**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit and grieve. Find another way. And don’t pray when it rains if you don’t pray when it shines.

Positive relationships are at the heart of teaching and learning and every student should arrive at school every day ready to engage and be part of the school. All students should look forward to something at school whether it be friendship, music, sport, maths, reading or robotics. I get tremendous satisfaction walking around of a morning seeing students coming into school with heads held high, smiling and greeting everyone in a bright, cheery way. Such a start to the day makes all the difference and sets the right mind set for the remainder of the day.

At times however we do run into occasions where there is tension between students and students or staff. In a workplace that has 600 students and 75 staff it is inevitable that such tension will occur. Although it would make life much easier if everyone could get along all the time, it is human nature that sometimes conflict will happen. On these occasions, every effort is made to resolve the conflict quickly and in the best interests of all concerned. Often when situations of conflict arise the term bullying is used as it stirs emotions. I have included a definition of bullying as well as including information on conflict. Sometimes the two are confused.

**Bullying – a definition:** It is important that bullying be defined and that clear messages are sent about what is and is not acceptable behaviour. A school cannot address the more subtle forms of bullying if they are not named and understood to be forms of harassment. Bullying can be defined in the following ways:-

1. A **repetitive** attack causing distress, not only at the time of the attack, but also by the threat of future attacks.
2. Involving an **imbalance of power**. Its nature may be:
   - Verbal: name-calling, put-downs, threatening
   - Physical: hitting, tripping, poking, punching, kicking, throwing objects, stealing
   - Social: ignoring, hiding, ostracising
   - Psychological: stalking, dirty looks, spreading rumours, hiding and/or damaging possessions

However, we do often find that students are involved in a relationship conflict – a falling out of friends; shifting of friendship groups…..and the like.

**What is Conflict?** In a word, conflict is a clash, a disagreement between two or more parties. In a school setting, conflicts occur. Although conflict often fosters insight and growth, it is frequently perceived as a problem, something that persistently signals trouble. Someone involved in a troublesome conflict usually feels angry and the clash between the disputants can escalate and explode.

Consider the students dealing with a former ‘best friend’. Characteristics of this conflict is an underlying problem. Why have the friends had a painful argument? What does each want? What does each need? What might be the underlying problem? When defining conflict, the word problem is the key.

Often when dealing with a complaint from parents or students, the issue is usually raised as a bullying issue because some nasty things have been said between these involved. We find more often that it is a conflict between people. However, if the conflict continues and any of the above points mentioned in the bullying segment are brought into play, then we deal with it as a bullying issue. Remember it is best to always report an issue to the school as the situation can often be resolved in an acceptable way with as little loss of self-esteem and self-respect as possible.

Mr D B Ambrose
INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLANS
Individual Learning Plan meetings will commence next week. A whole school timetable is published below but each teacher will send home individual notes.

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SCHOOLS’ REPRESENTATIVE SPORT SELECTION
The selection of students in Schools’ Sport Representative Teams has commenced for 2017. Well done to ELLA, ISAIAH and TYLER who have gained selection in the Bundaberg Schools’ Softball team. These students will now compete in the Wide Bay Selection Trials in Hervey Bay on 29th and 30th March. We wish Ella, Isaiah and Tyler the very best of luck at the trials.

Next Thursday 9th March
6:00pm – 7:30pm – $3 Admission
Our first disco for 2017 will be held on Thursday 9th March at 6:00pm. Our new year 6 DJ’s will be providing the music for students to dance to. Proceeds from the evening will be in aid of the Year 5 camp. The tuckshop will be open for the purchase of food and drinks.

Theme: ‘Let’s Go Wild’
WILD HAIR . . . . . . WILD STYLES . . . . . .
WILD DANCING!

Tuckshop Menu

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Book Club brochures have been sent home with students this week. Please return all orders to the school office by WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH! Thank you.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION
Religious Instruction (RI) lessons began last week for many classes (except year 6 who will commence later this term). RI will only be delivered to students in accordance with parental consent given at the time of enrolment. If your wishes regarding your child’s participation in RI have changed since enrolment please contact the school office to update your instructions. A list of classes participating in RI and their instructor is provided below:

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The Religious Instruction program provided at our school is endorsed by the combined churches. The cost of participating in RI is $5 per student or $10 per family. This amount can be paid at the office.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE TEXT MESSAGES
Since the beginning of 2017, our school must notify parents (by way of a text message) if their child is absent from school and we have not yet received a reason for the absence.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO RESPOND TO OUR TEXT MESSAGE IS BY A REPLY TEXT MESSAGE CONTAINING THE REASON FOR THE ABSENCE (ie. sick, away for appointment etc)

Your reply text automatically matches up to your child’s record and inserts the reason next to your child’s absence for that day so that it is no longer recorded as an ‘unexplained absence’. 
Last week saw the commencement of our interschool sport program. From all reports it was a very smooth start with students enjoying themselves. The sport program will continue for the next four weeks concluding on Friday 24th March. All students are reminded that school sport is a privilege, not a right and failure to complete set work or maintain positive behaviour will result in students being withdrawn.

RETURN OF NOTES & MONEY
Soccer: Notes & money to your Team Coach (Mr Hillocks, Mrs Nastasi, Mrs Perry or Mrs Gardner)
Tennis: Notes & money to Mrs Curd (K Block)
Lawn Bowls: Notes to Mrs Barns (E Block)
Hockey: Notes & money to Mrs Ash (B Block)
Aussie Rules: Notes & money to Mr Pozzebon (B Block)

NEWS-MAIL PREP FEATURE PUBLICATION
The News-Mail has advised that the Prep Photos taken last Tuesday will appear in the News-Mail on 22ND MARCH as part of the 2017 Prep Feature Publication.

OUT OF BOUNDS

We again remind parents that our school playgrounds are OUT OF BOUNDS AFTER SCHOOL. As we do not have any staff on playground duty after school, students and their siblings are not permitted to use the playgrounds at this time.

PLEASE HELP OUR SCHOOL MAINTAIN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT BY NOT ALLOWING YOUR CHILD/REN TO USE THE PLAYGROUNDS AFTER SCHOOL. Thank you.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING TO CONTINUE NEXT WEEK
The Year 2 swimming program will continue next Tuesday, 7th March.

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

ART EXHIBITION
This Saturday night the Bundaberg Art Society will open their 2017 Art Exhibition at the Civic Centre. The exhibition will be open from Sunday 5th March to Saturday 11th March from 9-5. There will be over 400 paintings, artworks and displays with pieces coming from across Queensland. MR BRENNAN, along with JACQOBI from our school, will have some of their work on display. I would recommend families dropping in and having a walk through the work on display.

CHAPPI KELLY’S NEWS
2017 “SPIN OFF” Chaplaincy Fundraiser Confirmed!! SATURDAY AFTERNOON 20TH MAY
I NEED YOU - STUDENTS IN YEARS 5/6 - PARENTS & TEACHERS!
I need teams of up to 10. This is a time trial challenge. Teams alternate riders over a 30 minute period to compete against other schools!!! Which team can ride the furthest in 30mins? (I think ours!!!). You may like to check out a promo video here at www.spinoff.org.au. HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW DATES FOR BUNDABERG FOR 2017 HAVE NOT BEEN UPDATED YET. More details to come!
😊 A special thank you to Kasey and Darby and their family for their generosity in supporting the Breakfast Club program. Very appreciated.
😊 Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) meeting on tonight at 7pm at St John’s Lutheran Church, 30 George St, South Bundaberg. All support welcome.

Blessings, Chappy Kelly

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. Thank you

YET! More details to come!

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www.spinoff.org.au

OTTER AFL EAGLES CLUB
Seeking players for the upcoming 2017 season
Age groups available AusKick U8’s, 10’s, 12’s, 14’s, 16’s
Girls welcome in ages 7yrs to 14yrs
Frank Coulthard Oval on Claytons Road
Season Starts April – Training to commence shortly

For more info, contact Kim Trotter 0407 039 877 OR Email: kimmitee68@gmail.com OR visit www.atwafl.com.au
CITIES HOCKEY CLUB - COME AND TRY DAYS

Come Saturday or Tuesday and learn some skills from our club coaches.

**When:** **Saturday** 4th March 9 – 11am and **Tuesday** 7th March 4 – 5:30pm

**Where:** Hinkler Park, Cnr Thornhill St & Hinkler Av (Just off northern end of the Tallon Bridge)

**What to Bring:** Hat, long socks and water bottle (Hockey sticks & shin pads supplied)

**Contact:**  
President: Peter McLennan - 0428 576 238  
Secretary: Karen Lindsay - 0432 688 099

**OR** email: citieshockey@hotmail.com

★ Seeking players aged 6 - 16 years ★