THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that is your own self.

ATTENDANCE: 97.2%

Sport is an integral part of school and at East we value the opportunities provided for students to be part of school sport. We offer inter-school sport in Terms 1, 2 and 3 for 5 week blocks as timetabled by the Bundaberg Sport Association. All students in years 4 to 6 are invited to play sport. Students whose general school behaviour is unacceptable and whose work is not complete will be withdrawn from school sport.

For Term 1, inter-school sport will be offered from Friday 24th February to Friday 24th March. Sports to be offered are as follows:

**BOYS**
- Hockey
- AFL
- Tennis
- Lawn Bowls

**GIRLS**
- Hockey
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Lawn Bowls

Students have been asked to nominate a sport and based on their interest, teams will be formed. Please be aware that some sports have limited spots available as the venue can only cater for a certain number of students. Some students may be asked to play their 2nd preferred sport to ensure numbers are controlled. For students travelling away from school for Friday sports, there will be a cost of $4.00 per week to assist with the transport costs. This money will be paid to their coach. More information including a permission slip will be provided directly to students in the coming weeks. Mr D B Ambrose

YEAR 2 SWIMMING TO CONTINUE NEXT WEEK
The Year 2 swimming program will continue next Tuesday, 14th February.

Please ensure your child’s swimming equipment is sent to school in a separate swimming bag and that all belongings are clearly named. Thank you

HEAD LICE ALERT
We have had numerous reports from parents within the lower and upper school of head lice.

You can help with this problem!

It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice TODAY. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment and combing immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment which includes re-treating in 7 days and again in 14 days. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. If you require information on how to treat head lice or need help please contact the school.
PRESENTATION DAY SURVEY RESULTS

The results are in from our survey on parent satisfaction on our end of year presentation ceremony. Overall, 16% of families responded with the following results:-

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The only area of concern would appear to be the attendance awards where opinions were voiced on the influence that unavoidable illness and other factors may have on the possibility of students obtaining an attendance award. In the coming weeks we will be examining possible alternatives to the concerns raised with school staff and at the next P&C meeting.

ATTENDANCE RATES

This year we have started setting an extremely high standard with our attendance rates. Currently we are averaging 97.2% with the highest attendance rate being 98.9% on 24th January. Attendance at school is crucial not only for the academic success of students but also for their social and physical development. Work missed erodes the confidence of students and if students are accessing additional support be it extension or support classes, failure of students to attend is a waste of resources. I urge all parents to give their children the best possible shot at life by ensuring maximum attendance.

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 15th February at 7:00pm. Business to be discussed includes:- 2016 Presidents Report 2016 Audit Report Election of 2017 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 2016 Awards
- 2017 AIP & and Strategic Plan

All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

URGENTLY REQUIRED

4L ICE-CREAM CONTAINERS

If families have any spare, clean 4L ice-cream containers, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to our school. 4L ice-cream containers are utilised for many purposes around the school causing our stock to run low quickly.

SILKWORM EGGS WANTED

I am looking for silkworm eggs. If you have any, could you please come and see me in the library.

Mr Paul McMillen – Teacher Librarian

SMALL JARS & EMPTY 2L SOFTDRINK BOTTLES

We require SMALL JARS and EMPTY 2L SOFT DRINK BOTTLES to assist with our science program. If you have any small jars or 2L soft drink bottles that we could have, please deliver to the school office. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

Next Tuesday, 14th February our Student Councillors will come together for their first meeting of 2017. Student leaders will hold a meeting with their class groups to gauge student concerns that will then be discussed further at the meeting and a response provided. Student Councillors will then report back to their class groups. These meetings are a valuable means of having students input into their own school and its progress.

RSL COMMUNITY LINK PLAQUES

Our school proudly supports the RSL Community Link Scheme where students who have deceased relatives who served in the Armed Forces can apply for a distinctive badge to remember them. These badges are engraved with the veteran’s full name, service details and feature miniature representations of their service decorations and are presented by service personnel at our Anzac Day Service each year. I have been talking to all classes this week about this so your children should be well informed. If you would like more information, see a sample badge or get an application form please come to see me. The RSL has modified the process required to get these fabulous family mementoes making it much easier. You must have some evidence of their service history to support your application and they will help with the rest. If you need help to find these details I can also assist. These plaques cost $15 each and applications can be made throughout the year to avoid the rush around Anzac Day. Come and talk to me if you are interested and I will help you remember your relative’s service. Thank you - Paul McMillen, Teacher Librarian

PREP PHOTOS 😊

On Tuesday the News-Mail photographer photographed our current prep classes. These photos will appear in the News-Mail paper on a date yet to be advised as part of a feature article highlighting the first year of school across all Bundaberg District Schools. We will keep you informed in this regard.

TERM 1 DISCO

Thursday 9th March
6pm - 7:30pm - $3 Admission
Theme: ‘Let’s Go Wild’
WILD HAIR ......... Wild Styles .........
& of course, WILD DANCING!!
**CHAPPY KELLY’S NEWS**

Welcome back!! What a great start to the year already and welcome to all our new families. I have spent most of the first few weeks getting things ready for our lunchtime activities & splitting myself amongst the Prep classes, helping where needed and getting to know our new “super little learners”.

**WHAT'S ON - Breakfast Club** - available to all students Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays free of charge and runs from the Tuckshop. This service is community funded and relies on donations so if you wish to contribute in any way it is most welcome.

**WHAT'S ON - Chappy Craft** - Every Wednesday Big Lunch at “E Block” open to all (limited places) free.

**Awesome Friends** - The Awesome Friend Awards started back up last week. All students are invited to visit my “Chappy Room” window and get a nomination form to nominate someone who has shown outstanding friendship. Then POST YOUR FORM in my CHAPPY MAIL BIN at the window!!! Names are drawn each fortnight and winners presented on parade with an “Awesome Friend Award” certificate and matching wristband.

**WHAT'S NEW** - It is with sadness that I advise that due to lack of chaplaincy community funding, I have been forced to reduce my chaplaincy hours each week here at school. New hours: Every Wednesday + Every second Monday

**COMING UP**

Term 2 ☺ "Chappy Week"

☺ Spin Off (spin bike team challenge) Chaplaincy Fundraiser more info and dates to come. (I’ll be looking for teams of 10, students and parents and teachers!!!)

☺ Year 6 lunchtime girls group. Blessings, Chappy Kelly

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**BUNDABERG JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS EXTENDED**

Bundaberg Touch Association has extended the 2017 Season 1 Junior Registration closing date to the 18th February 2017. The decision to extend the date was to accommodate the State Governments extension of the Get Started Voucher program and to ensure we gain sufficient registrations to accommodate teams across all divisions.

Registration is only $100 per player which is a one off season fee and includes a team playing shirt which the player keeps. No additional fees. No training sessions. Just turn up each Friday night ready to play with new friends and develop great skills.

The 2017 Junior Competition will now commence on Friday 24th February 2017. Further info provided on the Bundy Touch website www.bundytouch.com

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Last week we distributed the 2017 Tuckshop Menu to every family. PLEASE NOTE THAT PASTA BOLOGNAISE IS AVAILABLE IN TERM 1.

Please also refer to the NEW TUCKSHOP LIST when ordering. Our tuckshop no longer sells lollies, chips or ice-blocks (except Zings, Bulla Tubs & Frozen Yoghurts)

**ORDERING**

Our tuckshop operates every Thursday but ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY ★WEDNESDAY★

A Tuckshop Box is placed outside both the tuckshop and C Block every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings before school. Please be aware that items may not be available if orders are received on Thursday.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

**AFL COME AND TRY**

AFL Super Clinic

Free for boys and girls of all ages to come and meet some Brisbane Lions Players. There will be fun games and a chance for photos and autographs.

When: Tuesday 21st February
Where: Kendalls Flat Bundaberg
Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm

For more information contact Shaun Stone on 0420 980 514 or by email to shaun.stone@aflq.com.au