PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

School Attendance Policy
I would like to inform parents and carers that there has been a change to the Department of Education and Communities School Attendance Policy.

As part of the implementation of the National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.

Schools Out Radio Program – Wednesday 16 March 2016
Year 6 School Parliament will host the popular “Schools Out” Radio program on 2 Way FM 103.9 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. I’m sure our presenters will provide plenty of information and entertainment for all the listeners.

Senior Citizens/Grandparents Day!
Each Class Performance in the COLA
Thursday 7 April at 10.00am
Followed by a cuppa and plate in the School Library
Students please bring a small posy of flowers in the morning for our special guests.

School Parliament Assembly
Friday 11 March, 2016
at 10.00am.
All welcome!

Winter Uniform Sale!
Sloppy Joes - $20
Trackpants - $15
Jackets - $15
Only small number left in stock.

After School Pickup
Parents need to be aware that school supervision hours are from 8.30am until 3.00pm. Wherever possible, arrangements should be made with the Principal for earlier start or finish times. Teachers may have meetings or prior arrangements after school so there is no guarantee that a teacher will be available to supervise your child once school has finished for the day (Admin and Learning Support staff are not permitted to supervise students).

Our BOOSH (Beechwood Out-of-School-Hours) care service operates every school day and parents that are unable to pick up their child by 3.00pm should contact the service for their child to attend. Enrolment forms for BOOSH are available at the school office. For more information phone BOOSH on 0400 915 844.
Infants Hat Parade
This year once again we will be holding our Infants Hat Parade. Each student in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are asked to bring along a hat to wear on the day. Last year many children created and made wonderful Easter hats and paraded them around, while others preferred a crazy hat, an animal hat or a sports hat. The only limit is your imagination! (School uniform is to be worn).

Parents and friends are invited to come along and watch the parade, and little brothers or sisters are welcome to make their own hat and join in as well. The parade will be on Thursday 24 March at 9.30am in the COLA.

Peddler’s Box Stalls
The P&C will be holding a Peddler’s Box fundraiser on the Infants Hat Parade day Thursday 24 March, after the Infant Hat Parade.

What to do:
1. Decorate a small box (eg. shoe box) to use as your Peddler’s Box.
2. Gather or make some items for sale - about 6 items per child is plenty.
3. Decide a price for your items between 50 cents - $2 each.
4. Bring your Peddler’s Box to school on Thursday 24 March and sell your wares - remember to bring some money so you can purchase items too!!

What items can I sell?
The idea is that the children will get involved with making or finding items to sell. Ideas include:
- Craft items eg. pet rocks
- Baked goods eg. cupcakes (a list of ingredients must be supplied to cater for allergies etc)
- Toys that are no longer used eg. matchbox cars
- Bric-a-brac eg. hair clips, pencils, stickers

The possibilities are endless! Please note that 5 or 6 items per child is plenty and the box should be inexpensive for you to put together. Items will be sold for between 50c and $2 each and all proceeds will go to the P&C to help purchase additional resources for our school.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Good luck at the next level on Monday 21 March, 2016

FRIDAY FUNDRAISING
Chicken Sausages on bread may be purchased at $2.00 each and Bulla Splits $1.50 each. Half a sausage in slice of bread available for $1.00. Slushies are available ($2 each) and poppers/flavoured milk ($2.00 each).

If your rostered date is not suitable, please contact Mrs Reid in the office.

TERM 1, 2016 – FRIDAY FUNDRAISER ROSTER

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PSSA Cricket Match - by Zavier Ryan

On Friday 4 March the Beechwood School cricket team went to the Beechwood Oval to play cricket against the Westport Public School cricket team. Westport won the toss and chose to bat first so that meant that we had to bowl first. We got a few early wickets and after 25 overs we were chasing 75 runs.

Zavier and Ian opened the batting but Ian got out on 3 and Zavier on 10. After that, the boys just dropped like flies. They put in a really good effort but it wasn’t enough to secure the win.

Pictured
(Front Row): Harry Dodd, Cooper Farrington, Zavier Ryan, Ian Matthews, Bastian Turnewitsch.
(Missing from photo Ryan Taylor).

P&C NEWS

Easter Raffle
Ten raffle tickets are being sent home today for each family to please sell for our Annual Easter Raffle. Tickets are only $1 each. There are more tickets available at the office if you are able to sell more and we will have some available to purchase on Peddler’s Day.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade/Peddler’s Day on Thursday 24 March.

P&C Survey 2016
A survey was sent out two weeks ago via the Skoolbag App and Facebook for parents to please complete. Please take a couple of minutes to complete the ten questions by simply touching the box of your choice.

LEANNE FARRINGTON - P&C President

CANTEEN NEWS

Hot Cross Buns
Half hot cross buns for 50c each will be available from the canteen for the next 2 Tuesdays leading up to Easter in place of cupcakes.

Suzie Collins – Canteen Supervisor

Tuesday Canteen Roster:

Week 8: Tuesday 15 March
Rebecca Wall
Supervisor
Rose Turnewitsch
Suzie Collins

Week 9: Tuesday 22 March
Bec Buchanan
Supervisor
Helper Needed!
Suzie Collins

Canteen helpers needed please! (See below)

2016 CANTEEN ROSTER VOLUNTEER SLIP

YES, I am able to help in the canteen on:- Name: ___________________ Contact Number: ___________________

Dates/s of Tuesday/s available: __________________________________________________________________________

Specific Dates I am/am not available: ______________________________________________________________________

Please call me if a rostered volunteer is unable to attend  YES / NO

I would like to be a member of the canteen subcommittee  YES / NO
COMMUNITY NEWS

“Celebrate Jesus Community Fun Day”
This is being held in Bain Park on Saturday 19th March, 9am to 2pm. Program includes live music, a jumping castle, face painting, an amazing clown, drama, puppets, school group presentations, balloon animals, games, children's crafts, thought provokers and more. At 10.45 am Colin Buchanan will be performing: he is a world renowned children's entertainer with a great message.

It’s a great family day out, with all the activities and food provided FREE, organised by the Combined Churches of Wauchope.

For more information please contact Lis Harvey on 0438 221 985, or Peter Huxley on 0427 813 496.

BOOSH NEWS

At the moment we are running through our lockdown and evacuation drills so that our new children know exactly what we need to do if put in these situations. All children have done exceptionally well so far, well done guys, we will continue this over the next week or so to ensure every child is aware of this important information.

There has been a big interest shown in scrapbooking and craft so we are going through quite a lot of supplies. At BOOSH we love to use recycled/pre-loved materials so if anyone has any coloured paper or scrapbooking/craft supplies that you no longer need at home, please feel free to bring them into BOOSH and we will make very good use of them. Thank you in advance.

Sharon Palmer
BOOSH Coordinator

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TERM 2 – STUDENTS RETURN – Wednesday 27 April 2016