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Bedourie State School Newsletter

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Bedourie State School provides quality education to outback children in their own community. Our vision is for each student to complete Year 6 with a desire and ability to be a life-long learner; to achieve beyond acceptable minimum standards; and to have achieved personal bests in a range of areas.

Every child has a good day every day
Every child matters every day

Next P&C Meeting:

Next Thursday

08 June 2017

All community members are welcome!

What's on:

- ★ **Storey Players**
Drama Workshop - 9 June
- ★ **Josh Arnold Music**
Video Link Up - 12 & 16 June
- ★ **Windorah Sports**
Camp - 19-23 June
- ★ **School Holidays**
Begin - Friday 23 June
School Resumes - Monday 10 July



From the Principal

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILY

At the beginning of this week, we had two new students enrol at the school. A big welcome to both Asiale and Lexi Gorringer who have transferred from Windorah. Asiale is in Year 5, and Lexi is in Year 1. A warm welcome to our school community is also extended to their carers, Glenda and Mally. We look forward to working closely with you all.

ATTENDANCE

Oh dear, our attendance has hit an all time low this term. With the smaller numbers, when one child is absent our rate really takes a hit. Due to unforeseen circumstances and extended holiday breaks, it is sitting on 86.3% at the moment. We have a lot of work to do if we are to get anywhere near our target of 95%.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

C2C Delivery – Sarah and I have continued to work collaboratively to ensure that we are delivering the Australian Curriculum at Bedourie State School to each and every student with integrity. We were fortunate to have Ms Fiona bring both Principals and Cluster Teachers from the Barcoo Shire to visit us on the 23 May for Instructional Rounds. Whilst they were here they not only watched and evaluated Sarah and I teaching lessons, but also discussed with us their particular journeys towards curriculum delivery within their own contexts. There was a wealth of extremely powerful learning imparted in one short day, with both Sarah and I having the reflections of others to act upon and help us in our teaching. We are both very excited for the next round of these visits where we will get to travel to another school.

Maths – Our maths sessions continue to be structured so as to ensure all students are working on at least one aspect of number or place value each day. It is the skills that they learn in the number and place value strands that form the basis of all of their maths learning, so it is imperative that we have NO GAPS here at all. All students continue to display improvement.

WEEKLY REPORT CARDS

Each week the students fill out a Report Card that is a reflection of what they have been learning during the week. They also rate their behaviour and effort. This is a great way for us to ascertain just what the children are thinking about their work and is also an indicator of how confident and comfortable they are feeling with the tasks being asked of them. It also gives you, as parents and carers, an idea of the targets they are working towards, the work they doing each week and their results from weekly testing. Please take the time to read and discuss these Report Cards each week, as research indicates that if parents/carers are interested in and value what their children do at school, then the child will achieve more than when there is no interest from home at all. There is a space at the bottom of the Report Card for you to sign and comment. Your reflections and comments are always very welcome.



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Effective teaching – every teacher, every lesson*



LEANNE AWAY

Next week I will be in Longreach on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to attend meetings and workshops. All other Principals from the Outback Advantage will also be in attendance. We will be planning for next semester and furthering our journeys into the delivery of the Australian Curriculum. Brendan Smith (our ARD) and Julie Chisolm (Principal Education Advisor Australian Curriculum) will be facilitating the sessions. Our aim is to share the workload of planning our units.

CAMP FAIRBAIRN

I have made the tentative bookings for this amazing camp, and now need some definite numbers please. The dates for this Camp are 28 August - 1 September. All students are welcome and expected to attend. We have had several trips to this camp, and the students simply LOVE it. Could you please indicate on the attached form whether or not your child/ren will be attending.

MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS

Now that we have mobile coverage in Bedourie, we would like to update our records to include these numbers. Could you please fill in the attached form to allow us to do so.

WINDORAH SPORTS CAMP

Not many sleeps left now until we leave for Windorah (Monday 19 June). The sports/activities on offer this year are: Tennis, Gymnastics, Cricket, Rugby League, Athletics, Netball and Music. Attached is a packing list so you can get started early. Happy packing!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Storey players (Burke and Wills Story) will be running a Drama Workshop at the school on 9 June
- Josh Arnold (whom we have booked to make a small town culture 'movie') will be making initial contact with students (via the phone) on 12 and 16 June.
- School Holidays begin on Friday, 23 June, with school resuming on Monday, 10 July.

*Leanne Hohnke-Jansen
(Principal)*

School Garden

As part of our Technology Unit this semester we have been growing a garden. This week we were able to pick some of the spinach. We made it into pinwheels with ham and cheese. YUM!!!





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Camp Fairbairn

My child/ren

will/will not be attending Camp Fairbairn.

Signed:..... Date:

Mobile Phone Numbers

Family Name:

Mobile Numbers we can call:

Name:Number:

Name: Number: