From the classroom
The new wrist bands are working very well with all students working hard to get some bands. Each day we collect the bands and tally their scores on a chart on the wall. In the senior class we are continuing to work on our tables in maths. Tables as I am sure every parent knows from experience are the foundation of so many other things our children need to know. It’s very difficult to work out 967 divided by 3 if you don’t know your 3 times tables, it’s hard to work out the area of a rectangle with side of 6 X 7 if you don’t know your tables. So many other areas rely on our students knowing their tables. We are also working on telling time which is a life skill. The students are also working on concepts from the national curriculum; however times tables and telling time are our major focus at the moment. Please help at home.

Weekly reports
The weekly reports have been working well, with almost 100% of students returning them signed. These reports are a simple way for us to make sure parents know what is going on at school. It won’t be a long winded report but a simple tick and flick.

Staff whereabouts
This Friday the 28th I will be heading to Biloela on Thursday after school for a Principals business meeting on Friday. Mrs Littleton will be here while I am away. Friday the 21st of March I will be away speaking at the TEDx Mundubbera event (not sure of replacement yet) Also on the 24th 25th and 26th of March Mrs Goldie will be going to Brisbane to complete the Rock and water program.

Prep - 2 news
This term in numeracy, we are working on our numbers, shapes, patterns, addition and subtraction with numbers to 100. Our literacy block focusses on phonemes, graphemes, blends, word families and reading. The students are growing herbs in science and learning about the needs of living things. History is all about past, present, future focussing on family, which links to the Geography unit, “All About Us.”

Student awards
This week we had a number of awards on Parade. Jaycia Adams and Travis Larner both received awards for always trying ... Zachary Baumgart, Phoebe Thorneycroft, Charlotte Madden and Connor Adams all received awards for sight word recognition. Congratulations to all students.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing is again coming around with all students in Australia in grades 3,5,7 and 9 participating. We will be doing some test practice activities with all of our students. The practice sessions help our students get use to the processes and setting out of the questions. The NAPLAN tests shouldn’t be stressful time for your child but if they are concerned please let me know. Most of our students enjoy the tests because, they do get lollies on the day and after all that’s what it’s all about.

Bugs school talk
On Wednesday morning we will have staff from the Mundubbera pharmacy visiting our school to talk to our students about keeping clean and the importance of washing hands etc. The ladies visit our school each year as we move towards flu season.

Tuckshop
FRIDAY TUCKSHOP - $5 to raise funds for the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Come along with your hair colourful and crazy and help support Lily (a local Mundubbera Girl) – lunch will include – a hot dog, colourful cupcake, and a colourful frozen icy cup.
Date Claimers

February
Friday 28th  -  Principal’s meeting  -  Biloela (Mrs Littleton on class)

March
Friday 21st  -  TED x—Mundubbera
Mon, Tues, Wed, 24th,25th,26th  -  Mrs Goldie in Brisbane - Rock & Water program

School Hats

The P&C have purchased school hats which are available from the school. Cost is $8 each.

Last Weeks Solutions

What is represented by this BrainBat?
Knee light light
Neon lights

What is represented by this BrainBat?
DOG THE
The underdog

Community Notice

My Story – from Tina Harzer (Lily’s Aunty)
I’ve created this page because I want to make a difference in honour of my beautiful 11 year old niece with cerebral palsy, Lily. I’m inspired by the work that Cerebral Palsy League do, so I wanted to raise money for them as part of my participation in FebruDAREy. Please help me help them by giving whatever you can using the ’Give Now’ button. The more people that know about Cerebral Palsy League, the greater their impact, so please also spread the word by sharing my page with your friends and family. Thank you in advance for your generosity, it means a lot!!

Get Started is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government’s Get in the Game initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level. Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford, or may otherwise benefit from, joining a sport or recreation club. Round 3 opens for on line voucher applications from 10am on Monday 10 February 2014 and runs to the 30th of April. Vouchers are allocated on a first come, first served basis and require a low income or healthcare card to apply.
Since 1896, the beginning of the modern Olympics, only Greece and Australia have participated in every game.

Australians are the world’s biggest buyers of $WD vehicles.

70% of the world’s wool comes from Australia.

The world’s first feature film was “Soldiers of the Cross”, made and shown in Australia in 1900. The next one was “The Story of the Ned Kelly Gang”, on 1906. The most dangerous ants in the world are the Australian Bulldog ant, which is up to 4 centimetres long.

Notepads were invented in Australia, in 1902, by J A Birchall, of Tasmania.

Fun Facts with Eden

My favourite colour: Pink
How old I am: 4 years old
What pets I have: cats and dog
My favourite food: couscous
When I get home from school: Unpack my lunch and do homework
My favourite book: The Green Sheep

Brain Teasers
Can you solve these?

TOWN
EGVETABLES
EVEGTABLES
LIFEONCETIME

Quote of the week

THE BIGGEST MISTAKE ONE CAN OFTEN MAKE IN LIFE, IS TO BE CONSTANTLY FEARING THEY WILL MAKE ONE.
E.S.F.
Under this agreement for 2014
Binjour Plateau State School will receive $5,000*

This funding will be used to

- Achieve 100% of year 3 students above the National Minimum Standard in Numeracy and Literacy.
- Develop a learning plan for students below the National Minimum Standard.
- Increase the percentage of the students in the NAPLAN upper 2 bands to 50% for Numeracy and Literacy.
- Improve teacher capability through focused coaching and professional development in explicit instruction, tracking and developing students in upper 2 bands.

Our strategy will be to

- Review student performance using smart data tool (weekly data collections).
- Embed and refine explicit instruction to ensure all staff are using high yield teaching strategies to maximize student learning
  
  Hattie, John, (Visible learning, 2008)
  Archer & Hughes, (Explicit Instruction, Effective and Efficient teaching 2010)
- Provide additional Teacher support to students identified as, at risk or not achieving NMS.

Our school will improve student outcomes by

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Andrew Goldie  
Principal  
Binjour Plateau State School

Dr Jim Watterston  
Director-General

*Based on 2013 data. To be updated when 2014 enrolment data is finalised.