From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome to week 6!
We are now officially half way through the term. Hard to believe, but true. Over the coming weeks we will be completing end of year assessment, designing, creating back drops for our end of year night and finalising costumes.

Last Friday, many of our children participated in the Small School Swim Carnival. I was very proud to see the encouragement and support the students gave each other. Keep up the great work Bijnour! Big congratulations to our Age Champions - Travis Larner, Chesley Larner, Zain Thorneycroft, Gabby Leahy and Rhythm Anbeek.

Rhythm Anbeek and Lachlan Madden have been selected to compete at the North Burnett Swim Carnival this Friday. Go Rhythm and Lachlan, Bijnour is cheering you on!!

Over the past weeks, many of the students have developed a negative disposition which has brought along with it attitude. Behaviours being demonstrated are talking back, smart comments and a lack of respect when speaking to adults and peers. This behaviour is not just occurring at school but also extending to the bus. At Bijnour Plateau State School students are expected to demonstrate respectful, safe and responsible behaviours. At school, expected behaviours are spoken about daily and modelled to ensure all students know what is expected. I ask you to take the time to speak with your child/children around expected school behaviour. If your child/children catch the bus to and from school I encourage you to spend time discussing bus behaviour and what is expected. This conversation should also include safe bus travel.

Once again, this week our pre-prep program will be held. The pre-prep program will run every Wednesday until the end of the school year.

Our P&C is putting in place an end of year raffle. Thank you to those families who have donated. For those families who have not, please consider bringing in donations for the P&C end of year raffle. The raffle will be two hampers; one alcohol and one grocery hamper. The P&C and I are asking for any donations for the two hampers. Suggested items for the grocery hamper are, laundry items, personal items – deodorant, shave cream, tin food, cake mixes etc. Raffle tickets are attached to newsletter.

Remember; Every child matters every day.

Regards,
Miss Kay

Tuckshop
An order form & envelope is attached to this newsletter. Please ensure money is attached with each order. Otherwise it will not be processed. Thank you.

AGE CHAMPIONS
Date Claimers
Tuesday 12th November – Mr Munce Visits
Tuesday 19th November – RAW Art Incursion at school
Wednesday 20th November – Miss Kay out of School (North Burnett Curriculum Leaders Network Meeting)
Monday 25th November – Swimming Starts

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Columbia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

P&C News
The Binjour School is having a fundraising YIAH party! There will be lots of yummy food to try out, and purchase if you like. All proceeds are going straight back to the school. It will be held Sunday the 17th of November at 2.30pm. Please let me know if you can make it, as we’d love to see heaps of people coming along and enjoying some of these goodies. Please feel free to invite you friends, or workmates!

The invitation has most of the details on, so please have a read and join us.

Regards,
Jasmine

Ps - Children are more than welcome to come along and have a play also!

Pie drive order forms. Could you please return orders with money by 22nd November for delivery on 4th December. Don’t forget to ask your all your family & friends.

2013 Christmas Raffle
1st Prize - $250.00
2nd Prize - $150.00
3rd Prize - $100.00
Drawn: December 13, 2013.
Tickets $1.00 each

Winner will be contacted by phone and results published in the CleftPALS newsletter.
This week is CleftPALS Awareness week!!
If any of you are interested in purchasing any raffle tickets and supporting CleftPALS you can contact us on 0741 613241 or e-mail juloppy@activ8.net.au

If you don’t know - CleftPALS QLD Inc. is a national, voluntary organisation of parents and professionals involved in the treatment of the cleft condition. We have members all over Australia, and exchange information with other parent groups.
With Thanks
James, Julie, Liam & Erin Oppermann.
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— FREDRICK KOEING

General Knowledge Quiz

1. What is the name of the German parliament building in Berlin?
2. The Teddy Bear was named after which famous person?
3. What is the name for a triangle which has three sides of different lengths?
4. How many films in the ‘Harry Potter’ series?
5. The air we breathe contains numerous elements; which gas is there most of?
6. Which car logo consists of 3 diamonds which meet in the middle?
7. Who wrote the original Mr Men books?
8. What is the capital of Iceland?
9. What are the first names of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde?
10. Name 3 James Bond films which have a title consisting of only one word?

Quote of the week

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Brain Teaser

Place all of the digits from 1 to 9 into the circles so that the sum of the numbers in each straight line is the same.
What do Parents Think?
Children with social and emotional problems are often the topic of parents’ conversations, as well as the media. Help us document how today’s parents think about children with these problems, their families, and their treatments. We are looking for parents of 4-10 year old children across Australia to complete an anonymous online survey (15-20 min). Participants will go into the draw to win one of 40 $100 gift certificates to Coles/Myer or Woolworths. To participate go to: http://tinyurl.com/parentsattitudes
Or For more information please contact Dr Jeneva Ohan at 08 6488 6928

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?
Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.
We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to: http://tinyurl.com/childsqv
Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652