THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
A life without fame can be a good life, but fame without a life is no life at all.

It was reassuring to see that the time spent preparing for the start of the school year was rewarded with a very smooth start last week. Thank you to the admin staff, teachers, teacher aides and parents/carers who contributed to this successful beginning to the school year. All students settled into their classes and teachers were able to focus on learning and teaching.

When meeting with the parents/carers of our three Prep classes, I spoke about the positive benefits of parents/carers working together with their child’s teacher. Students are able to achieve their best when teachers and parents/carers work together as a team with common goals focused on the needs of the student. It was fantastic to see so many parents/carers attend these Prep meetings. Please continue to work closely with your child’s teacher/s throughout their time at Bundaberg East.

I am looking forward to spending some time with our school leaders on Thursday/Friday this week when they attend Leadership Camp at Chaverim. This will be an excellent opportunity for our student leadership team to get to know each other and focus on developing their leadership skills. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to see our young leaders in action as they tackle some challenges.

Over the Pupil Free Days, staff reviewed the key sections of our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. In particular, we reviewed the behaviours we expect of East students. The work that has been done will be shared with our P&C for their endorsement at the next P&C meeting. It is these expected behaviours that we will reinforce with our students, teaching them specific expectations where required.

Our focus for this week and next is ‘Walking on concrete.’ Please reinforce this expectation with your son/daughter. Mr Brad Young, Acting Principal

PARKING REMINDER!

We kindly remind parents that they are NOT permitted to park or drive into staff car parks (located off Scotland St & off Ann St) to drop off or collect their children from school.

☆ This is to ensure the SAFETY of our students who are moving in and around our school before and after school ☆

We advise that the Bundaberg Police will be patrolling the school to monitor parking, general road use and speeding. Infringements may be issued. Your co-operation in this regard is much appreciated. Thank you.
YEAR 2 SWIMMING
The Year 2 swimming program will commence next Tuesday 6th February (week 3) and conclude Tuesday 27th March (8 week duration). Students will travel to and from the Bundaberg Swimming Academy on Fitzgerald Street by bus each week. The weekly cost of $8.00 covers the lesson conducted by qualified swimming instructors and the bus fare. Please ensure your child returns their permission form prior to Tuesday 6th February.

CHANGED PATHWAY ACCESS FROM SCOTLAND STREET ENTRANCE TRENCHING WORK AT FRONT OF SCHOOL DUE TO COMMENCE
There will be some changes to access pathways over the next week (or two). Please be advised of the following:
1. The path from the main entry gate on Scotland Street will be redirected up the stairs and around the end of E Block for entry/exit via this gate.
2. Students catching buses for After School Care in the mornings and afternoons will still access the car park via the ramp near the tuckshop.
3. No pedestrian access is permitted at any time through the main double carpark gates.

Thank you for speaking with you son/daughter about these changes if they affect them. These changes will also be explained on Monday’s parade.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM
Our school will be offering the Sporting Schools Program to students in years 4 to 6 during term 1. It has been decided that the program being offered will be a Surf Lifesaving program delivered by the Bundaberg Surf Lifesaving Club and supervised by our teachers Miss Stack and Mrs Heads. Students will travel to and from Neilson Park Beach by bus for a total of five sessions commencing next Wednesday, 7th February 2018. Students in years 4 to 6 were given an information sheet/nomination form yesterday. If you child is interested, please return the nomination form for consideration. Students who receive a place in the program will be notified in writing early next week.

Details are as follows:-
Cost: Nil  Time:  2:50pm – 4:30pm
Dates:  7th Feb, 14th Feb, 28th Feb, 7th March, 14th March – No session on 21st Feb

P&C AGM & GENERAL MEETING
The Annual General Meeting of the Bundaberg East State School P&C Association will be held in the school staffroom on Wednesday 21st February at 7:00pm. Business to be discussed includes:-
- 2017 Presidents Report
- 2017 Audit Report
- Election of 2018 office bearers
- General Business
This meeting will be followed by the General Monthly Meeting for February. Business to be discussed is as follows:-
- Market Night Date
- Update on Shade Structure
- Review of 2017 Awards
- 2018 AIP & and Strategic Plan

All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

Food, Glorious Food!
We remind parents that we are trialling a new Big Lunch routine where students play first and then break to eat before returning to class. It still remains a concern of staff that some students are now looking for MORE FOOD. Previously students weren’t keen to sit and eat as the temptation to play was much stronger. Now that students are playing before eating, they have a much larger appetite. We are suggesting to parents that they speak to their son/daughter to determine if there is a need to pack extra food (extra round of sandwiches or more fruit).

Tuckshop
NO REGULAR TUCKSHOP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Ice-blocks & drinks will be available to purchase each Tuesday and Thursday Big Lunch starting next Tuesday, 30th January.

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✈️ POSITION VACANT
TUCKSHOP CONVENOR ✈️
Expressions of interest are being called for the position of Tuckshop Convenor. If you are interested in applying for this position, please collect a Position Description from the office to find out more information regarding hours, wages and duties.
**SPORTING SUCCESS**

Last week, **KANE** travelled to Melbourne to represent Queensland at a National Table Tennis Tournament. Kane returned to school this week and proudly reported that out of the 8 players in his age division, he was ranked 6th. This means that Kane is officially the 6th best U12 Table Tennis player in AUSTRALIA! **Well done Kane – keep up the great work!**

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**DENTAL VAN UPDATE**

**2018 PREP STUDENTS**

Earlier this week Dental Consent Forms were sent home to all prep students. We thank the many prep parents who have promptly attended to the completion and return of these forms. The Dental Van will be in contact in due course.

For any prep parents who have not yet returned their child’s Dental Consent Form, we urge you to complete the form and return it to the prep teacher or the office AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY so that the Dental Admin Team can process the paperwork and begin the appointment process.

In the event your prep student did not bring a form home or you have misplaced the form, please collect a new one from the office.

**STUDENTS FROM YEARS 1 TO 6**

As we have entered a new calendar year, the Dental Van team may need fresh documentation signed before they can proceed any further. In the event your child has brought new Dental Forms home for completion/signature, please attend to this AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY and return to the school office so the Dental Van can proceed with appointments/treatment.

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**YOUR ‘WEEKLY’ JAPANESE FACT**

Did you know?

**JAPAN’S LITERACY RATE IS ALMOST 100%**

That’s impressive!

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**SPECIAL VISIT IN YEAR 1**

Tomorrow, Christine Wynne, a carer from the Bundaberg Wildlife Carers’ Association will visit each of the year 1 classrooms to introduce our students to a Ringtail Possum. This visit is set to add significant value to the learning of our year one students who are currently studying the storybook ‘Possum Magic’ and its characters. The grade one students have also been labelling the body parts of possums as part of their science unit this term.

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**Handy Hints**

**NEWSLETTERS**

Printed newsletters are issued to the **youngest sibling of each family every Thursday**. If for some reason a family does not receive a Newsletter, spare copies are available from the office. Alternately, electronic copies can be viewed each Thursday afternoon by visiting our website at [www.bundeastss.equi.edu.au](http://www.bundeastss.equi.edu.au) and selecting the ‘Calendar and News’ drop down box followed by the ‘Newsletters’ option.

**NO SCOOTERS/SKATEBOARDS AT SCHOOL**

A number of scooter/skateboards are being ridden and stored at school. We remind parents and students that scooters and skateboards are **not** allowed at school.

We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

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**PERSONAL DETAILS CHANGES**

If parents have changed any contact details, we kindly ask that you attend or contact the school office to advise updated information. Information that may have changed includes phone number, address, emergency contacts, medical conditions etc. Up to date contact details allow us an efficient response in the case of an emergency.

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

We take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have attended a Parent Information Session with their child’s teacher so far. This is another way that teachers and parents can support each other to provide the best possible educational outcomes for our students.

Details of sessions yet to be held are outlined below:-

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**Chair Bags**

**EXPRESSONS OF INTEREST**

*If you or someone you know has a commercial sewing machine capable of sewing canvas & who would be interested in making chair bags for our school, we invite them to contact our school office on 4132 6111 to discuss.*

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**FOR SALE**

*All the requirements needed to play the viola - $45*

- New set of spare strings, music stand, used rosin, chin rest & Sound Innovations for Viola Book 1 in VGC. Phone Barb 0419 266 305.

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**Welcome to Book Club**

Book Club Catalogues were sent home with students earlier this week. Orders are due at the office by **MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2018**.
Festival of Netball

Presenters
• Rebecca Sparrow
• Clare McMeniman
• Julie Gilbert
• Anna Young
• Eve Shepherd

Open to all clubs and associations within the Bundaberg, Wide Bay & Gladstone regions. For further information regarding the presenters and to book tickets, please visit our website: brothersbundaberg.qld.netball.com.au

ALLOWAY FOOTBALL CLUB INC.
“Family, Friendly, Fun”
Junior Club of the Year 2016

JUNIOR SIGN ON
Saturday 10th February
10am - 12pm

Melbourne Hotel
Contact: Merry Hall 0417 403 842
Teams 2018:
U/6 - U/16
Senior Men and Ladies
All new and past players welcome