chloe



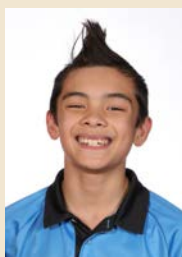
Poppy



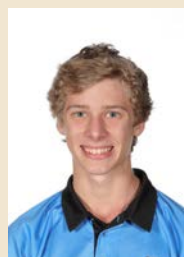
Chello

Boys

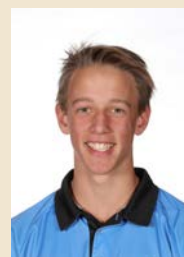
13yrs 400m Run - Raiden
13yrs 800m Run - Raiden
15yrs Long Jump - Hayden
15 yrs Triple Jump - Hayden
16yrs Long Jump - Jacob
16yrs 400m Run - Liam
16yrs Triple Jump - Xander
17yrs Javelin throw - Matthew
17yrs Triple Jump - Shaun



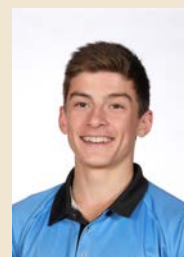
Raiden



Liam



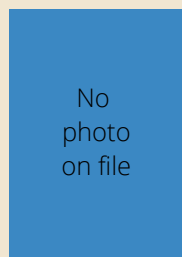
Hayden



Jacob



Matthew



Xander



Shaun



Student of the Week and Awards

Week 9



Week 3



Week 5



celebrate
SUCCESS

KEEP GOING
you're doing great



P&C Corner

Next meeting date: Term 3, Week 4, Monday 2nd August - 5pm in the ELC, all welcome, the more the merrier.

The P&C Pie fundraiser was successful in raising more than \$2000.00 thanks to our hard working and dedicated P&C team of volunteers. A very big thanks also goes to our BSS families who sold over 600 pies and we have had fantastic feedback that all the pies were delicious and we look forward to doing another pie drive, we will keep you posted.

P&C Pie Drive



***Congratulations to the Ghidella Family.
Family that sold the most pies!***

Pie Drive Class Winners !!



P&C Pie Drive



Classroom Talk - Science -Year 1 Farm Visit

Our Trip to the Farm

On Wednesday 26th May we headed off on our Farms Visit! (The weather certainly affected what we could do). Thank you so much to Mr. David Lauridsen from S and NI Marsh for organizing which farms were great for us to visit AND for coming with us on the day so that we didn't get lost! Thanks also to Halls Farm at Bellenden Ker, Gray's Farm and Piccolo's Farm at Green Hill for answering all our Science questions.

Halls Farm at Bellenden Ker

Bill and Jan Hall welcomed us to their animal farm. We saw sheep and goats get fed in their paddock. They even had a mini stampede (one of our vocab words!) when we all walked towards them 😊. There were 2 sets of twins born just the week before. After we patted a few of them, we went to feed the chooks wandering around the yard. The geese looked at us but they didn't chase us! We crossed the driveway to visit their new pigs. On the way we looked at the bee hives – from far away. Mr. and Mrs. Hall say in the past their land had cane, then cattle and now smaller animals. We stopped at Greenpatch in Gordonvale for a picnic lunch but had to hurry on to our next farm.

Gray's Farm at Greenhill

Mark organized what would be good for us to see and Dawn and Colin spent some time with us. We had to walk through a foot wash so that our animal farm germs did not go on to the fruit farm. Dawn had sour sop for us to try...hmm...some of us liked us, some did not. The frozen sour sop treat was better! Dawn and Colin then showed us the trees with baby fruit and ripe fruit. We learnt about a bright blue snake that comes to the farm and it is only in the Gordonvale area. Birds come to the farm but they are actually helpful as they eat the insects. The Gray's don't use very many chemicals on their farm. THEN we had the excitement of picking our own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. We got to wash our hands under Mr. Lauridsen's ute! (We got a fair bit of red mud on us!) We had second break under the fruit trees.

Piccolo's Farm at Greenhill

John and Charlie Piccolo showed us their HUGE combine harvester!! We learnt that they harvest rice and soy beans while the sugar cane is growing. When the cane is ready, they use the harvester to cut it. Sometimes they have to get up at 2:30 in the morning to start the harvesting! The tyres were as tall as Mrs. Erwood on the combine harvester. We even got to see some soy beans come out the spout. The harvester had huge fans inside it.

Mr. Lauridsen finished our day by giving us a cap each. Each cap had something on it that is used in farming. We were so excited.

We stopped in Gordonvale on the way home for a short play on the playground.

See the next page for some pictures :-)





Classroom Talk - Science - Year 1 Farm Visit Pictures



Hall's Farm





Classroom Talk - Instrumental Music

QSO Concert Excursion - On March 26th, sixteen students travelled to Cairns to see the Queensland Symphony Orchestra's Primary Concert held at the Tanks Art Centre. The students were able to see the group perform a number of classical pieces demonstrating the sounds of the different instruments of the orchestra and how they work together. Babinda State School also made it into the Cairns Post.



Classroom Talk - Year 3

Year 3's Anzac biscuit baking - Year three have been learning about commemorations and celebrations over the past term. The main commemoration which Year 3 have investigated is Anzac day. In the lead up to Anzac day (25th of April), Year three learnt about the history and significance of the Anzac biscuit and then had the opportunity to bake and eat these delicious biscuits. The baking of Anzac biscuits was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the Year 3 students.



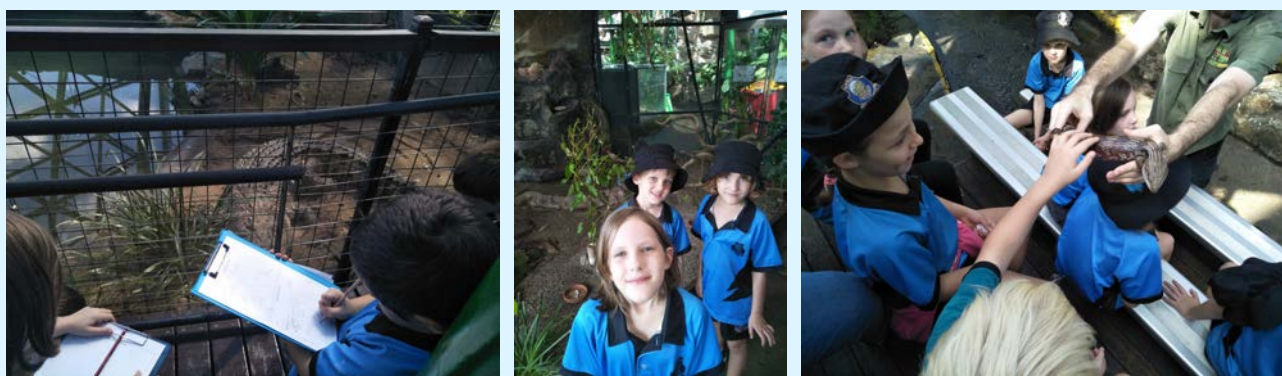


Classroom Talk - Year 3 Continued

YEAR 3 SCIENCE - INVESTIGATING LIVING AND NONLIVING THINGS

Cairns Zoom Excursion

In Science this term, Year 3's have been investigating what makes something living or nonliving. On Friday, the year 3's had a chance to go to go on an excursion to the Cairns Zoom and Wildlife Dome. It was a fantastic day for all! The students got to view a range of living things up close and learn more about what defines something as living. They even got to pat a snake, turtle and blue tongue lizard.



Science Visit

Dr Pete, a researcher from the University of Queensland visited the year 3 class last week. The students had the chance to pose questions about living things and receive answers from an expert in the field! He brought in specimens for the students to look at. He also brought in a soil collecting kit and had the chance to go outside to collect soil from around the school. These sample will be sent back to UQ and will be cultivated in lab to find out what is growing in our soil. Thank you, Dr Pete, for visiting our class and helping year 3 to be junior scientists!





Competition Winners - Art - Nature Frames Competition

'Nature Frames Art' Winners are.....

Prep to Year 2 - Stuart Year 2

Year 3 to Year 4 - Grace Year 4

Year 5 to Year 6 - Chelsea Year 6

High School - Sienna Year 9 and Charlotte Year 11

Art Teachers Choice Award - Khloe Year 4

Art Teacher's Choice Award: Connie, Year 1

Teacher - Julie

CONGRATULATIONS

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Stuart - Year 2



Grace - Year 4



**Sienna & Charlotte
Year 9 and
Year 11**



Chelsea - Year 6



Khloe - Year 4



Julie - Teacher





Classroom Talk - Attendance Report

Current attendance rates:

Prep – 90%
Year 1 – 91%
Year 2 – 88%
Year 3 – 88%

Current attendance rates:

Year 4 – 94%
Year 5 – 86%
Year 6 – 93%
P to 6 – 90%

Current attendance rates:

Year 7 – 93%
Year 8 – 90%
Year 9 – 88%
Year 10 – 88%

Current attendance rates:

Year 11 – 87%
Year 12 – 83%
7 to 12 – 88%
P-12 – 89%

Classroom Talk - Junior Secondary Report

Year 7 students have had the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork skills and resilience whilst undertaking a range of outdoor activities on their Year 7 camp. Students were challenged by the teachers at the Broadwater National Park camping grounds to show what they are made of – completing a 3 day camp out, hiking, “The Amazing Race, swimming, cooking, cleaning and a range of fun team-building activities. Students learn from each other and begin to understand the importance of support and respect when working as a team – something which is essential in their start of their journey through high schooling.

In the past weeks most students have been engaging in assessment. It is critical that carers support their students to be fully engaged in assessment during these times. Students should be preparing for assessment while in class but also at home. This can include revising classwork, practicing exercises taught in class to replicate what might be assessed on the exams, drafting and responding to teacher feedback. Students should find a quiet, well-lit place to prepare for assessment, turn their phone off and be focussed on preparing for their assessment. Students should map how they will prepare for their assessment in the run-up to the exam. A cram the night before might be the final strategy, but not the only strategy. Success through sustained effort, repeated positive behaviours and responding to teacher feedback is the recipe for improvement and success.

Finally, attendance in Term 1 was record-breaking, it was the highest attendance the school has achieved as far back as OneSchool has recorded. A massive achievement! This term unfortunately started with low attendance. Partly due to the flooding that occurred with the torrential rain that we received. Can we all work together as a community to push our attendance back into the record breaking numbers. Only together can we make this happen, if there is anything that I, or the school can assist with please don't hesitate to contact us. Congratulations to the Year 7 cohort who has the highest attendance so far for Term 2 (7-12 sector) sitting on 91.7%.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report and I wish you a safe and productive term ahead.

Reon Mackenzie - Junior Secondary HOD

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Murray News



If any Parent/Caregiver would like to get involved with 'NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATION' please come along with your thoughts and any ideas that you may like to share to our next meeting. I will send out notices at a later date.

Thank you to the all Parents, Teachers, students who supported our Indigenous Comedian/ Entertainer ' Sean Choolburra' a local from Townsville who travelled all over the World. He was just hilarious and everyone who attended enjoyed themselves they didn't want the show to stop. He loved his visit to the Babinda State School and would like to come back sometime, Sean heard alot about our Bakery and wanted to get some cream buns.

Lynette Massey - Indigenous Students Support Officer - Ph: 40678333 - Email: lmass9 @ eq.edu.au

We of the Babinda P-12 State School would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land in which we live and work. We pay our respects to their Elders, Past and Emerging for they hold the memories, traditional, cultures and hope of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait people of Australia.



IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT BOOK CLUB

We get two issues every term.

There are two ways parents can order.

Either: **Order on line (once registered) via loop orders OR**

Send order with correct money in a zip lock bag or envelope to the School office BEFORE the DUE DATE, which is stamped on the top of the front page of the catalogue. Please make sure **student's name is clearly written on the order form** and that it is **returned to the School Office** before the due date as **no late orders will be accepted**.

With all purchases made, the School receives rewards to enable purchasing of new resources. Thank you in advance.



Community notices



Kid's sporting costs made easy
with \$500 from Saver Plus

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Could \$500 help with education costs?

Saver Plus is a free 10month matched savings and financial management program for parents. Participants make regular deposits into a savings account over 10 months and attend financial skills workshops. At the end of the program their savings are matched by ANZ up to \$500, to be used for education costs such as school uniforms, books, excursions, sports fees and laptops. To find out more about the program and to check your eligibility, please email or call your local Saver Plus Coordinator, Rachel on cairnsSP@thesmithfamily.com.au or 0435 266 284 or visit saverplus.org.au.

CHRISTMAS in JULY MINI PHOTOSHOOTS



\$50

20 minute sessions
Email to book
dlaur11@eq.edu.au



Bookings essential
Thursday 22nd
Friday 23rd
Thursday 29th
Friday 30th
JULY

3.30, 4.00, 4.30, 5.00PM

McDonnell Creek State School P&C Fundraiser

*We are not planning a photoshoot fundraiser at the end of the year as we have in the past. This will be our only photoshoot fundraiser for the year.
Donna Lauridsen Photography*

Community Noticeboard

Casual Position School Crossing Supervisor



Department of Transport and Main Roads

Interested in becoming a school crossing supervisor?

Make a difference to the lives of school children in your area.

- Casual employment with TMR
- Training provided
- Fortnightly pay
- 24 hour Employee Assistance Program

To apply, contact your local Road Safety Officer

Michelle Spurrier Ph: 4045 8557



Several positions exist for Casual School Crossing Supervisors at various schools across the Cairns, Gordonvale, Edmonton, Innisfail and Tully areas.

- A School Crossing Supervisor must be able to work in all-weather conditions.
- 1 hour and 30 mins per day - on a rotating roster basis.
- Relief opportunities on your rostered days off.
- Pay Rate \$31.11 per hour.

Commencement of employment for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment.
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Please call Michelle at Transport and Main Roads for an application package on 07 4045 8557.

Well Women's Clinic – Babinda Hospital (This clinic is available to Medicare eligible clients)

Tuesday 6th July 2021

Service includes Cervical Screening Tests (Pap Smears), Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.

For appointments phone 4067 8200



Community Noticeboard





Babinda State School

Outside School Hours Care

offered to all schools in and around Babinda

Mornings: 6.30-8.30 and Afternoons: 3.00-6.00

Breakfast and Afternoon Tea – Pick up from class – Homework Club



Children enjoy a healthy afternoon snack after being collected from their class by our educators



Educators support students during homework while other children enjoy quiet activities



Educators offer set activities and children can choose from versatile games and toys, art material and dress ups and play inside or outside.

Fees before Child Care Rebate (CCS):
 Before School Care: \$ 15 After School Care: \$20

Enquire now for 2021 Enrolments
 by calling the school office on 4067 8333

PLAYERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY MORNING LEAGUE TAG GAMES - UNDER 6'S

Parents/Carer and Players welcome to come along to training sessions held at Callendar Park
 Wednesday afternoons - 5.00pm to 5.45pm
 (wear closed in shoes and bring a water bottle)

For more information email or phone –

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School Watch

YOU CAN HELP!

Your Eyes and Ears are Our Security

• LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT

Phone 13 17 88

CASSOWARY COAST CROWS



AFL UNDER 8S

Do you want to learn footy skills, make new friends and be part of a team?

Come along to our training session or a Sunday's game to give AFL a go!

Training: Thursday afternoons 4:00 - 5:00pm Goondi Bend Sporting Complex (top oval)

Game Day: Cairns 9:00 am (various ovals)

Call Maryjane (U8s coach) on 0421436991

GOONDI BEND SPORTING COMPLEX





Community Noticeboard



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Drive, Babinda**

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Phone: (07) 40 672 226

Community Noticeboard

ATTENTION



SAFETY ON THE SUGAR CANE RAILWAY NOTICE!!

The cane crushing season will commence in the Mulgrave region today and in the South Johnstone region on Thursday, please stay safe and remember:

- Stay away from locomotives and cane bins.
 - Don't play around railway lines.
 - Never walk between cane bins.
 - Never go on to a cane railway bridge.
- Never walk behind a train – the driver will not see you.
- If you have to cross the railway tracks, STOP and look both ways, LISTEN and only cross when it is safe.
- OBEY Flashing Lights signals and Give Way signage at road crossings.

Please stay safe!