**Parent / Teacher Meetings Thanks**

Thank-you to teachers and parents for taking the time to meet during the last week. Parents, please feel free to contact your teacher at any time with concerns regarding student progress or well-being.

**Thanks**

Thanks also to everyone who helped with last Thursday’s assembly which incorporated the presentation of badges to student leaders. Mr Ross Robertson, the Principal of Bundaberg North State High School, was our special presenter for the ceremony. The strings ensemble and recorder groups performed very well, as usual, and the student leaders did a commendable job with their acceptance speeches. Special thanks to Janelle and our terrific mums who helped prepare and serve a lovely morning tea for guests and visitors. The students were a great audience for the presentation. Well done! Thank-you to Jan Foster for the photo, below, and doing her usual excellent job as photographer.

**Class News**

Thank-you to teacher Laura Stack and the Prep students for this week’s Prep insert.

**Sports Efforts**

Well done to Flynn P for participating in Bundaberg Zone Rugby League trials last week. As she did last year, Desiree C participated in the State Little Athletics championships on the weekend in the 200 and 400 metre events. A wonderful effort, Desiree! Good luck also to Shannon S who represents Bundaberg Zone at the Wide Bay Netball trials, this week.

**Happy Holidays**

Have a nice Easter and we’ll see everyone refreshed and ready to resume school on Monday, 15 April.

Jeff Searle

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**Easter Disco ~ When I Grow Up**

We are looking forward to the student disco this Wednesday, 27 March. The dress-up theme will be ‘When I grow up’. The doors will be open from 5.30pm, with the disco from 6.00 to 8.00pm. Please refer to the advertisement in this Informer. Canteen prices are also included. The Easter raffles will be run on Wednesday evening at the disco. Adult raffle tickets are $2 while student raffle will be $1. Funds raised support excursions.

**Interhouse Cross Country**

Our interhouse cross country is this Thursday, 28 March. A reminder about arrangements:

- Students are invited to wear their house colours for interhouse cross country day.
- There will be a free sausage and bread at first lunch for the competitors, courtesy of the P&C. Students still need to bring their lunch as it will be one sausage per student.
- Parents and family members are invited to come along for the morning to cheer on the competitors. Bring your chairs and wear your house colours.

Approximate starting times are:

- 9.00am 5 Years
- 9.50am 9 Years
- 9.10am 6 Years
- 10.10am 10 Years
- 9.20am 7 Years
- 10.30am 11 Years
- 9.35am 8 Years
- 10.50am 12/13 Years

See you on Thursday. Go Beatty, Gibson and Thompson!

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**School Calendar**

- March 25 (Mon) Newsmail Prep Photo
- March 26 (Tue) Health & Safety Committee meeting
- March 27 (Wed) School Disco 6.00 – 8.00pm
- March 28 (Thur) Last day of term / Interhouse Cross Country
- March 29 (Fri) Good Friday / Mid-Semester Break commences
- Term 2
- April 15 (Mon) Term 2 starts
- April 24 (Wed) School ANZAC Day School Service
- April 25 (Thur) ANZAC Day ~ Community Dawn Service

*No Weekly Assembly this Thursday due to the Cross Country
March Birthdays
25 Bethany P, Emily D, 28 Shania M
29 Paige M, 31 Zoe W

April Birthdays
25 Bethany P, Emily D, 28 Shania M
29 Paige M, 31 Zoe W

NO ICE CUPS this week. Back again in Term 2.
Thanks for your supporting our excursions.

CLASS AWARDS
Nicholas G: Showing a great interest in learning.
Isabel M: Becoming more confident speaking in front of the class for “News”.
Brooklyn T: A great narrative about a truck accident.
Jasmine D: Always listening carefully.
Therese C: A great effort contributing to class discussions.
Blake M: A fantastic effort on planning his flowchart in Reading Groups.
Mitchell D: Always working at a high standard.
Britani J: Always participating in classroom activities.
Aylish D: An excellent effort at the Wide Bay Touch Trials.
Emily R: Excellent listening and thinking in class work – great hands up!
Tyler W: A fantastic Consequence Chart for SOSE – Introduced Rabbits to Australia.
Laura W: A brilliant Consequence Chart in SOSE – Introduced Rabbits to Australia.

Kolan South State School
Easter Disco
When I Grow Up...
Wednesday 27 March
6.00-8.00pm
George Hall
$2 entry
Raffles Adults $2, Children $1

Lantern Prices
Sausage Rolls & Pies $3
Chips 50c
Water & Soft Drinks $2
Juice Poppers $1.50
Assorted Lollies

UnitingCare Community - LIFELINE
FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE
Some weeks have gone by now since the floods and people are now dealing with the effects on their budgets and general day to day life. It is often after a disaster people access immediate financial support and then turn their attention to cleaning up their homes which means bills start to pile up.

Financial Counsellors are always a vital part of recovery efforts. Though this service UnitingCare Community is able to support people to negotiate with their creditors in a time when their stress levels are at a premium, and they are just coping with the devastation that was happening around them.

We encourage you to ring UnitingCare Community Financial First Aid 1800 087 097 or our Financial Counselling Service in Bundaberg, phone 4153 8400 to discuss your situation and options.

BUNDABERG JUNIOR TENNIS
Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coaches, Murray Whitbread & Kevin Barner will commence weekly lessons Monday 15th April and Saturday lessons commence 20th April for Term 2, 2013 at the Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69b George Street, South Bundaberg.
MLC Hot Shots (Green Ball) resumes Monday 22nd April with MLC Hot Shots (Red & Orange Ball) resuming 27th April. All ages are catered for. Group and Private Lessons available.
Enquiries and to Register please phone Murray 0407 639824 or Kevin 4152 0753 or 0409 520753.

GINGIN ATHLETICS
First week starts on Sat 20th April. This starts at 8.30. All athletes to have water, hats, and shoes must be worn at all times. Make sure shoes are comfortable to run in. Sign On before the end of April to go into the draw to win a $100. Each athlete goes into the draw.
Jackie Walker (Centre Manager)

Prep News
We have been very busy this term. We have been making new friends, reading books, learning our letters and sounds, counting to 50 and so much more!

Our Magic Hats are fun and look great.

Using our sense of taste to identify different foods.

It's got hair!

Our 'Cress Heads' are fantastic!

What's happening here?

This is a great construction, Kaelin.

Working with School Captain, Shannon. Year 7 students have been helping out in the Prep classroom.

A notice about BlazeAid
My name is Bev Kane and I am the coordinator for the BlazeAid Base at Gin Gin.
We were established recently and are one of six BlazeAid bases in SE Queensland helping farmers recover from this year’s floods. But we are the only base able to provide voluntary support for farmers in the Bundaberg Regional Council area plus as far north as the Balonne Creek area.

One of our biggest difficulties is letting the local farming community know we are here to help in whatever way they would like. We can have volunteers cleaning up flood debris, cleaning fences, recovering and rebuilding damaged fences etc.

To register for help all you need to do is phone: Brian 0401 429 304 or Bev 0413 195 196 to discuss what help you require.

If you require any further background information please either phone me or visit the website www.blazeaid.com

Bev Kane - BlazeAid Gin Gin Coordinator

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HARMONY DAY

[Images of children and community members]