



BUNKER'S HILL STATE SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

Congratulations to our students who have been selected for the Inner Downs Track and Field Team. Molly (Discus), Brigitte (long jump), Amy (100m & 200m), Melanie (high jump), Lacey (shot put) Georgia (high jump), Jai (800m), Henry (80m, long jump & high jump) and Oliver (high jump) will all compete at the Darling Downs Championships next week. Well done!

Book Week Dress-Up Day is tomorrow! A special parade will be held in the school hall tomorrow afternoon (Wednesday, 23rd August) from 2:15pm. All students will get a chance to show their costume and tell the school the name of the book character they have taken on.

Book Week Open Library Afternoon: Tomorrow, Wednesday 23rd August, from 3:30pm—6:00pm, there will be an Open Afternoon in the school library. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Book Week Book Swap is also happening tomorrow after school in the library. It is great to see students sharing their reading adventures!

School Opinion Survey Closes this Friday, 25th August. To date, 27 families have completed the survey online. Please take the opportunity to take part. Responses are strictly confidential. Your involvement can make a difference!

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, 6th September. Please contact the office to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

"We're Going on a Bear Hunt": Prep students will be attending this production at the Empire Theatre tomorrow. Students wear their school uniform, and will change into their Book Week dress-up after morning tea back at school.

"Diary of a Wombat": Year 1 & 2 students will be attending this production at the Empire Theatre on Tuesday, 5th September. Please note that consent forms and payment are due by **Wednesday, 30th August**.

Children's Safety Pantomime: On Tuesday, 29th August Year 2 students will be travelling to the Empire Church Theatre for this production presented by the Queensland Police. Consent forms are due by Tuesday, 22nd August.

Amaroo Visit to the school: "Farmer Green" from Amaroo Environmental Education Centre is visiting our Prep classes on Wednesday, 30th August and Thursday, 31st August. Consent forms and payment are due by Friday, 25th August.

TYME Festival: Is being held on Thursday 14th September. The Senior Choir and Instrumental Band will be attending. Details are being sent home today. Consent forms are due by Friday, 8th September.

Prep Enrolment Packages for 2018 have been mailed to parents. If you have a child who is eligible to attend Prep this year and have not yet registered them for enrolment, please contact the school office.

Bookclub order forms were sent home last week. Orders are due this **Friday, 25th August**. Payments for Bookclub are **not accepted at school**. Payments must be made online by credit card on the Scholastic website or via the Loop App.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program is back for 2017 and Bunker's Hill is participating. Sticker collection boxes for the school are located at Drayton, The Ridge and Grand Central stores and at the school office.

Uniform Shop is open **Friday afternoons** from 2:45-3:15pm. A price list is available on the school website.

Ice Blocks will be sold this **Friday** afternoon from 2:45pm for \$1 each. Proceeds go towards the School Project Club.

Project Club Calendar Fundraiser will not go ahead. Unfortunately, pre-order numbers were too low to make this viable.

Every Day Counts: Infectious Diseases! Unfortunately, a high number of our students and staff have been laid low by various bugs, including Influenza A and Conjunctivitis. Please remember that the quickest path to recovery is rest. Keep sick children home, and help them get back to school as soon as possible!

Jim Tiernan, Principal

Miss Tracie's Tuckshop

Now offering Family Meals

Email : traciesblossoms370@gmail.com

Order by Friday in person or via email

Collect the following Tuesday

\$25.00 per meal

Payment via cash or EFTPOS

This week's Special:

Thai Green Chicken and Rice

**The school website is the place to check for coming events.
Please visit www.bunkhillss.eq.edu.au and navigate to the calendar.**

P&C News -

Keep an eye out for our major raffle coming up later this year. First prize will be a cruise voucher! Many thanks to Marion Llewellyn for organising this and other great prizes.

Other fundraisers coming up for the final term include a Trivia Night (27th October) and our Mango Fundraiser.

Thank you to all who have returned volunteer forms for the upcoming Succulent Swap and Pop up market (including a Bake Sale) being held at the school on 17th September. More helpers and bakers are still needed! Please return this form to the school if you can help, or contact Toni Garrett for more information on 0439 924 699.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 11th September.

Thank you,

Stewart Kings, President

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Chappy News

The next **Local Chaplaincy Committee Meeting** will be held at Bunker's Hill at 4pm on Monday, 28th August. The Chaplaincy Committee supervises the Chaplaincy Programs at Bunker's Hill and Drayton schools, contributing to fundraising and also discussing progress of the program at each school. If you are interested in being involved, Carol Campling is our secretary and Carmen Humphries is our P&C representative on the committee. We also have several teachers and other parents who are involved: Scott Little, Evelyn Pohlman, Peter Joyce, Sue Baker and others.

Bunnings has donated two **Buddy Benches** to Bunker's Hill and these were presented at parade last week. Chris Hawley, the Activities Organiser from Bunnings shared two quotes: "Kindness is contagious" and "To make a friend, you need to be a friend". Buddy Benches have been placed in the front and back play areas. Buddy Bench rules are:

- If someone is sitting on the bench, ask them to play.
- If someone asks you to play when you are sitting on the bench, agree to play with them.
- If two students are at the bench, then they can ask each other to play.
- Buddy Benches provide a practical way to explore being a friend and showing empathy to other students.

Chess Club is MOVING TO MONDAYS. Look out for Chess Club on Monday, second break, in E Block.

Bible Club runs Tuesday afternoons 3pm-4.30pm. Consent forms are on the school website. Pick up is from Mr Little's classroom in B Block. Please let the office know if your child is attending so it can be recorded in the Bus book.

All the best, *Chappy Kate*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Food Bank is known as Queensland's Largest Hunger Relief Organisation. Bunker's Hill State School is participating in this program to help people who need assistance. It would be greatly appreciated if you could place non-perishable items in our cardboard boxes which are located in every classroom in the school. They will also be positioned in the Hall at pick up time, in front of the library and at the uniform shop. Thank you for your support. For all enquiries, please see Karen Green or Natalie Joyce.

Making Friends by Professor Matt Sanders

For many children, starting school is an exciting time – new classes, new faces and, hopefully, new friends to be made. Having good friends is important to a child's self-esteem but, unfortunately, children do not always know how to look after friends. You can lend a hand by helping your child develop good social skills. Talk to your child about being a good friend and encourage your child to practise skills such as:

- Looking at and listening when someone is speaking to them, such as a friend telling them a story
- Taking turns in games and activities
- Asking what others might like to do rather than assuming that other children will always want to follow
- Thinking about others people's feelings. "I wonder how Tom is feeling now. How do you think you would feel if that happened to you?"
- Helping others
- Being friendly and welcoming to a new child in class.

To help your child make friends, and so your child can practise being a good "host", you may like to invite another child to your home for a play. Be prepared to contact the parents to organise this if your child is too shy to ask.

Professor Matt Sanders is founder of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program. For more information go to www.triplep-parenting.net or speak to Chappy Kate on 0412 198 067 or email kateh@chappy.org.au

Free Plants— Any parents who don't wish to use the free plant voucher that's included in your rates notice from the Toowoomba Regional Council are welcome to drop them to the school—all donations appreciated! Mrs Byrd loves free plants!!