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Principal's Message

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders, past, present and future, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Indigenous Australia.



Hello Biloela Families,

What an amazing start to the year! All 372 of our students have settled with ease including our 67 Preppies. This is most certainly due to the thought, hard work and preparation done by Biloela State School staff during the latter part of 2016 and prior to commencement of school in early 2017.

This warmth and friendliness of the school and community has definitely been evident to me in my first few weeks in Biloela. There is always a welcoming and helpful body to offer support – whether it be moving furniture or sourcing goods and services. This cordiality is positively duplicated in the students of this great school. I have worked in and visited many schools during my many years as a teacher and a school leader. I have not before witnessed a more respectful group of students. Students at this school respect themselves and others. They are friendly, kind and helpful and best of all they love a chat!

If the year continues as smoothly as it has begun – WE ARE IN FOR AN AWESOME 2017!
Enjoy your week.

Anne Saunders
Principal

Teaching and Learning at Biloela SS

Teachers have been meeting this week to discuss school priorities around teaching and learning. We have discussed the importance of being clear with students about what is being learned and having ways of knowing they have learnt this. Our teachers are doing a great job of getting students settled into classes and into their 2017 learning.

Cathie Dendle
Deputy Principal

POSITION VACANT

Biloela State School is employing an additional 10 hours/week Administrative Assistant.

HOURS 2 hours/day in the mornings (approximately 9.30-11.30am).

DUTIES (will include but not exclusively)

Attendance

- Student Attendance/Roll Marking Monitoring
- SMS 'Same Day Notification' of student absences

Media

- Management of Biloela State School Website
- Compiling and editing Biloela State School Newsletter
- Management of Biloela State School Facebook
- Management of Biloela State School QSchools

Other

- Data entry
- Uploading information onto OneSchool

SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES

Essential

- Excellent communication skills
- Computer literacy

Desirable

- Website management knowledge
- Facebook/QSchools management knowledge
- OneSchool knowledge

If you possess the necessary SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES and would like to become part of the dynamic team at Biloela State School, please email Jill Roberts on jrobe152@eq.edu.au with a current Resume (maximum 2 pages) and a short covering letter to be received by COB Thursday February 9, 2017.

Our first two weeks in Prep.....

Biloela State School would like to welcome the new Prep students and their families to the school. We are so excited to have 67 Prep students starting with us this year! The children of Prep H, Prep M and Prep/1F have enjoyed a very busy first few weeks getting to know the classroom routines, making new friends and exploring the school. All children have settled in well and have made a great start to their learning journey at school.

In English the children have been busy beginning to learn letters and sounds through a variety of activities, such as searching for hidden 's' in sand, making the letters using playdough, cutting out paper snakes, painting paper sausages, using their Sounds Right, Read, Write book. The children have also been enjoying listening to and discussing many picture books, in particular *Where is the Green Sheep?*, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*, *What do you See?* and *I went walking*.

In Maths the children have begun to explore numbers from 1 – 10 and have also enjoyed learning about the concept of big and small.

A big part of Prep is also the development of the children's fine and gross motor skills. Fine Motor skills are developed through activities such as cutting, gluing, pre-writing, peg boards, scrunching paper, using tweezers to pick up items. The children are thoroughly enjoying their P.E. lessons with Mr Miller and our morning outside time which continues to support the children's gross motor skills through skipping, jumping, hopping, climbing and crawling.



Chappy Chat.....

Hi Parents & Carers

My name is Chappy Jess and I'm so excited to be starting at Biloela State School this year.

I will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week and am really looking forward to getting to know the students, staff and parents in the school.

We will continue running Chappy Toast every Tuesday and Thursday from 8am and this term I will visit all the classes and spend time getting to know the students and staff and helping out where I can.

If you've been at the school a while you will know the sort of work Chappy Lyn was doing, but in case you're new then please read on.

As the Chappy I am here for the emotional, social and spiritual support of students, staff and parents. That may look like helping a student in the class or playground, running a group to help develop different social skills, work with students one-on-one for emotional support, help out with homework club, run Chappy toast, do activities in the lunch time, be here for a coffee and chat with any parents (I'm new to town so I'd love to get to know you!) and just generally hang out with the students.

Please come up and say hi and if you have any questions just grab me or email me at jessr@chappy.org.au

Looking forward to getting to know you all!

Chappy Jess



Welcome To BOOK CLUB 2017

Thank You for supporting our Children.

Rewards earned go towards our Library for further books and resources.

*Scholastics Book Club is issued once, early in each Term, 4 issues a year.

*Order forms are open for 2 weeks. Orders are returned to students 1 week **after** the closing date. Processing takes approximately 3 weeks.

***Last Day** for orders and payment is displayed on the notice board outside the office and in our newsletter.

* Students are issued with ONE brochure covering all grades. Additional brochures are available in the Office, near front door in a marked Book Club folder.

* **Payments can be made by:**

~ **Credit Card** – through **LOOP** – Online Ordering and Payment platform for Parents. **LOOP** makes it easy, it eliminates the paper order and makes payment easy and safe. Your order will be returned to your child through the school, unless you have indicated it's a gift and you will be contacted.

Log-in to: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download app via AppStore.

*For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save you details for next time

*Select your school and you child's class

*Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)

*Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue

*You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school

*All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's school if you order by the closing date. Orders will be returned within two weeks of closing date.

*There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

OR ~ Cheque

OR ~ Cash

* To order via school enclose completed order form, cash or cheque in an envelope with the following details on the front by last day:
BOOK CLUB, Student's Name, Class & Amount enclosed.

* Deposit envelopes in the Office, through the mail slot at the front desk.

* To keep **gifts** as a surprise, enclose a note with contact details.

LAST DAY for Issue 1: Wednesday 8th February 2017

I do believe something very magical can happen, when you read a book.

"J.K. Rowling"



Get involved in the School Banking program.

Biloela State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Friday. Each week you need to bring your deposit book to the office before school, then it will be returned to you by your teacher.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Upcoming Training Workshops – Biloela

Uniting Care Community

Free training is being offered and shared within your community.

There are minimum numbers for the training to proceed, please ensure you register your interest in attending.

Family Friendly Parenting

Benefits

Good parenting involves everyone working together to tackle the interesting challenges that children can present.

Knowing what you want to achieve, why you want to achieve it and most importantly how you are going to achieve these results as a parent is a good place to start.

This workshop will help you:

- Understand your child's brain and why it rules their emotions, behaviours and reactions.
- Know what you want so you can choose your parenting battles.
- Improve communication and learn some simple techniques to actively listen to what your child is actually trying to say.
- Remember to be kind to yourself as a parent.
- Discover your parenting style and how it influences your communications.

This free workshop will help you to recognise the key elements of understanding and communicating with your children, giving you practical tips & skills on how to engage, respond, and offer support.

Date: Tuesday 14th February

Times: 9:00am-1:00pm

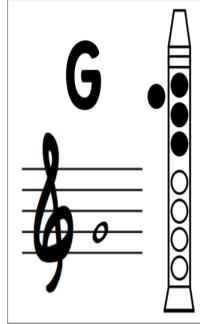
Venue: Catholic Parish, 66 Rainbow St, Biloela (light refreshments provided)

RSVP: To register, email us at crounseling@uccommunity.org.au or call (07) 3624 2428

Joytunes Recorder Competition

Joytunes is an online game that is controlled by the sweet tones of a recorder. As levels progress you learn more notes, and play more interesting tunes. If kids want to play at home they can sign up for free by going to the link below. This will also let Miss Madsen track their progress, so that at the end of the term the students that have reached the highest scores and levels can be rewarded with a prize!

joytunes.com/play?tok=rsmad0@eq.edu.au



Ride ready—quad bike safety....



Information for parents: There have been more than 70 quad bike-related deaths in Queensland between 2001 and 2016—around one in five were children under the age of 16.

Never let a child under 16 use an adult bike, carry passengers or ride without a helmet. Get them some training so they can ride confidently and responsibly.

Remember: Keep safe and Ride ready, for more tips visit qld.gov.au/Rideready

We also have some posters and information in the office if the students would like to come in and get a poster to colour in or an activity to make a chatter Box.

Biloela State School has now implemented **SMS 4 Schools**, a new attendance system in attendance management. Each day around 9.30am a SMS message will be sent to the primary parent/carer for any student who has been marked absent on the rolls. We would like you to send a response back via SMS to give a reason for the absence. This response will automatically be downloaded in to OneSchool. We would like ALL families to please **update their mobile phone numbers** if you have had any changes to the numbers you have provided to the School. It is imperative we have your correct personal mobile number please.

Any children who are late for school must report to the office and **sign the Late Book**, otherwise they could be marked as Absent and you will get a SMS from the school.

