From the Principal’s Desk

This is the last newsletter for Term 1 2016. What a great start to the year at Boulia State School. It has been such a pleasure to start the year with our staff and students. Our classrooms are buzzing and the students have begun their learning journeys for 2016. I would like to thank every family at our school and wish them a great Easter break.

School Photos

School Photos have been scheduled for the first day of Term 2 on Monday the 11th of April. Could all forms be returned to the office as soon as possible please? As each form has a barcode for your child, it is important that all the forms are returned. Please do not return orders placed without placing the required amount of money into the slip.

NAPLAN

Please be aware of the Dates for NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and Year 5
The NAPLAN test dates for 2016 are Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May.

School Watch

Help us keep an eye on our school these holidays. If you see anything suspicious please don’t attempt to intervene but instead call the School Watch number on 131788. Let’s work together to help create a safer school community. I would like to wish all our families and friends a safe break and a happy holiday.

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The P&C meeting is on the 20th of April @ 6pm in the Boulia State School staff room. Everyone is welcome.
AMOS Visit @ Boulia S.S
**Burke vs Wills**

Swimming Carnival

On the 18th March 2016 Boulia State School held their annual swimming carnival at the Boulia Sports & Aquatic Centre. The teams demonstrated the power of their lungs in their incredibly strong war cries and showed great sportsmanship and encouragement while cheering on their teammates. After putting up a fantastic fight Burke defeated Wills 233 points to 72.

**Age Champions**

Clayton Bedourie  
Destiny Bedourie  
Lloyd Cranston  
Myra Draper  
Jake Britton  
Kathy South
Term One has been a very successful time for the students in the Pioneers classroom. Each child has worked very hard to complete class work and assessment tasks, aiming to achieve good results. Two demanding units of English have been completed in each year level and everyone should be pleased with their efforts.

Reading targets have been met and our data wall shows that the Pioneers have all moved up to the next reading level that they have aimed for.

The Pioneer students have been surprised by some packages being delivered for them during the term. The first came from Claire Reynolds, who visited our school last year. Claire promised to knit beanies for the students to take with them on this year’s Snow Camp. We all had fun unpacking some colourful beanies and cute minion hats. We were very grateful to Claire and her friends for thinking of our students in such a nice way.

More recently, another delivery arrived—3 large bags of warm gear that will be just right for Snow Camp as well—from my sister-in-law. Of course everyone has been surprised that so many other people

Now the Easter bonnets are ready for Thursday’s parade and Easter baskets for collecting eggs during the Easter egg hunt.

The Pioneers class wishes everyone a very happy Easter and a nice family time over the holidays.

Mrs McEvoy, Mr Jay and Miss Rainy
A warm and friendly hi and hello from the Min Min Room! Gosh it’s Easter Holidays already? This term has gone by so fast! It must be because of the fun we’ve been having! It is so lovely to see the kindy kids settling in as well as our new Preps! They have truly become part of the Min Min Room family and we are all enjoying their friendship very much!

The Min Mins have just completed their English Assessment. The Preps had to complete a personal response on the story ‘Hey, Little Ant’. They discussed two events that happened, events they liked and disliked and made a connection with something that happened in the story that has happened to them. All the Preps did an awesome job! The Grade 1’s had to write a persuasive text of the little boy from the story persuading the little ant to do something! It was a hard job, but all the Grade 1’s put in their best efforts to complete it!

In Maths the Preps have been assessed sorting objects into particular groups, closed question data collection and sequencing. The Grade 1’s have been assessed on teen numbers, group counting and measurement. In maths we sometimes watch maths music on the big computer screen. We sing our shape song, number song, and counting by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s. We can sing and dance to the music! It is so much fun!

We have been doing a lot of art in the Min Min room, check out our beautiful stain-glasses butterflies.

We have also been having a wonderful time visiting Miss Jan at the Boulia Shire Library every Wednesday from 2.30pm to 3.00pm. Miss Jan reads us some interesting and funny books! Then if the Min Mins have a library card they can take out one books to go home to read for a week. But we know we must bring it back to change it for a new one the following week! Miss Jan also gives the Min Mins fun colouring in to do, which is a lovely break from all our hard work during the day! Miss Tennant, Miss Lauralee and all the Min Mins would like to say a big thank you to Miss Jan for letting us come and visit you each Wednesday! We will see you after the Easter Holidays!

truly hope all the Min Mins and their families have a awesome relaxing holidays!

Until next time,

Miss Tennant and Miss Lauralee
## Important dates for 2016

### Term 1
- 16th March: P & C Meeting
- 18th March: Bunke Vs Willis Swimming Carnival
- 24th March: Parent Teacher Interviews

### Term 2
- 11th April: First Day of School
- 16th April: School Photos
- 23rd April: Anzac Day Public Holiday

### Term 3
- 11th July: First Day of School
- 18th July: Boulla Public Holiday
- 11th August: Pupil Free Day
- 16th August: P & C Meeting

### Term 4
- 3rd October: Public Holiday
- 19th October: P & C Meeting
- 17th November: P & C Meeting
- 30th November: Graduation & Awards Night

**School Photos** are the FIRST DAY BACK at school in Term 2.

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**School**

**Bring a Plate Day**

**Check out our website**

www.bouliass.eq.edu.au

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**Weekly Events**

- Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:30 pm: Families as First Teachers Program
  - For children 0-5 who come along with their parent/carer to create & learn
- Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 11:15 am: Kindy Pilot Program
  - For students eligible for enrolment in Kindy (Must turn 4 before June 30th 2015)
- Fridays 12:30 pm Parade — ALL WELCOME!

**Bell times**

- School starts at 8:30 am
- Little Lunch 10:45 am — Big Lunch 12:45 pm
- School finishes at 2:30 pm

**Tuckshop** operates every Friday except the last day of each term, which is bring a plate day.

**Sporting for Schools**

- Tuesday & Thursday's 2:30 pm — 4 pm
  - Not in first or last week of terms
  - Starting 19th April

**Library Lessons**

- Pioneers: Monday 2:30 pm — 3 pm
- Min Min: Wednesday 2:30 pm — 3 pm

Please feel free to call or drop into the office at anytime with any concerns or queries.
### Does Attendance Really Matter?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but......

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<td>1 day per fortnight</td>
<td>20 Days per year</td>
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<td>1 day per week</td>
<td>40 Days per year</td>
<td>8 weeks per year</td>
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<td>2 days per week</td>
<td>80 Days per year</td>
<td>16 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over <strong>5 years</strong></td>
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<td>3 days per week</td>
<td>120 Days per year</td>
<td>24 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly <strong>8 years</strong></td>
<td>Equal to finishing at grade 4</td>
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If you want your child to be successful at school then YES,

'Every Day Counts!!'

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If your child misses:
- 1 day per fortnight: 20 days/year, 4 weeks/year, nearly 1.5 years, finishes in grade 11.
- 1 day per week: 40 days/year, 8 weeks/year, over 2.5 years, finishes in grade 10.
- 2 days per week: 80 days/year, 16 weeks/year, over 5 years, finishes in grade 7.
- 3 days per week: 120 days/year, 24 weeks/year, nearly 8 years, finishes at grade 4.

If 1 or 2 days a week don’t seem much, think about the years of schooling missed and the grades your child might not complete.
Plans are well underway for the Boulia State School Snow Camp to be held in Term 3 this year. The Pioneers students who are in Years 4, 5 and 6 are eligible to attend, and the students are already excited about the great time to be had.

The itinerary includes:

Sydney— a visit to Taronga Zoo
Canberra—tours of Federal Parliament House, The War Memorial, Questacon, The Science Centre and the National Gallery
Thredbo—ski lessons and skiing

Please support the fundraising ventures that are run by the Boulia State School P and C Association. Money raised at these events go towards the costs of running the Snow Camp for the students.

- Cake stall on election day
- Trivia Night
- State of Origin on the big screen

Parents and carers make a commitment to pay an amount towards the cost of their child attending the Snow Camp. Fortnightly payments can be made between now and the Camp. Details are made available when the permission form is returned to school.
BOULIA STATE SCHOOL

EVEN FRIDAY BUT THE LAST DAY OF TERM

- English Muffin with Bacon & Sauce $5.00
- Corn Cobbettes $0.50
- Wedges with bacon/sour cream/cheese $4.00
- Chicken Nuggets & Corn Cobbette $5.00
- Lasagne $5.00
- Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwich $5.00
- Ham & Pineapple Pizza $3.00
- Jacket Potato w/Bacon/SourCream/Cheese $5.00
- Pastabake $3.00
- Lifesaver Icy Pole $2.00
- Choc Chip Muffin $2.00
- Vanilla Ice Cream Cup $2.00
- Popper $2.00
- Green Foods “Have Plenty”
- Amber Foods “Select Carefully”

Orders to be placed and paid for Friday mornings

Some items will be subject to availability