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Babinda P-12 State School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which this school is located and pays respect to the Elders past and present

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I doubt any of us will ever forget the first half of 2020.

Believe it or not, only three months ago the school was still open and none of us knew if or when it would close and how long things would shut down for. Now, as I write to you, things are almost back to normal here and we've received approval to start running parades and sports, which I hope is just the beginning of us being able to open things up again. If we don't see a spike in infections, I'm hoping term three will see our school back to business as usual, albeit with a lot more hand-washing.

We've all learned that 2020 is a tough year for making plans, but we're hoping our second semester will be as close to normal as COVID permits. We will be running our Athletics carnival later in term three and hope that by then we are able to invite families in to enjoy the day as normal.

In some ways the new COVID world has brought back good old-fashioned values that our society may have let slip, such as diligent hand-washing throughout the day and care with sneezing and coughing to avoid exposing others. It's no coincidence that absences are down, for both students and staff.

This has helped us to get 2020's learning back on track and ensure we can still assess and issue report cards based on all of the work completed this semester. The reports will be coming home early in term three. With things currently looking positive in Queensland and opening up a bit, I'm hopeful we will be able to run our Parent-Teacher interviews face to face on Tuesday August 4th. We'll keep you posted on that and keep updating dates on Facebook - of course with the classic 2020 disclaimer that if infection rates go back up, events will be cancelled.

One of the interesting products of the remote-learning phase this term, was the "super-charging" of teacher and student use of technologies. This has great potential to influence our approach to learning, with students better able to work independently via the OneNote and SeeSaw platforms. We will be investing further in digital technologies to

maintain this as a differentiated approach to teaching and learning.

As we hopefully put this strange period of schooling behind us, I do ask parents to maintain the wonderful level of engagement with your children's learning that you developed during the remote-learning phase. The outstanding job you did for those long weeks meant that your kids were able to come straight back into their schooling, almost seamlessly. The learning you did as parents to support them has you perfectly placed to ensure your child achieves to their utmost academic potential in the future. Remember that the "check-ins" you do on with your kids and the discussions you have with them about their school learning have a tremendous effect.

Our new Babinda Boulders positive rewards system is well under way now, with students receiving Boulders tokens to reward positive behaviour in the school. These tokens are spent

occasional hot chip days at the tuckshop. From an enormously challenging start of the term, we're having a very positive end of the term. As always, we're finding ways to integrate Fun and Interesting into everything we do. This newsletter shows just how well things are back on track here.

at a rewards store and on

Finally, a big thankyou to all the prep parents who came in lend a hand clearing out the gardens around the prep classroom. What a huge effect you had in only a couple of hours onward and upward!

Yours in learning. Mr Rob O'Brien







Term 2

25th June - BEAST end of term break up 26th June - Last day of term 2

Term 3

13th July - Term 3 commences 17th July - Cairns Show Public Holiday 27th July - Whole school photo day 13th August - 2021 Prep open afternoon 13th August - 2021 Year 7 information night 20th August - 2021 Year 7 first transition day

25th August - 2021 Year 11 information night 4th September - Student free day 18th September - Last day of term 3

Term 4

5th October - Queen's Birthday public holiday 6th October - Term 4 commences 13th November - Year 12 Formal 18th November - Presentation night 20th November - Last day year 12

27th November - Last day year 10 and year 11 3rd December - 2021 Year 7 second transition day 11th December - Last day of term 4

all dependent on Queensland's COVID-19 response continuing to be successful and mission being granted for us to return to business as usual.

FINANCE AND ADMIN NEWS

Text Levies – Due Now Primary Contribution 2020:

- Annual subscription \$20.00 per child (\$60.00 3 or more children)
 Secondary Textbook and Resource
 Hire Scheme 2020:
- Year 7-8 annual school fee \$145.00
- Year 9-10 annual school fees \$185.00
 each additional online course cost is \$100.00 per course
- Year 11-12 annual school fees \$205.00 - Each additional online course cost is \$100.00 per course
- Certificate II in Hospitality 2020: Year 11 and Year 12 Students Cost \$250.00
- Certificate III in Sport and Recreation 2020: Year 11 and Year 12 Students Cost \$100.00

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

For more information on registering for QParents contact the school office on 40678333 or email awilk134@eq.edu.au.



Student ID Cards - Years 7 to 12

Year 7-12 Student ID Cards will be issued to students once fees are paid in full, EFTPOS facilities are available at the school office for text levy payments and other school related fees.

Are your details up to date?
So we can look after you better ensure your contact details are up to date.
HAVE YOU MOVED?

Has your phone number or email address changed? Please advise the school office of any changes to your contact details and/ or medical information.

Phone 40678333 or email awilk134@ eq.edu.au to advise of any changes or if you are not receiving our e-newsletters.

MURRAI NEWS

"The community of Babinda P-12 State School acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Custodians past, present and future of the land which this constitution stands"

The NAIDOC theme for this year is "ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE" and NAIDOC DAY is still on the agenda. Your thoughts or ideas that you would like to share are welcome. You can contact Mrs Massey or Colby at the school on 40678333.

The Kai Kai Day is still happening to our customers who placed an order, we did not forget you during this time. It should be soon. We will keep you informed when we decided on the date.

I attended a Mentor PD in Cairns with my collages from around the district. It was an interesting learning curve for us. How we can encourage our children to become Future Leaders. The program was Adventure Based Learning: Based Fundamentals (ABL) and consisted of:

1. Full Value Contract 2. Group Development 3. Sequencing

4. Reflecting. More on this later.

Some significant dates to remember are:

26th May - National Sorry Day

27th May - Referendum Day

3rd June - Mabo Day commemorates Eddie Koiki MABO in 2002 and National Reconciliation Week Eddie Mabo was an indigenous Australian man form the Torres Strait Islands known for his role in campaigning for indigenous land rights and for his role in a landmark decision of the High Courts of Australia. Eddie Koiki Mabo in 2002, on the 10th anniversary of the High Court decision Mabo's Bonita Mabo called for a national public holiday on the 3rd June.

The courageous efforts of Eddie Koiki Mabo to overturn the fiction of Terre Nullius (land belong to no-one) the legal concept that Australia and Torres Strait Islands were not owned by indigenous people because they did not "use" the land in ways Europeans believed.

Colby's Corner: Seniors students enjoyed returning to school spending time with friends, playing sports and learning face to face with their teachers

Is there anything you would like to add to the Murrai News please contact me at the school!

Kind regards, Lynette Massey Indigenous Student Support Officer.



P&C NOTICEBOARD

School shorts - The P&C are happy to announce the supply of Babinda State School black shorts displaying the school emblem as pictured. Size samples will be available at the school office and pre-orders and payment will be taken from the start of term 3. The shorts look great!















Parents, Guardians and Pre-Prep aged children (those turning 5 before <u>June 30th, 2021</u>) are invited to come along to our sausage sizzle and information afternoon.

Following the Pre-Prep Open Room, a <u>Pre-Prep Program</u> will run in Term 4 for all students enrolling at Babinda P-12 SS in 2021.

This program will prepare students in the lead up to Prep in 2021.



For more information call School Office on 4067 8333 We look forward to seeing you there!







SPORTS NEWS

This term started like no other but that didn't stop our BEAST coaches from delivering quality sessions for our students every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The first 5 weeks of this term saw our coaches filming specific at home workouts and uploading them to an online platform for students to engage in at home. Shout out to our coaches for the quality Dad jokes that accompanied each session that was uploaded!

As we are halfway through the school year our squad is now fully established

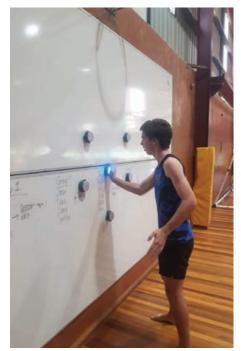
BEAST UPDATE

and the students included are those working hard in the classroom at school, and in the gym or on the oval at BEAST training. Amongst all of the COVID-19 changes, our gym also went through some changes. It is now complete with a retiled floor and new equipment to ensure students have the highest quality environment to train in. The new equipment of most excitement amongst our squad are the 'Blaze Pods'. These pods are a light-up flash reflex system designed for reaction time training (see photo). New and improved sanitisation routines have also been established during and after every session which students have seamlessly adapted to. Since the student's return, training has been focussed on the athletics season. Our seniors have been implementing individualised weight training programs in the gym on a Monday, targeting their

preferred athletics events with Danny and Mr O'Dwyer. Wednesday sees all BEAST students participating in sprints training followed by foam rolling and stretching where students are taught about the importance of recovery. On Fridays Mrs Kingwill and Miss Holley run students through a long distance 'Road Run' and a full body circuit to finish the week on a high.

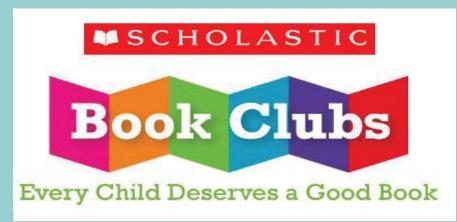
This Monday, some of our coaches took a small group of students who expressed their interest in competing in the annual Pyramid Race this year on a training session where they climbed to the halfway point of Walsh's Pyramid. Unfortunately, the competition has been cancelled for 2020 but that won't stop us looking forward and preparing for 2021. See you all in Term 3!







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VET AND CAREERS

TAFE AT SCHOOL 2021 COURSES



WORK EXPERIENCE

Due to COVID – 19 a decision has been made to reschedule work experience, this will now take place during school holidays or the last 2 weeks of term 4. New Dates are listed below:

June/July Holidays

Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July

September/October Holidays

Monday 21st September – Friday 25th September Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October

Term 4

Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December Monday 7th December – Friday 11th December

TAFE

TAFE at School applications for 2021 open Monday 17th August **HOW TO APPLY** Expressions of Interest (EOI) applications can be submitted online at tafeapply.com (Application code TQN2101). If you require further information regarding work experience or TAFE please contact Pauline Phillips 40678327/0408759940 or pbell42@eq.edu.au

| COURSE CODE | DELIVERY | LOCATION | DURATION | FEES | CREDITS | LEVEL |
|--|---|----------|----------|---|---------|-------|
| ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLA | NDER PROGRAMS | | | | | |
| Certificate II in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts CUA20415 | Face-to-face, one day a week, Thursday | Cairns | 4 terms | VETIS | 4 | 11, 1 |
| BEAUTY AND HAIRDRESSING | | | | | | |
| Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics SHB20116 | Face-to-face, one day a week, Thursday | Cairns | 4 terms | VETIS | 4 | 11, 1 |
| Certificate II in Salon Assistant SHB20216 | Face-to-face, one day a week, Thursday | Cairns | 4 terms | VETIS | 4 | 11, 1 |
| HEALTH | | | | | | |
| Certificate II in Health Support Services HLT23215 | Face-to-face, one day a week, Thursday | Cairns | 4 terms | VETIS | 4 | 11, 1 |
| Certificate III in Health Services Assistance (AIN)** HLT33115 | Online and vocational placement | Cairns | 4 terms | \$1,110 plus \$30 for uniform shirt | 4 | 12 |
| HOSPITALITY AND KITCHEN OPERATION | 4S | | | | | |
| Certificate II in Hospitality SIT20316 | Face-to-face, one day a week, Thursday | Cairns | 4 terms | VETIS | 4 | 11, 1 |
| LOGISTICS | | | | | | |
| Certificate II in Logistics TLI21815 | Face-to-face, block training | Cairns | 1 term | VETIS | 4 | 11, 1 |

Vers 12 Students need to ensure every effort is made to attend every lesson, as extension may impact QCE Attainment at end of Year 12 All courses are subject to viability at the discretion of TAFE Queensland and will not proceed unless minimum class numbers are attained

MONDAY 17 AUGUST

- Applications open

HOW TO APPLY

Expressions of Interest (ECI) applications car

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VETIS Eligibility
All students are eligible if they have not previously utilise
VETIS funding. Subsidised by the Queensland
Government under the VET in Schools Program (VETIS
For eligibility go to

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

If you require additional information, please contact Lisa Laffin | E: lisa.laffin@tafe.qld.edu.au | P: 0457 594 473 north.schools@tafe.qld.edu.au | tafeqld.edu.au



CLUBS NEWS

ROBOTICS CLUB

Robotics is a quickly evolving subject in school and in real life. The Robotics club is a chance for students to practise these skills outside of the classroom tackling fun but challenging tasks and participating in regional competitions. It is also worth noting that Babinda State School runs one of these regional level events annually so the more students that participate the bigger and better the competitions will be. Students from year 4 and above are welcome to come down to the Robotics room on Wednesdays after school (3:15-4:15pm) to join in. See you there!

GAMING CLUB

The D&D club at Babinda State School brings more than simply the fun of adventure. Playing Dungeons and Dragons can help students with problem-solving skills, teamwork skills, leadership skills, public speaking skills, and even math skills. Plus any time students use their imaginations is a good time. High school students who are interested please see Mr Lewis if you would like to participate.





What's been happening ...

JUNIOR SECONDARY NEWS

It is with great joy that I present to you our new Junior Secondary Leadership team. At Babinda State School we value and recognise the need for interested students to have the opportunity to develop and apply personal leadership skills, knowledge and positive attitudes. The am very proud of all students below who I have now dubbed "The Dream Team."

Please congratulate: (Alphabetical order)

- Savannah
- Sharri
- Tia (absent)
- Georgie
- Bella
- Linda
- Raylee
- Chloe
- Maria (absent)
- Selina
- Tahlia (absent)
- Mia
- Alysha

I have no doubt that these students will be responsible, fair minded, positive and caring representatives of the student body. They will be actively demonstrating, promoting and encouraging involvement in maintaining our positive whole school community.

They will:

- Initiate school and/or community activities
- Participate and encourage participation in school, cultural and community events
- Demonstrate pride in self, school and community
- Demonstrate organisational ability

Our Junior Secondary Leaders have already demonstrated great leadership by running the new Babinda Boulders Shop. I am sure most of our parents and community members have heard of the new "Babinda Boulders Token" acknowledgement system that the school's Positive Behaviour for Students team has implemented.

It is our way of acknowledging all the

students who are following the BSS motto of being "Safe, Respectful, Learners." Students are able to trade in their tokens for items at the Babinda Boulder Shop, purchase a snag at the end of term Boulders BBQ and participate in JS Leadership run Handball tournaments, to name but a few options.

Keep an eye out for further events and activities that the Junior Secondary Leadership (AKA the Dream Team) will be running throughout the year.



What's been happening ...

5-4-3-2-1 BLAST OFF!

Model rocketry is aerospace engineering in miniature. As part of our Design Technologies/Robotics class we have been launching rockets, a very entertaining way of looking at how things are designed and made. If you time it right you may be able to hear or see our launches on the school oval this term, and if you happen to see a rocket land remember not to touch it for a few minutes while it cools down.



SENIOR SECONDARY NEWS

Year 12 Information

With the interruptions to education due to Covid-19, QCAA has reduced the number of assessments for year 12 students by 1. General subjects will still have their external assessment between October 26 and November 9. Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers in regards to their progress through the QCE system.

For students in year 12 who are intending to attend university, QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre) will open their University applications on August 4th, 2020. QTAC offer eligible students bonus points through their EAS (Educational Access Scheme). The Educational Access Scheme can help you if you have experienced circumstances that negatively affected your most recent studies. If you are assessed as eligible

for an adjustment to your ATAR under EAS, this will be combined with other adjustments for which you are eligible. As a result of COVID-19 you will all be eligible to apply for this scheme under the classification of Educational Disruption. More information will be provided to students prior to this process opening.

Study Skills - Flash Cards

Quizlet and other learning apps like kahoot are good and handy at times, however, making your own flashcards is a proven way to move infomration from short term to longterm memory. The information below comes from a great article about using Flash Cards correctly. You can read the full article here: https://collegeinfogeek.com/flashcard-study-tips/

The most common mistakes people make when making and studying flash cards include:

- 1. Making them in a way that leverages only rote memorization
- 2. Creating complex cards that don't force true recall which leads people to mistake recognition for actual knowledge
- 3. Over-using flash cards, or using them when a different tool or study method would be more effectively.

The eight rules to follow:

- 1. Make Your Own Flash Cards
- 2. Mix Pictures and Words
- 3. Use Mnemonic Devices to Create Mental Connections
- 4. Write Only One Question Per Card
- 5. Break Complex Concepts Into Multiple Questions
- 6. Say Your Answers Out Loud When Studying
- 7. Study Your Flash Cards in Both Directions
- 8. Don't Treat Flash Cards Like a Silver Bullet



What's been happening ...

YEAR 8 HPE

Over the course of the past 5 weeks, our Year 8's have been engaging in a number of outdoor education team-building games and activities in their HPE classes. These activities have taught them the essential skills needed for being successful when communicating and collaborating with other people in a team environment. Due to COVID-19, the Year 4, 5, and 6 students at Babinda P-12 State School are unable to go on their school camp. The upper primary students are VERY sad about this. To cheer them up, we decided to bring camp to them! The Year 8s split into small groups and designed sessions to run the primary school students through activities they had engaged in this term. Our HPE students did an excellent job practicing on their own classes last week before teaching their younger peers. Miss Peltz was extremely impressed with the enthusiasm, maturity and respect her Year 8 classes showed when running this session. They truly modelled all of the essential skills of teamwork and leadership they had learnt this term and should be very proud of themselves.



BABINDA'S GOT TALENT

The Babinda's Got Talent Club started in March this year. The aim of the club is to source the best talents in music, dance, acrobatics and instrument's (musical) at Babinda State School, and then fine-tune them for interschool competitions and beyond.

Over 50 students from both the primary and secondary school have shown interest. Many have come up with

creative solo, duets and group acts. For instance, acts like "The Nacho" a solo performance; "Flexible Friends" a duet ballet infusion choreograph; "Tiktok March Up" and "Furious Leopards", both contemporary dance groups are all emerging talents.

All these spectacular acts are splendidly inspiring, illuminating and enthralling, albeit developing.







School's back

SLOW D@WN FOR SCHOOL ZONES



Road safety reminders

Road safety is everyone's responsibility

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is committed to ensuring road safety around schools. As restrictions ease and all students are welcomed back to school, there will be an increase in traffic and pedestrian movement around your school, so driving safely around school zones will be even more important. Ensuring the safety of children travelling to and from school, walking or cycling, by school bus or private vehicle, is everyone's responsibility.

Don't be hasty, think of your child's safety

Parents are being encouraged to use stop, drop and go (kiss and go) zones or similar facilities, when dropping their children at school. The daily drop off and pick up can be stressful, but it should always be safe. Ensuring children's safety in and around school zones and educating them on safe street practices, is a top priority. Parents are being encouraged to use these zones rather than walking their children into school. These zones are in place so a vehicle can stop for a short period of time to drop off or to collect children, moving on immediately to allow other drivers to use the zone.

When used correctly, the drop and go zones are very safe and effective, helping reduce traffic congestion around schools. Remember:

- Queue and stay in your car
- Wait until your children arrive ensure seat belts are secure, then leave the zone safely.
- It is a 2-minute loading zone if your children are not able to be loaded within two minutes, drive out of the zone and re-join the
- Move out of the zone if you do not wish to re-join the queue and find a park elsewhere.
- Be considerate and do not overstay your time in the zone.

School zones and speed limits

Reduced speed limits apply to school zones and areas around schools during drop off and pick-up times. There may be some unsupervised children around school zones who don't always understand or recognise the danger of roads and vehicles. Take care when travelling in and through school zones. Don't be naughty, check you're doing 40.

Children's crossings and School Crossing Supervisors

A familiar sight around schools is the School Crossing Supervisor. They ensure students and pedestrians who cross the road at the school crossing do so in a safe manner. They use a hand-held 'stop' sign to stop traffic and allow pedestrians to cross the road safely. Motorists must stop and wait until all pedestrians are no longer on the road and the School Crossing Supervisor has safely returned to the footpath. When children's crossing flags are displayed, you must stop and give way to any pedestrians on or entering the crossing (regardless of whether a school crossing supervisor is present or not).

Walking and cycling to school to avoid congestion As all children are returning to school, many people may wish to make the most of the active lifestyle we've become used to during lockdown and try walking or cycling to school. Motorists should continue to be extra vigilant around schools.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you are using pedestrian crossing areas where possible. Always hold your child's hand up until the age of eight. Young children need your help to spot danger, like vehicles coming out of driveways. They can be easily distracted and wander into traffic. Calling your children from across the road for them to come to you is an unsafe practice.

Talk to your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road:

- Stop one step back from the kerb
- Look continuously both ways
- Listen for the sounds of approaching traffic
- Think whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across

Bus stops/Bus zones

Unless you are driving a bus (seating more than 12 adults including the driver) you must not stop a vehicle in a bus stop or bus zone. A driver must not stop within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop, to ensure buses have enough room to enter and exit the bus stop.

Double parking

A driver must not stop a vehicle between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of a road, this includes vehicles parked in marked angle parking bays. This rule helps to prevent children from crossing between vehicles where there is a high risk of a collision occuring.

Yellow lines

A driver must not stop a vehicle at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow line. Usually these lines are placed in areas where safety is paramount, such as near marked crossings, on road corners or to ensure safe visiblity for vehicles entering or exiting a property.

Disability Parking Signs

Only vehicles correctly displaying a current disability parking permit can legally park in a disability parking bay. Disability parking permits are granted to persons when their ability to walk is severely restricted by a medical condition or disability.

Parking a vehicle on a footpath/nature strip

If is an offence to park a vehicle on a footpath, dividing strip or nature strip. Parking on the footpath creates an unacceptable hazard for pedestrians. Vehicles driving across footpaths and nature strips create a higher risk of collision with pedestrians, especially smaller children who are harder to see.

REMEMBER - SAFE PARKING MAY SAVE A LIFE

For more information, contact your local TMR Road Safety Officer.



Babinda P-12 State School - Relief Teacher Aide Pool 2020

We have an opportunity for any interested persons to be placed in our Relief Teacher Aide Pool for the 2020 School Year. Relief positions cover all year levels from Prep - Year 12.

Please phone the School Office on 40678 333 or email Paula Spokes at pspok2@eq.edu.au for an application pack.

Applications close on 3rd April, 2020.





check your child's timetable on your phone, tablet or computer?

access your child's report cards online?

pay school invoices online with a credit card?

notify the school of your child's absences and monitor attendance?

engage more closely with your child's school?

Visit qparents.qld.edu.au to find out more.





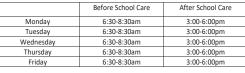
Babinda Community Volleyball is BACK!!

We currently have 10 confirmed teams for the upcoming 10-week season which will start 1st Wednesday back next term (15th July). Due to the increased number of teams there will be an additional time slot of 8pm added.

To ensure the safety of all players and spectators we require everyone to wash their hands before entering The Great Hall. Hand sanitiser will be available inside for use during or after games. A draw will be released on the Facebook page within the next week.







Hours of Operation

