FROM MRS DURNSFORD’S DESK,

Good afternoon

As we approach the final two weeks of this term, where we will be wrapping up our learning units and assessments, it is crucial to maintain a strong attendance record. Throughout this term, our attendance rate has consistently remained at 92%.

Let’s keep that going!
SUPPORT TEAM APPRECIATION

Last week marked the Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation week. Here at Bloomsbury State School, we take this opportunity to honour our entire support team, which encompasses our administrator, cleaner, grounds person and teacher aides. This is the moment when we extend our heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering commitment and diligent efforts of these exceptional individuals. As you cross paths with these staff members, we kindly urge you to express your thanks for the invaluable contributions they make to our school community.

Teacher Aides: Karen Balks, Toni Comelli, Robyn Geisler, Kerry Sturma
Casual Teacher Aide: Sarah Norris
Business Manager: Sue Quantock
Cleaner: Nita Rankin
Grounds Person: Pat Stirling

SCHOOL CAMP

During the previous week, our students in grades 3 to 6 embarked on a school camp adventure in the stunning Whitsundays, where they stayed at the Big 4 Adventure Park. This camp proved to be immensely beneficial for our students, contributing significantly to their personal development. A range of experiences encouraged them to step outside their comfort zones, promoting independence and helping them adapt to change. Through teamwork and collaboration, they honed crucial social and problem-solving skills. Additionally, the opportunity to interact with farm animals and explore scenic boardwalks allowed them to connect with nature and deepen their understanding of the environment.

The camp also ensured that our students engaged in numerous hours of physical activity, including water safety, swimming, and walking. These unique experiences created lasting memories and inspired resilience, leadership and a sense of adventure that I’m sure will stay with our students for a lifetime.

We would like to express our gratitude to all of the people involved in making the camp a success. The organisers, the adult camp drivers and attendees, the morning tea/afternoon tea chefs, fruit donations and the P&C. It is through this dedication that school camps become cherished and unforgettable memories in the lives of our students.
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We appreciate your participation in this week's parent-teacher interviews. It provided a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's educational progress and accomplishments. Please contact your child’s teacher if you would like to make a meeting time.

eKINDY PODS IN 2024 AND BEYOND

Unfortunately, a decision has been made that the Bush Kids pods at schools will cease in Queensland at the end of this year. This means that there will be no Bush Kids pods at our school next year (where kindy aged children can attend our school one day a week). The pods were reviewed by the Early Childhood Department and the decision to cease funding was approved by the Director General.

I would like to thank Robyn Geisler for the effort and dedication she has put into the pods over the years. They have definitely had a positive schooling impact for younger students entering prep.

If you have kindy aged children, I strongly encourage you to engage in a kindy program prior to prep. Please note, families will still be able to access the online Distance Education eKindy program that is currently offered and scheduled Play Days will continue at the school.

SMILING MIND

This fortnight we are focusing on Empathy. We will work on understanding and cultivating empathy to help develop our social values and positive relationships. Don’t forget you can download the free Smiling Mind app on your device if you are interested in engaging in mindfulness at home.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers, students and school staff who completed this year’s School Opinion Survey. We look forward to sharing our survey results with you when we receive our school report later this year.

We are looking forwarding to celebrating another wonderful term at Bloomsbury State School at the Book Week Disco on Wednesday 13 September from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm. We hope to see you there.

Kind regards
Eliza
To boost educational opportunities and narrow the digital divide, families without home internet are encouraged to apply for the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI).

Access to internet at home can support children to build their digital skills and participate in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

The Australian Government is supporting the National Broadband Network (NBN) to implement the SSBI to provide free home internet for one year for up to 30,000 unconnected families across Australia with school aged students.

To be eligible for SSBI, a family must:

- Have a child living at home that is enrolled in a Queensland state school in 2023 or 2024.
- Not have an active internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- Be referred by a nominating organisation such as the Department of Education (the department).
- Agree their child has access to a device and has the digital skills to use the internet safely or will be supervised.
- Live in a premises that can access the NBN via a standard connection – this will be checked by NBN.

Referral through the department

The department is pleased to support the nomination of families for the SSBI.

If you would like to apply for the SSBI please use the link or QR code below OR contact Eliza for an email copy with live links or an application (online or paper form) and further information about the initiative. Applications must be submitted by 28 March 2024.

Online application:  SSBI Family application form

QR Code:
I was lucky to go to the big 4 for camp. We made sure we had extra fun. Sometimes challenging things popped up, like staying warm at the movie and trying not to slip in the bathroom. Maybe what would be better at the movie is heaters. I feel absolutely tired after camp. Some things were enjoyable like Mr Bubbles and spending time with my friends. I’m proud I stepped out of my comfort zone by going under the bucket when it poured on my head. But I’m not doing it again!

Halo
We were lucky to go to the Big 4 at Cannonvale for camp. We got to play mini golf and go to the animal farm. We made bags and swam at the water park. I thought making bags was challenging because I couldn’t think of a design to begin with. I liked mini golf because at the end it took me 2 shots to get the ball in. I learnt I am good at board walking because my legs hurt but it was not stopping me! Camp Logy was amazing.

Jhai
Camp 2023

This year we went to the Big U at Ainslie Beach for camp. We did things such as mini golf, watched an outdoor movie and went to the water park. The most challenging thing was definitely mini golf. It was very hard especially because it was new to me. Camp was so much fun with all the activities to choose from and my friends were there too. I had a great time at camp!

Ruby
This year for camp we were lucky enough to go to the Big 4. I mostly liked mini golf because it was challenging and I like to try new things. We watched an outdoor movie which was cold but other than that I loved it. I was also happy that I got to do all of the fun activities with my friends. I am grateful that I got to experience it, it was so much fun.

Kirati
SPECIAL SPORTS AWARD goes to our very own little All-round athlete, Ruby. WELL DONE RUBY!!

AND OUR VERY SPECIAL YOU CAN DO IT RAFFLE DRAW WINNERS ARE: Jhai and Cliffor5d
CONGRATULATIONS BOYS!
ABSOLUTELY AMAZING JOB

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

WAY TO GO Shiloh, Joshua, Sam, Cash & Matilda!
OUR AMAZING READERS!
George, Kirati, Shiloh, Jaxon, Jaxson, Lach & Halo

AMAZING JOB!!!!!!!
Camp Day 2
P&C News coming up:

**Last Tuckshop - Term 3**
Friday 8th September
Thank you to all the wonderful ladies that have assisted this term.
TOP JOB!

**Book Week Disco**
Wednesday 13th September      5pm to 7pm

**Last Day - Term 3**
Friday 15th September

**First Day - Term 4**
Tuesday 3rd October

**Election Day Stall**
Saturday 14th October

**Swimming**
Friday 20th Oct / Friday 27th Oct /  
Friday 10th Nov / Friday 17th Nov
Please note: Tuckshop dates may change during swimming weeks. Please keep an eye on notices!
SEPTEMBER
Tuesday 12th - e-Kindy
Wednesday 13th - Parade 8.30am
- School Disco
Thursday 14th - e-Kindy
Friday 15th - Last Day School Term 3
Saturday 30th - Bloomsbury Markets 8am to noon

SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER to SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER
Spring holidays

OCTOBER
Monday 2nd - King’s Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 3rd - TERM 4 Begins
- e-Kindy
Thursday 5th - e-Kindy
Monday 9th - P&C Meeting
Tuesday 10th - e-Kindy
- Tuckshop Orders In
Wednesday 11th - Parade 8.30am
Thursday 12th - e-Kindy
Friday 13th - Tuckshop
Saturday 14th - Referendum Day
Tuesday 17th - Swimming payments finalised
- e-Kindy
Thursday 19th - e-Kindy
Friday 20th - Swimming Day 1
Tuesday 24th - e-Kindy
- Tuckshop Orders in
Wednesday 25th - Parade 8.30am
Thursday 26th - e-Kindy
- Possible Tuckshop Day due to swimming
Friday 27th - Swimming Day 2
Saturday 28th - Bloomsbury Markets 8am to noon
Tuesday 31st - e-Kindy
NOVEMBER
Thursday 2nd - e-Kindy
Tuesday 7th - e-Kindy
- Tuckshop Orders In
Wednesday 8th - Parade 8.30am
Thursday 9th - Possible Tuckshop due to swimming
- e-Kindy
Friday 10th - Swimming Day 3
Monday 13th - Possible P&C Meeting 3pm
Tuesday 14th - e-Kindy
Thursday 16th - e-Kindy
Friday 17th - Swimming Day 4 (Last Day)
Tuesday 21st - e-Kindy
- Tuckshop Orders in
Wednesday 22nd - Parade 8.30am
Thursday 23rd - e-Kindy
Friday 24th - Tuckshop
Saturday 25th - Bloomsbury Markets
Tuesday 28th - e-Kindy
Thursday 30th - e-Kindy

DECEMBER
Wednesday 6th - Parade 8.30am
- Awards Night (proposed date)
Thursday 7th - Break Up Day
Friday 8th - Cleanup Day
- Last School Day of 2023

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Saturday 9th December 2023 to Sunday 22nd January 2024
START DATE TERM 1 2024 - Monday 23rd January 2024