News from the principal’s desk …

This is the last newsletter for the year. I wish to express my gratitude to you all. I have been fortunate to experience another wonderful year at Boulia State School. We have great students, staff and parents/carers who genuinely care for our students and want to do the best for them.

What a year 2016 has been! With the children learning Christmas songs and performing at their concert, we certainly know the end of Term 4 is here. Our Year 6 are also getting ready to take their next step into high school, but there’s still time to enjoy all of the festive season and celebrate the 2016 school year that was.

Reports for Semester Two

Parents/Carers should have receive their child’s/children’s Semester Two Report Card in the mail on Friday the 25th of November 2016.

Reporting is part of communicating with parents and building the school-parent partnership to improve student learning. School reporting processes are clear and transparent for parents, so they understand:

- the learning expectations for the student
- the student’s achievement against expected standards
- how well the student is engaging with the expected learning
- how the student may be able to improve

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.

Contact Us

Phone: (07) 4746 3151
Fax: (07) 4746 3307
Address: Templeton Street Boulia, QLD, 4829
Email: admin@bouliass.eq.edu.au

The P&C meeting is on the 8th of February @ 6pm in the Boulia State School staff room.

Everyone is welcome.
2017 Priorities

Planning is well underway for 2017. In 2017 Boulia State School will have a clear, sharp and narrow focus. Our SMART Goal for 2017 is:

_Embed Quality Teaching and Learning so that 80% of students achieve an A-C in English._

The data that we aim to achieve by the end of 2017 is:

- 80% of students achieve an A-C in English
- 80% of Year 3 & 5 students achieve NMS in Reading and Writing.

Our action plan on how we are going to achieve our SMART goal is:

- Develop teaching capacity through focused coaching and professional development to improve student performance by Quality Teaching and Learning.
- Develop teaching capacity through focused coaching and professional development to improve student performance through the Instructional Coaching Cycle (Co-plan, Co-teach, Co-reflect & Co-assess)
- Embed short term data cycles and monitoring to analyse data to inform best practice teaching with English

The 2017 leadership team at Boulia State School consist of Krystal Stanley (Principal) Megan Arcidiacono (K-2 Teacher) and Merron McEvoy (3-6 Teacher). Along with Boulia’s Assistant Regional Director, Lyal Giles and the Principal Supervisor, Ro Coffery will be assisting Boulia State School on their learning Journey in 2017.

Happy and safe holidays

Boulia State School would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday period. We thank you for your continued support throughout 2016 and we’re looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

2017 Term 1

The 2017 school year commences on the 23rd of January 2017.

Thank-you and kind regards,

Krystal Stanley
Whole School Attendance Percentage

As of Week 9, Term 4

Attention Parents/Carers, families and friends of Boulia State School,

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students in maximising their potential. If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to advise the school and provide a reason for the absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- send a note
- telephone the school office on 4746 3151
- visit the school.

Justified reasons for absences may include if the student:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment
- is sick
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral).

Absences for reasons such as the following may not be justified:

- shopping
- sleeping in
- minding younger siblings
- minor family events such as birthdays
- No clothes, shoes or lunch

Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact Boulia State School or pop up to the office for a chat. Thank-you

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I would like to mention our 2016 goals at Boulia State School which are attendance and reading. Our goals have been transparent for the 2016 school year through newsletters, the Principal’s P&C Report, flyers around the community and parade messages. When the staff sit down to nominate a student for the end of year ceremony we carefully short list the students according to the criteria for each award – this is certainly not an easy task to do. This year we introduced the criteria that all students need to have an 85% or higher attendance rate to be eligible for any of the awards. I would now like to show you, the 2016 attendance graph of the students who are eligible for the awards. The criteria for the awards tonight will be exactly the same in 2017, it is crucial that every student, is attending school every day. I know that as a strong community we can achieve this.

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Merry Christmas from the Kindy room
It is the end of the term and I cannot believe how quick it has flown by! Report cards were posted last week and I hope you all received them. I am so proud of the Min Min achievements and successes throughout the course of the semester. All students have improved with their reading, sight words, writing stamina, counting! Congratulations Min Mins, you should be super proud of yourself!

In English, the Min Mins have been looking at adding a new imaginative event into a narrative. The ending must not change and the event has to make sense and be exciting and enjoyable to read. The Prep students retold and wrote what happened in the beginning, middle and end. The Year 1 and 2 students wrote an imaginative event which could be added to the story. The Min Mins have really enjoyed this unit of work!

We have a brand new Interactive White Board in the Min Min Room. It is awesome! The interactive white board will bring new opportunities into the classroom that the children didn’t have before. For example, a piece of work can be brought up onto the white board to annotate it. The children can write and highlight important details in a piece of work. All work can be saved and retrieved later. The opportunities are endless! We are very excited!

Most importantly, we had a very exciting visitor to the Min Min Room on Monday and Tuesday this week. Miss Archie who will be taking over from Miss Tennant in the P-2 Classroom came to meet the children of Boulia State School, staff and parents. The children were very excited to meet her, asking her lots of questions, showing her our beautiful classroom and proudly showing her some work they have done. Miss Archie brought along with her some special treats for the children which they very much enjoyed. We hope Miss Archie had an enjoyable trip to Boulia and Boulia State School. The kids cannot wait to welcome you to the classroom next year permanently!

Good bye and have an awesome holiday,

Miss Tennant and Ms Sacha
The end of the school year has been a happy time for the Pioneers Class. We were delighted to receive our new whiteboard and interactive projector and have quickly learned how to make very good use of this great classroom device. The students all participated very well in the Awards and Graduation Ceremony, and were pleased to congratulate all of the award winners. The performances of “Try Everything” and “Santa Koala” were enjoyed by everyone.

Week 9 is craft and activity week. The Pioneer students joined with the kindy kids to create some happy Santa Clauses, which now make our classroom look very cheerful. Lots of Christmas decorations have been added to the classroom as we try out new ideas.

The students were pleased to take home the tomato relish they made for their families— which they made from our own tomatoes and leeks.

There was glitter everywhere as we made some colourful decorations for the Boulia community Christmas tree.

The Pioneers will be sad to say good-bye to Willie and Hayley as they move on to high school next year. We will miss these two wonderful members of our class and we wish them well for their future.

We also say good-bye to our teacher aide, Mr Jay. Thank you for the time you have spent with us and for all that you have done for the Pioneers. We hope that your next job will be as enjoyable as being part of the Pioneers at Boulia State School.

To the Pioneer students, your families and carers— have a relaxed break and a very happy Christmas. We have had a great year together and I am so proud of you all!

Mrs McEvoy
Mount Isa School of the Air Visit

On Tuesday the 15th of November, we invited Miss Bridoen and the School of the Air students to Boulia State School for a fun day of educational activities. In the morning the students experienced painting sunsets, creating clay creations and performing Little Red Riding Hood with narration and costumes. After a yummy barbeque lunch, the students took part in a fun photo booth, played ukuleles and created animations on iPads. After some more yummy food it was time to put our swimmers on and we all went to the pool to play on the gigantic inflatable buccaneer! What a day! Boulia State School would like to thank Miss Bridoen for visiting and organising lots of fun, the school of the air students and parents for visiting and Matt for cooking a yummy BBQ!
School Chaplains’ News

On our last visit we talked about bullying with the Pioneers class. Below are some ways kids can deal with bullies!

Don’t MESS with ME, or you’ll be SORRY!

STAND TALL and be BRAVE!
Face your “giant” Say “NO!”

We’ll be alright! Don’t even look at him!

GET a BUDDY! (BE a BUDDY)

Remember….. Say NO! GO! Or TELL!
and if necessary YELL (for help!)

DON’T give the bully a chance. Avoid him or her if you can!
GO home a different way!

FEEL GOOD about yourself. Exercise and eat well

Ignore the bully and don’t showed you’re scared!

Have a great Christmas! From the Chappies!

Tell and adult!
The vegetable garden at Boulia State School has been very productive during 2016. During the last weeks of Term Four the students harvested the bumper tomato crop and the leeks. Everyone was part of a plan to make a Christmas present for each school family. With a tried and tested recipe from Gwen Cooms we set about making tomato relish.

The Kindy kids worked with the Pioneers—measuring, chopping and stirring to produce the first batch of relish. Then it was the Min Mins’ turn to cook up the second batch of relish. After the relish was bottled the Year 5 girls made fabric circles to complete the gift. We hope all of the children’s families enjoy the handmade Christmas gift - which was made with lots of thought and care by the children.
On Thursday 24th November, the Boulia State School staff and students joined with the Boulia community for a wonderful evening to celebrate the 2016 school year. The students were acknowledged for their academic effort and community involvement. Miss Stanley spoke of the school’s many highlights and activities during the year. She commended each student for their serious effort and the personal growth they have achieved.

The “Kindy kids” were delightful in their graduation gowns as they received their certificates. The students presented their Christmas song and then sang the graduation song, “Try Everything”.

Year Six students, Haley Dunne-Quartpot and Willie Beasley, were presented with graduation gifts from the school and from the P and C Association. We wish them well as they commence the next stage of their education.

The award winners for 2016

**Overall Attendance** - Kathryn South
**CWA Award** - Kathryn South
**Citizenship Award** - Kathryn South
**Overall Sports Award** - Cheryl South
**Outstanding Excellence in English** - Kathryn South, Pioneers and Zack Britton, Min Mins
**David Britton Outstanding Excellence in Mathematics** - Cheryl South, Pioneers and Oscar Dunlop, Min Mins
**Outstanding Excellence in Science** - Cheryl South, Pioneers and Zack Britton, Min Mins
**Encouragement Award** — Cheryl South, Pioneers and Oscar Dunlop, Min Mins
**Overall Academic Achiever Award** — Kathryn South, Pioneers and Zack Britton, Min Mins
On Tuesday the 29th of November we warmly welcomed Mount Isa’s NRL development officer Mr Nelson Dotoi to Boulia State School. Mr Nelson individually took the Min Min students, with the Kindy Kids, and the Pioneer students in separate sessions. Mr Nelson ran fun and engaging NRL skills and drills so the students could have the opportunity to practise their skills in football. And when it got just a little bit too hot for running any longer, we sat in the nice cooled classroom where Mr Nelson showed us a video of NRL footy players discussing how important dreams are and if you can believe it you can achieve it! All the students thoroughly enjoyed the session.

Boulia State School staff and students would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mr Nelson for visiting our school. We are looking forward to your next visit next year!
On Tuesday the 22nd of November, Boulia State School had a special delivery from Empowered Learning with our two NEW interactive projectors! One for the Min Min classroom and one for the Pioneer classroom! Carl and Sam installed the projectors early Tuesday morning which meant the teachers and students could start learning through the engagement of the interactive projectors!

We would like to welcome you all to our school to view our new learning tools – the students are thoroughly enjoying the visual and hands on interaction via the interactive projector.
2017 Important Dates

23rd of January—2017 Term 1 Commences
26th of January—Australia Day Public Holiday
2nd of February—DAY 8. Every student MUST be at school for enrolment numbers
20th of February—Planet Rhythm (Music program) will be visiting Boulia SS
21st –23rd of February—Footsteps Dance Academy will be visiting Boulia SS
28th-1st of March—Kindy Conference in the Gold Coast (Miss Muffy, Miss Bella & Miss Stanley will be away)
1st of March—5th of March—Miss Stanley will be attending the State Principal Conference in the Gold Coast
3rd of May—Schools Photos with Academy Photography
Jaymin and I would like to take this opportunity to say a sorrowful good bye and well wishes to the Boulia State School kids, staff and parents. Words cannot explain how much we have enjoyed our time at Boulia State School and Boulia itself. Thank you to the Boulia State School staff and parents for your support and encouragement over the past two years. Thank you to the wonderful students of Boulia State School who continually make us smile each and every day. We will miss you all so much, and we will be keeping up to date with all your successes and achievements on the Boulia State School Facebook page. Take care and have a Merry Christmas!

Australian Woman's Weekly

If you haven't already heard, Boulia State School was featured in the Christmas Edition of the Australian Woman’s Weekly regarding the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal with Natalie and Simon Steele.

It was a very humbling and special occasion to read about our beautiful and special school in the magazine! To top things off, the Editor in Chief, Kim Doherty, sent Boulia State School a special handwritten thank-you note, free copies of the Christmas edition along with colouring books and colouring in pencils for each of our families. Boulia State School is a GREAT school and we would like to take this opportunity to say thank-you to the Natalie and Simon from the Salvation Army for this wonderful opportunity.
2017

BOULIA STATE

SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN

TIMES

(5 day fortnight)

Week 1: Monday, 8:30am-2:30pm, Tuesday 8:30am - 2:30pm, Wednesday 8:30am-2:30pm

Week 2: Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm & Friday 8:30am-2:30pm

School commences on Monday the 23rd of January 2017.

If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact the school on 4746 3151.
# Dance Programs

**Educating through movement**

“Footsteps are fantastic! The teachers are extremely personable and well trained. They are thorough in their planning and programming of all lessons. The lessons are delivered in a fun, exciting and motivating atmosphere where every student is encouraged to do their best. I have not hesitated in bringing this company into my school.”

*Bill Bird – Willoughby Public School*

**Why choose Footsteps?**
- We are the longest running most experienced dance provider in Australia and New Zealand with over 20 years experience teaching dance in schools
- Instructors receive up to 3 months on the job training as well as further training and development during each holiday period
- We have qualified teachers on staff to assist in our training in behaviour management and teaching styles
- Our curriculum program meets outcomes from both the HPE and The Arts (Dance) learning areas of the National Curriculum
- Each dance of our curriculum program is linked to a Teacher Resource that outlines curriculum outcome information, music and choreography details, as well as an assessment guide to assess students at each session
- All management staff have been instructors in the classroom - we understand what students need when it comes to dance and fitness.
- Professional and high quality sound system that we bring with us to each lesson
- Our programs change every year and we keep up to date with the latest dance and music trends.
- We offer the largest range of dance styles including individual, partner and progressive partner styles

**Our Dance programs promote:**
- Confidence
- Fitness
- Coordination
- Self-esteem
- Creativity
- Social skills
- Risk-taking

**Course Structure**
Half or Full Term Programs available
Sessions run for approx 40-45 minutes depending on your school timetable.
Our vibrant, energetic and experienced instructors can cater for groups up to 150 students in one session.

**Courses are available from Pre-School to Year 12 including special needs**

**Dance programs pricing**

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**Other services we provide:**
- Vacation Care
- Music Trivia Nights
- DJ Services
- Birthday Parties

**Outcomes**
- Concerts/showcases
- Discos
- Socials
- Parent presentations
- Fete or community performances
- Graduations
- Formals
- and much more...We cater for any dance requirement!
2017 school calendar
Queensland state schools

DECEMBER 2016

JANUARY 2017

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER 2018

JANUARY 2018

There are 194 school days in 2017.
Semester 1 2018 commences for teachers on January 18
and for students on January 22.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Staff professional development days for teachers are January
19, 20, April 3, 4, 5, and October 16. Schools are able to decide
when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in
the school holidays or out of school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister.
Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity
of dates across the state.

FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE
November 17 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt
of a Senior Statement. November 24 is the final date for student
attendance in years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the
Summer holidays on December 1.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication
(September 2016) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit
www.education.qld.gov.au

Queensland Government