Principal’s Messages  ~ Congratulations to all students who have participated in Cross Country in 2013. Well done!

Ten of our students represented Gin Gin District at last Thursday’s Bundaberg Zone Cross Country. It was a great effort by all of our representatives. Each event involved from 30 to 40 competitors.

These are the results: Lydiah M (13th 10 Year Girls), Dane M (22nd 10 Year Boys), Britani J (13th 11 Year Girls), Connor W (21st 11 Year Boys), Aylish D (11th 12 Year Girls), Renee M (15th 12 Year Girls), Shannon S (16th 12 Year Girls), Kimberley D (17th 12 Year Girls), Billy A (6th 12 Year Boys), Damon W (22nd 12 Year Boys).

Special mention must be made of Billy A effort. Billy was one place short of being selected to represent Bundaberg Zone at the Wide Bay cross country. A super performance, Billy! Aylish D was our next best effort, and our best girl, with a very creditable 11th place.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be administered next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students in Year 3, 5 and 7 will participate in these national assessments. NAPLAN Brochures will be sent home next week with all families regardless of whether or not your child will be participating in the testing program, this year. Please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns about NAPLAN.

Theme Park Advertising

Advertising for the Gold Coast theme parks will appear in our Informer from time to time. Our school redeems tickets which will be used for raffles held at our future fundraising events.

Every Day Counts

As we approach the middle of Term 2, a reminder regarding the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

This year, our school has a target to increase the attendance from 94% in 2013 to 96% in 2013. We are travelling well, overall. Most students have a very good record of attendance, so far this year. Thank-you to all families for your efforts.

Kolan South Established in 1878

Benjamin Beatty was the first Principal (or Headmaster in those days) of Kolan South back in 1878.

In 1883 William Gibson, a sugar grower, purchased some land on the north side of the Burnett River. His sons were partners in the venture, and John Howes and Bros, contributed financial backing. The Bingera Plantation was established, and a large crushing mill was operational by 1885.

John Thompson was a surveyor explorer who surveyed the site for the settlement of Bundaberg in 1868.

Happy Mothers’ Day to all the mums!

School Calendar

- May 12 (Sun) Mothers’ Day
- May 14-16 NAPLAN Yr 3, 5 and 7 Tests
- May 21 (Tue) P&C Meeting 5.00pm
- May 30 (Thur) Bundaberg Show Holiday
- June 5 (Wed) Science Competition
- June 6 (Thur) Queensland Day
- June 10 (Mon) Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- June 14 (Fri) Interhouse Sports Day
- June 18 (Tue) Health & Safety Committee meeting
- June 20 (Thur) Semester 1 Reports / Disco
- June 21 (Fri) Last day of term
- Assembly is on Thursday mornings 9.00-9.30am

All parents are welcome to attend assembly.
**Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd** is now recruiting Community Coordinators in your area. We are looking for men and women who believe that international student exchange is a life-changing experience for young people and for the host families in their local community.

As a Coordinator, you will interview potential host families and provide ongoing support to both families and students to ensure that the exchange experience is a success for everyone and you’ll interview local students wishing to study overseas.

If your child lives within the catchment area for Bundaberg State High School, an **ENROLMENT REQUEST FORM** will be available from the Bundaberg State High School Administrative Office from Wednesday 16 July. It must be submitted immediately and the parent/carer will be provided with enrolment paperwork which must be taken home, read, signed and returned on the **ENROLMENT DAY** - **TUESDAY 30th JULY in the school Assembly Hall at either 3:30pm or 5:00pm**.

If your child currently lives outside of the Bundaberg State High School catchment area you can apply for special consideration based on a range of criteria (e.g other siblings at the school, attendance at a feeder school or access to excellence programs offered such as sport, music and technology). Once you have applied for special consideration you will be notified as soon as possible of your child’s enrolment progress.

To apply for special consideration enrolment or for further information please e-mail the Principal, Mrs Raeleen Fysh at the.principal@bundabergshs.eq.edu.au, or contact the Enrolments Officer on 4154 5333.

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**ICE CUPS**

ICE CUPS are on sale on Fridays in Term 2 50 cents each.