**Year 6,7 Camp update**

Our year 6 boys headed off on camp yesterday at 6:30am. There are 23 Year 6&7 students from St Joseph’s School and 3 Year 6 students from Biniour on camp together at Currimundi Recreation camp. After arriving, they went with instructors to the beach for body boarding. They all had a terrific time. They stay on camp all week - returning on Friday afternoon. On Wednesday they go to Brisbane for the day, visiting Parliament house, the mall, St Stephen’s Cathedral, art galleries and Mt Cootha. I am sure the boys will come back with lots of stories.

**Small School Swimming Carnival**

The Small Schools swimming carnival will be held in Mundubbera on Friday. Your child will need to be there at 8.30am for a 8.45am Start. Please remember swimmers, hats, (broad brim, not caps) and of course water. I can see it being very hot so be ready.

**School stuff**

Over the past few weeks we have started to use the warm up activities to move our students from having information in their short term memory to their long term memory. We are using flash cards and building up the number of cards we currently use. The process is simple, we teach a concept one day or as long as it takes, then revise it in the warm up for the next couple of months. For example: In grade 2 the students needed to know all 2 d shapes up to 10 sided shapes. We taught them the attributes, corners and edges etc. Then usually we would move onto a new concept and not revise those shapes until later. Of course by this time they have a vague memory of the shapes.

Now we put the shapes on flash cards and include them in a daily warm up, so they revise them every day. Its been very effective. Ask your child ‘how many sides does a nonagon have?’ It’s been quite remarkable.

**Thank you**

A big thank you to Mrs Adams for providing transport for our senior group for Life Education last week. It was really appreciated. Hope that knee is on the mend.
Date Claimers

October
7th—8th Cultural Camp (Eidsvold)
9th—Small school Swimming carnival

November

Tuckshop
Please have your money and orders in by Thursday 3pm

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club order forms for Issue 8 have been distributed to students today. Please return any orders to the school by 26 November 2012.

P&C News

1. Christmas Pie Drive has been cancelled due to us being unable to have enough people to sort/deliver pies, etc.
2. The P&C have decided to hold a Christmas raffle, with donations from parents/carers. We have an esky which we are hoping to fill with donated Christmas goodies. You could donate things like Christmas decorations, lollies, a pudding, shortbread, anything Christmas orientated would be great. Please drop your items off to the school so we can collate them and get the raffle started.
3. The 15th of December we will also be holding a Christmas Cent Sale at Binjour, so mark this one on your calendar, and be sure to tell your friends and family to come and support us.

Community Notices

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In January 2013 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Canada, the USA, Japan and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a volunteer host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months.

I would like to inform Binjour Plateau State School students and their families about this is an exciting opportunity to experience a different culture without having to leave their homes. It's a great way for them to learn about a new country and share an unforgettable experience with the entire family!

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If ants are such busy workers, how come they find time to go to all the picnics?

Marie Dressler

Brain Teaser

Can you find three consecutive prime numbers which total 190,747 when multiplied together?

None

Giggle Corner - with Calvin & Hobbes

I love recess!

Two minutes ago, I was eating devilled ham, chocolate milk, grapes, and ice cream.

And now I'm running around on a playground full of nausea-inducing, disorienting motion devices.

It's the one time at school I get some solitude.
MCDA Presents

BOOT CAMP

At Binjour School

Starts Thursday 8th November – 6am
Thursday & Saturday Mornings – 6am
4 weeks
Come to one session or all sessions
Cost: Free