



Boyne Bulletin

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Mon	Gardening Club 11:10am
Wed	Vocal Club Yr 2-6 8:00am (wks 8 & 9)
Wed	Yr 4 Robotics 1 st break
Wed	Yr 3 Music Extension
Wed	Craft Club 2 nd break
Thur	Continuing Band 7:50am
Thur	STEM Club 11:10am Yr 4-6
Fri	Beginner's Band 7:50am
Fri	Swimming Yrs 4-6

NOVEMBER

Thur 27 th	School Leader Speeches 9am
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DECEMBER

Tues 2 nd	Year 6 TSSHS Orientation visit
Fri 5 th	Reports issued
Fri 5 th	Parade- announce student leaders
Tues 9 th	End of Year Concert – Parent
Tues 9 th	Academic Awards – Year 4 – 2:30pm Year 5 – 3:15pm
Tues 9 th	Year 6 Graduation & Awards 4:45pm
Wed 10 th	Break Up Day- Student Concert
Thur 11 th & Fri 12 th	Attendance not required

Principal's Message

P&C Executive

As our school year draws to a close, the P&C held its final meeting in conjunction with a school event to acknowledge our regular volunteers. The P&C's partnership and support remains one of the great strengths of our school community.

This year, several long-serving members will be finishing their association with the school as their youngest children transition to high school. We extend our sincere thanks to Rosita Waller, Meg Stewart, and Jodie Lambert, along with Josh Hicks, who will be stepping down due to work commitments. Their contributions have been greatly valued and will be missed.

With these departures, we will see some vacant Executive positions emerging. While all positions are technically declared vacant each year, most incumbents usually continue. This year, however, both the President and Treasurer roles will likely need to be filled. The most successful P&Cs are those that support smooth transitions.

Please consider how you might be able to contribute in 2026, which will be a critical year for this important parent body. Our P&C has been fortunate to avoid the two common pitfalls: executives who do not take the time to learn their responsibilities, and those who seek the role for the wrong reasons, creating tension rather than collaboration. We have been blessed with dedicated, capable leaders, and I hope this positive pattern continues.

Cultural, Sports and Academic Awards Afternoon

Invitations will soon be issued. Some Awards are not advertised prior to the night. If a student is due to receive a surprise award, office staff will send a separate letter home by email only. Students are to wear school uniform, including correct footwear.

The Awards will be presented in separate year level events with students called to stage individually.

Students who achieve 'A' or 'B' across Maths, English and Science are recognised for their achievement.

It was a parent suggestion that prompted the implementation of our inaugural Awards Evening in 2016. "We have a strong academic and learning culture and could it not be acknowledged in the same way as the Sports Evening?" It is exciting to offer again this year a joint Awards Evening to acknowledge what we value within the school. The video highlight reel being compiled indicates that we have been successful in working together to provide students opportunities.

Ending of an era –
retiring staff members in 2025



Robotics



Breakfast Club



Remembrance Day



Gardening Club- harvesting and eating
sweet potato



Beach clean up



Qparent App

Website-www.boyneislandss.eq.edu.au

STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE:

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Principal Matters

Breaking News

The Back to school boost provides a \$100 credit for each primary school student from the start of 2026. This \$100 credit will assist families with school costs during 2026. A \$100 credit will be placed on the account of all students enrolled in Prep to Year 6 from the start of the 2026 school year.

Families choose which cost they will use their \$100 for throughout the year. For ease, most families will apply their 2026 Back to school boost towards the cost of the Student Resource Scheme.

Please note that the Back to school boost cannot be used for reimbursement of purchases made at external stores, nor can it be provided as a cash payment to families or students.

History Notes

Boyne Island SS opened in 1953 with a provisional school at St Luke Church. In 1956 a building was moved from the Monto area, now the Environmental Centre. The school was built on the current site in 1975.

PAST PRINCIPALS

Mr Trevor Ward	Jan 1953 – May 1956
Mr Ian Campbell	May 1956 – July 1958
Mr Peter Burrows	July 1958 – March 1960
Mr Warren Morgan	March 1960 – May 1964
Mr Fletcher Mitchell	May 1964 – December 1971
Mr Doug Whithead	Jan 1972 – Dec 1975
Mr George Law	Jan 1976 – Dec 1978
Mr Godfrey Redshaw	Jan 1979 – Dec 1980
Mr Rob Johnson	Jan 1981 – Dec 1981
Mr Adrian Draney	Jan 1982 – June 1989
Mr Lawrie Jones	June 1989 – August 1999
Mr Ian McMaster	Jan 2000 – June 2008
Mr Michael Hurst	June 2008 -



It was the schools 70th year in 2023. The current idea is to plan for a significant event for the 75th anniversary in 2028.

Parent Concert occurs on **Tuesday 9th December** according to the following performance order:

Expected performance time	Performance Order
9am	Prep C/J
9:09	Year 1C/1D
9:16	Year 2B
9:22	Year 2L
9:28	Year 2M
9:34	Year 3C/3K
9:40	Year 3 Music Extension
9:46	Junior Vocal Club
9:55	Combined Vocal Club
10:02	Year 4C/4M
10:08	Year 4/5V
10:14	Year 5H
10:20	Year 5K
10:26	Year 6 Graduation Song
10:32	Senior Vocal Club

Timings are approximate. Staff and students will arrive backstage at the music room and depart via rear of stage. We have staged the timing to allow for parents to stay and watch or come and go as they desire

Break Up Day – Wednesday 10th December

There will be a concert in the morning for students only (no parents). The class parties that follow will have a 'party pack' supplied from home to their own individual child. The P&C are supplying an ice-block, small pack of chips and chocolate as a treat later in the day.

Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 students will be thinking of this milestone and the move to high school. In the last week students celebrate with,

- A) Break up evening for students on Thursday 4th December with some fun games, food and spotlight
- B) Movie Excursion on Monday 8th December.
- C) Parent concert on Tuesday 9th December
- D) Graduation/Awards on Tuesday 9th December at 4:45pm. Dress Code for students will be school uniform. We want students to be presented as representative of the primary school they are about to depart.
- E) Student concert followed by class party on Wednesday 11th December

Class allocations will be released on Friday 4th December.

The split of classes is based on anticipated numbers and is subject to change. All classes will be of mixed ability. There will be no streaming of classes (ie – abilities will be mixed up) to keep expectations high.

Class	Teacher	Classroom	Approx numbers
PC	Mrs Costigan (0.8) / Mrs Hurst (0.2)	A2	20
PM	Ms Magee	A1	20
1C	Mrs Camman	M1	18
1D	Mrs Davis	M2	18
2G	Mrs Gothmann (0.8) / Mrs Hambleton (0.2)	F2	25
2L	Mrs Loveday (0.8) / Mrs Hambleton (0.2)	F1	25
3C	Ms Clow	B4	22
3H	Ms Cox (future Harvey)	B3	20
3S	Mrs Storch (0.8) / Mrs Lewis (0.2)	E1	21
4M	Ms Morley	C1	28
4R	Ms Reeves	C2	28
5H	Mr Harvey	B2	23
5K	Mrs Vagg	B1	22
56L	Ms Le Page	A3	22
6J	Mrs Jenkins (0.8) / Mrs Hannant (0.2)	N1	22
6Z	Mr Zammit	N2	22
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Meet the Teacher

Next year we will be conducting a Meet the Teacher, where all students (Prep to Year 6) can get acquainted with their classroom and bring up their personally supplied items. The details are as follows –

Date: Thursday January 22nd 2026
Time: 1.30pm to 2.30pm

This is not compulsory; however, it gives families the opportunity to orient to the new year prior to the commencement of school. It also gives the teachers the opportunity to organise their classrooms, which ensures a smooth and efficient start to the year.

Please ensure that you have checked your supplied item list and labelled all items

Report Cards – We will continue releasing digital reports. We encourage parents onto the QParents service and students being in attendance on the last learning day to receive a paper copy of their summary results. No comments are available on those versions, they need to see their parents for the full version.

Digital copy- Full Report QParents - Thursday 4th December
Paper copy - Summary Page - Friday 5th December
Email - Friday 5th December

Uniform Donations

School shirts, music shirts and senior shirts are all welcome to be donated to the P&C for redistribution.

Year 6's are not allowed to wear uniform items with graffiti at the end of the year. Hand it on for further use rather than sitting defaced in a draw is the preference.

Old sneakers are also a welcome donation if they are in ok condition.

Last Day

Teachers will be focussed on finishing preparations of classrooms for next year with student resources returned home, and i.e. all tidy trays need their annual wash out by students.

It is also a Uniform day. On the last day it is most important to be able to identify Boyne Island students easily. Those students leaving are encouraged not to deface uniforms but to recycle them to others in need. The Year 6's will be provided with an autograph keepsake prior to their Graduation. We do not want messages written on their senior shirt; however they may bring it along for that purpose rather than wearing it. The senior shirt design is not changing for 2026 so those shirts can also be passed on.

Awards Evening

The Cultural, Academic and Sporting Awards will again be presented at the end of the year. This year the Year 6 will be conducted in conjunction with Graduation.

Cultural, Academic and Sporting Awards	
Tuesday 9 th December	
Year 4:	2:30 – 3:00pm
Year 5:	3:15 – 3:45pm
Year 6:	4:45 – 6:00pm including Graduation

2026 School Holiday dates

List of holidays for next year is below for those who need to plan annual leave or other arrangements. Education Queensland is promoting 'Everyday Day Counts'. It recognises that one of the strongest correlations is between student achievement and the number of days that students attend. In other words, unnecessary time away from school limits students achieving their potential.

Queensland term dates - 2026

Term	Dates	Length
Term 1	Tuesday 27 January – Thursday 2 nd April	10 weeks
Term 2	Monday 20 April - Friday 26 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 13 July - Friday 18 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 6 October - Friday 11 December	10 weeks

Student Free Days	Public Holidays
Friday 4 th September Schools will hold training for a further 4 days either in holidays or out-of-school hours eg Wed 20 th – Fri 23 rd January	Australia Day– Monday 26 th January Good Friday – Friday 3 rd April Easter Monday – Monday 6 th April Anzac Day– Saturday 25 th April Labour Day – Monday 4 th May Show Holiday – Monday 10 th August King's Birthday – Monday 5 th October

Uniforms

The Uniforms can be ordered any time at the office or online via the QKR app. The order will need to be paid for when order is placed, and it will be filled on a Thursday and delivered directly to the classroom.

Cash and Eftpos available.

Uniform / Dress Code

- * Socks are plain white or black- ankle length.
- * Footwear is jogger style footwear. No requirements on the colour of shoes just a preference they be 'black and white' or black

- *Jumpers are not to have 'hoodies'.

	YES: Black and white sporting shoes with grip and flexibility. Preferred colours for consistency Highly recommended for Student Leaders.
	YES: Highly recommended for Instrumental Music

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones brought to school need to be handed in at the office. This was always our procedure and some unsafe usage means it is being enacted with diligence. Smart Watches will be treated as mobile devices if activated to receive notifications.

P&C News

The P&C usually meet the second Tuesday of the month

Boyne School Playgroup

Boyne School Playgroup invites all Pre-Prep children to come along and play every Monday 9-11am in the undercover area near the Prep block.

PE news

Date	Times – From School	Times – From Pool	Class numbers
Lessons	8.55am 4C 9.30am 4SV 10.05am 5K	9.55am 4C 10.30am 4SV 11.05am 5K	4C (26) 4SV (26) 5K (21)
Friday 14 th November Friday 21 st November Friday 28 th November Friday 5 th December	LUNCH 11.10am -11.50pm		
Travel will be by bus.	11:45am 4M 12.15pm 5H	12:45pm 4M 1.15pm 5H	4M (26) 5H (21)
	BREAK 1:20pm – 1.50pm		
	1.50pm 6J & 6R & 6S	2.40pm 6J& 6R & 6S	6J & 6R & 6S (78)
			*Not all Year 6's need to swim. Optional

Swimming Term 4

Year 4, 5 & 6 students will be invited to join the Swimming program on Friday 14th November in Term 4 through to Friday 5th December. Letters have been sent home for permission.

The \$20 per child costs have been met this year with a donation from the P&C.

3C Class News

How fast has this year been going? We can't believe there are only 6 weeks left of Year 3! Eeek! Our class has been super busy this term in all learning areas. In English we have been doing a novel study on Nim's Island. We have been learning to create our own exciting adventure stories and if we work really hard, we might even find time to watch the live action movie version at the end of this term! In Maths we have been exploring numbers up to 10 000 and have been practising a range of different strategies to solve more challenging addition and subtraction algorithms. In Health we have been exploring how physical activity is good for our bodies and in HASS we have been researching the history of Boyne Island State School. Fun fact: Our school has changed location throughout history. Only 8 students attended the very first school in 1918 which was just a little lean-to structure, situated in a gully opposite Saint Luke's

Church. And...children only attended school on a Saturday because they were helping their families with farming duties for the rest of the week! How amazing is that?!

6J Class News

In the past few weeks, we have been working hard to complete our Book Club assessment task. In this activity we have analysed, asked questions and shared our own unique ideas about a short indigenous story. In maths we have been working on probability and have started our new unit on patterns.

Written by Milani, Elena and Akaelia



Christmas Food Drive

GLADSTONE Women's Health

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE
Helping Those In Need

**Donations close
Friday 12 December**

Donation drop off from
Monday 8 December to Friday 12 December
9am - 5pm

44 Roseberry Street, Gladstone

If you would like to donate please
contact our office on 4979 1456 or
email: communities@gladstonewomenshealth.org.au



www.gladstonewomenshealth.org.au

Our School will once again be participating in the Christmas Food Drive, where we donate food and items to give to families in need. If you would like to participate in

this meaningful charity, please bring your donation to your classroom teacher.

Examples of food you may like to donate include non-perishable foods such as:

Tin food, long life milk, packaged foods such as poppers or muesli bars, formula; items such as cling wrap, baking paper, sanitary items, to name but a few.

Donations will be accepted up until Friday 5th December.

On this date school leaders will collect the donations from your classroom teacher to take to our office for delivery the following week to Gladstone Women's Health. Thank you for your participation.

Student of the Week & Peer Awards

Weeks 1-7	
PC	Louie Jacobs, Rose Sutton, Kai Hurst, Alana *, Elliana *, Astrid Urane
PJ	Laylah *, William Harris, Alixander De Jockheere, Baxter Forder, Tobo *, Simone *
1C	Frankie *, Sophie Kelson, Harry Costigan, Frankie *, Tiaan *, Jack Pearce, Theo Wilson
1D	Owen Hamilton, Ryder Madigan, Charlie Clarke, Mayah Day, Lani *
2B	Mila *, Bodhi *, Leo Phillips, Logan Rea
2L	Kade Armitage, Maverick McKenzie, Chloe *, Kairo Hafiz, Will McKeone, Ava Street, Kyane Webster
2M	Rome Beahan, Ava Zimmerlie, Sandy *, Reiko *, Tyrin Gamble, Meeka Simpkin
3C	Maxwell Jones, Luke *, Annalee Croaker, Aurelia *, Sophie Radloff, Luke *
3K	Jimmy Franklin, Milla Sutton, Ailith Urane, Adelyn *, Elias *, Milla Sutton, Talia Westbury
4C	Mackenzie *, Riley *, Sayla Muller, Dallas Dunn, Mason Monaghan, Mason Purvis
4M	Riley Kasper, Katara Merrin, Victoria Meshkova, Claire Beacom, Sophie *, Lily Paul, Tessa Stanaway, Taj Sutcliffe, Isla Twomey,
45V	Torre-Rose *, Cabe *, Shylah Taylor
5H	Elaina Pike, Darcy Rea, Jarvis Underwood, Chayse Werry, Archer Goodluck, Ainslie *, Phoenix Nilsson, Elaina Pike, Millah Ward
5K	Matilda Hellyer, Jasmyn *, Brayden Witeri-Burgess, Ryder Jones
6J	Torren Shearer, Temperance Walters, Parker *, Leyla Aydin, Jovi Kelly, Sophie Richards, Alex Sutula, Lyric *
6R	Hooper Moyer, Ty Sutcliffe, Isabella Phillips, Sasha *, Baxter Stewart
6S	Nicholas Loveday, Mia Stanaway, Bobbie *, Bentley Syffert, Anthea Willis

Note: Year 3-6 Peer nominated awards are given out fortnightly.

Parade Certificates are handed out at fortnightly parade.

**Media Limitations*