From the Principal

I would like to start this week by thanking our school community for the overwhelming positive response after last week’s disruptions. The information from students and parents helped to ensure that we were able to return to our normal routines after two days of hoax calls to both the school and 000. Action is being taken by both the police and the school in relation to those responsible. Thank you also to the staff who assisted in managing the disruptions and also helped to ensure students were able to return to normal routines as quickly as possible.

This week the College celebrated NAIDOC Week. We have enjoyed a number of activities to help celebrate the week and the theme “Change – The Next Step is Ours” and I would like to thank our Advisory Group and particularly Cassandra Grant and Melinda Malezer for the work put in to ensure the success of the week. A special thank you also to our Indigenous Elders who have been conducting special Breakfasts for all students every day count!

Mr Tim Gado and Miss Tara Griffiths have also been successful in promotional positions over the last fortnight. Tim has taken up a position at Marsden SHS as Acting Head of Department and Tara is leaving next week for an Acting Senior Schooling Head of Department at the same school. We wish them both the best.

This week and next week, a sample of students and parents will be invited to participate in the Department of Education and Training 2011 School Opinion Surveys. Responses to the survey questions provide useful information to us about how our school is progressing against a range of items. This information is used to assist us in reflecting on our programs and practice. The response forms are anonymous and are returned to a contractor for scanning and the reporting of aggregate results back to the school later this year. These surveys form an important part of our monitoring and reporting processes and I encourage the school community for the overwhelming positive response after last week’s disruptions. The information from students and parents helped to ensure that we were able to return to our normal routines after two days of hoax calls to both the school and 000. Action is being taken by both the police and the school in relation to those responsible. Thank you also to the staff who assisted in managing the disruptions and also helped to ensure students were able to return to normal routines as quickly as possible.

Students throughout the practice period has been outstanding for our Harry Potter the Musical team. The effort of staff and students has been first class and I’m sure the final product will be something special.

Finally congratulations to a number of groups who have helped to enhance our school community since our last newsletter. In sport our District Athletics team, our Yr 8 Rugby League team, the Pedal Prix students and the Park2Park runners have done a great job in demonstrating the enthusiasm and Pride in our school. Congratulations also to Kevin and Dwayne Warnock who have been selected in the Met West Softball side to compete in Cairns later in the year. Our Maths Team Challenge students and our Science Department with their Mad Scientist Week have helped to ensure our focus on learning and academic performance remains at the forefront of our work here at Bundamba State Secondary College.

Andrew Peach
Principal

From the Deputy Principal – Senior School

Year 10 SET Plans have been underway for a few weeks now and I would like to thank all parents that have already attended a SET Plan Interview with their students. However, we still have a few left to go. If you have not completed a SET Plan with your student at the school could you please call the school and make a SET Plan appointment. It is extremely important that all SET plans are completed as soon as possible to assist with planning for the 2012 senior program.

A reminder that wearing the correct school uniform is extremely important to your student’s education. Many classes in your students’ timetable require under WPHS law for students to be wearing closed in leather or vinyl shoes. Students will not be permitted to participate in practical classes in the incorrect shoes. This is going to have a direct impact on your student’s ability to achieve maximum success in their studies. Please support your student and the school by ensuring that your student is wearing the correct shoes every day to school. Make every day count!

A big thank you to Mr Cassidy for taking on the role of Deputy Principal during my leave. He did a fantastic job in supporting our school. Thanks again Mr Cassidy.

Leah Fountaine
Deputy Principal
OneSchool

In 2008, the Department of Education and Training introduced the OneSchool application to schools as a new school information management system. Each year new functionality has been added to the application. In 2009, curriculum and assessment modules were made available and in 2010 timetabling functionality was released to all state schools in Queensland.

From the commencement of term 4, finance, asset and student management modules will be introduced in our school. The new functionality will enable schools to deliver improved services to parents for student enrolment and invoicing.

Enhancements include the following:

Diverse Family Arrangements - We will be able to more accurately record the details of parents with whom the student lives or doesn’t live. By identifying information about ‘residential’ and ‘non residential’ parents, we will be able to distinguish which parent/parents are to receive correspondence, student report cards, invoices, etc. or is to be identified as an emergency contact. Information can be updated or changed at any time it is required.

Payments to school - Some parents share the financial responsibility of any costs associated with their child’s education. With OneSchool, we are able to identify each person who is responsible for curriculum and non-curriculum type costs, and record the percentage for which each person is liable. Therefore if you share financial responsibility, you will be invoiced only for the amount you are required to contribute for only the charges for which you are liable.

Further enhancements will be communicated when the new modules are implemented.

Preparation and staff training for the new modules of OneSchool is happening this term. Please note, in readiness for the system changeover, the school cannot accept any monies after 9.30am on Friday 2nd September 2011. This cut off date and time cannot be changed - please make a note of this date on your calendar. Payments will again be accepted from Tuesday 11 October 2011.

The introduction of this new system will bring significant change to our internal processes, however these changes are important. Please bear in mind that the office staff will be wearing their “L” plates in term 4 as they adjust to the new system, so please be patient when visiting the office. We apologise in advance if this causes any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Flying Start Information Session

INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS AND SCHOOL STAFF

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These reforms include:

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• Year 7 becoming the first year of high school by 2015.

• Introducing Junior Secondary in all state high schools to support students in Years 8 and 9 from 2013, with Year 7 joining by 2015.

• Accrediting all Queensland schools under shared standards and establishing an independent body to monitor those standards.

• Strengthening teacher education programs to boost the performance of all schools.

Information sessions will be held at:

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Monday 15 August from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Or

Bundamba State Secondary College (Performing Arts Centre)
15a Naomai Street, Bundamba
Tuesday 16 August from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

For more information, visit www.qld.gov.au/flyingstart

A Message from your school Nurse, Melany

Have you ever felt like you needed someone to talk to about things? Lifeline offers a free confidential phone counselling service that you can call 24 hours a day for advice or a chat. The service is also now free to call from mobile phones which means it is now much more accessible to everyone.

What to expect when you call 13 11 14

Lifeline provides a confidential service that you can access from your home, a payphone or mobile. Trained telephone volunteers will be on duty to answer your call, listen to your situation and concerns, and provide support and assistance to clarify options and choices available to you. These volunteers are also able to provide you with referral information for other services in your local area.

Your call will be answered by the next available volunteer anywhere in Australia. If your call cannot be answered straight away, it means that our volunteers are busy providing care and support to other Australians in need. Be patient as your call will be answered, or call back if you feel you’d rather try again later.

If your life or the life of someone you know is in immediate danger call the police or ambulance on 000.

Call costs

Calls to Lifeline 13 11 14 from a landline are typically the cost of a local call; however additional charges may apply for calls from some home phone plans.

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INVITATION TO OFFER – SALE BY TENDER

Bundamba State Secondary College invite offers on the following items:

Club Car Golf Buggy
Condition: Good
Reserve price: $2000

Sheraton 3’6” Centre Lathe Three Phase
Condition: Poor
Reserve price: $150

Hercus 3’6” Centre Lathe Three Phase
Condition: Poor
Reserve price: $150

Woodfast Floor Mounted Jig Saw
Condition: Poor
Reserve price: $50

Woodfast Single Phase Dust Extractor
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Woodman Three Phase Dust Extractor
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Woodman Three Phase Dust Extractor
Condition: Good
Reserve price: $60
Billy Cart Frames (6)
Condition: Good
Reserve price: $100
Closing date and time: 26 August 2011 at 4:00 pm

Offer Submission

Offers should include:

- Your name
- Address
- Contact telephone number
- The item you are making the offer on
- Value of the offer

All offers should be submitted by Mail or in sealed envelope to:

- Confidential – Offer for advised item
- The Principal
- Bundamba State Secondary College
- P O Box 311
- BOOVAL QLD 4304

Inspection

Items can be inspected by contacting the college on 3816 6333 and arranging a mutually convenient time.

Enquiries and further information

- Contact: Julie Fitzpatrick (Business Services Manager)
  3816 6333
- All delivery charges are to be borne by the purchaser
- All items are offered on an “as is” basis
- The Department of Education and Training reserves the right not to accept the tender
- No warranties are implied or given

School Reunion – 1971

I am currently arranging a school reunion with several other past students from the Year 8 class of 1971. This is the second grade 8’s to attend the school, so it will be a very special event. The event is to be held on Saturday 5 May 2012. Past students of this year can contact myself, Julie Ives (nee Simpson) via ives12@bigpond.net.au

Community Notices

Relay for Life is an overnight, community event where teams of 10-15 participate in a relay-style walk or run to raise funds for Cancer Council. Every 5 minutes another Australian is diagnosed with cancer. That’s why it’s so important that we raise funds to fight cancer. Everybody in the community can get involved, there are no age limits or fitness requirements. Register or join a Relay for Life team online at www.relayforlife.org.au

Or call 1300 65 65 85

Ipswich Relay for Life
Jim Finimore Park
Leichhardt
8-9 October 2011