Day 1, 2018

Community Notices

January - Happy Birthday to you!

Happiest of Birthdays to Keilan and Eliza who both celebrated their birthday’s during the month of January!!

Bell & District Swimming Carnival

Parents and Friends are invited to attend the Bell and District Swimming Carnival, held this Friday, 02nd February at Bell State School beginning 9am. Please return permission forms if you haven’t already done so.

Community Notices

Effective from 1 January 2018, smoking was banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The buffer is a 5 metre no smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land.

This law applies at all times to students, staff and visitors on school premises and school land, during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

Week 2 Term 1 2018

‘Jimbour State School’s Explicit Improvement Agenda for 2018 is the Teaching of Reading using the ‘Big 6’ framework.’

Principal’s Pen

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Welcome back - A belated welcome back to all families after the holidays. I hope your family time together over Christmas was enjoyable. It has been great to see the students back and ready to learn from 2018.

Classroom structure - as you are already aware we are running the one classroom this year. While this has meant a change of routines things are running very well to start the year. Children have been grouped in different ways depending on the subject area and their learning level. They are settling well into this new routine and already have their focus strongly on their work. Well done to all the students for this great start.

2018 Sharp and Narrow focus - this year we have moved our focus to the teaching of reading. We have introduced a structured writing and spelling program over the last 2 years that has given us good results and when we now look at our school data it is time for us to build our focus into reading. At a regional level our reading data is good but we can always improve it and this is our main aim for 2018. Already at the end of 2017 and beginning of 2018 staff have attended professional development around the ‘Big 6’ of reading. They are- oral language, phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. These will be built in as part of our reading program this year.

Homework - Thank-you to those who have returned the homework note from last week. If you haven’t returned this yet please send it in as soon as possible so we can organise the groups as required.

Banking - those who are wanting to do school banking please bring your bank book to school on Wednesday.

Upcoming Events - Please keep an eye on the ‘date claimers’ section of the newsletter to know what is coming up.

This is because other staff are not on site as early as I am but we will have someone there for the bus at around 8:15am. The following dates are days that I am currently aware of:

Thursday, 22nd February;

Wednesday, 28th February:

Thursday, 1st March;

Friday, 16th March.

Same day contact - if your child or children are going to be away please make contact with us at school by 9:30am. If we have not heard from you one of the staff will ring to check in with you. Please be aware that this is an Education Department policy that we make contact and is about the safety of the students. We just need to be aware that students are where they should be. Thanks in advance for your support on this.

Have a great fortnight.

Darin May

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By Eliza

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By Evan

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On the Christmas holidays we went to the Gold Coast, for a Christmas with our cousins. I went swimming most of the time with Penny, my little cousin. We dove in the deepest part of the pool.

We went swimming at the hotel pool. We pretended to be nippers. We dove in the water just like nippers!

For Christmas I got little Pals Ladybug, Junior Scrabble, a kite and a wind chime kit.

I love holidays!

By Alice

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My Holidays - by Students

Goal Attendance Rate

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School Swimming

Swimming lessons will begin in week 3 and continue over 5 weeks:
Thursday, 8th Feb, 15th Feb, 22nd Feb, 8th March & 15th March.

Due to the costs incurred by the school to cover transport, refunds for non-participation will not be given. Swimming is a vital component of our HPE program and it is expected that all students participate. Our school lessons will be with fully qualified instructors.

If your child is unable to participate in a particular lesson then we will require a written note from the parent/guardian prior to the lesson. Those students not participating will be given alternative school work to complete under supervision. Invoices will be sent home with students today.

Tuckshop

Week 3 Special:  Ham and Cheese Toasties $3.00 - Kristy

Week 4 Special:  Hot Dogs $3.00 - Gemma

Exemption for Compulsory Schooling & Compulsory Participation

Parents need to complete an application for students who are away for more than 10 consecutive school days for an exemption to compulsory schooling. Exemptions may include but are not limited to:

- Illness
- Family Reasons
- Cultural or Religious reasons

Principals (state schools) are responsible for determining if an exemption is the best option in meeting a student’s educational and other needs, and approving exemptions for students enrolled in their school. More information can be found on the policy “Exemption for Compulsory Schooling & Compulsory Participation.”

Religious Instruction

Religious Instruction (RI) is offered at the school and is conducted on Mondays in the afternoon session for Year 1 - 6. The faith group that provide religious instructors to deliver an authorised program are:

Students are allocated to RI based on information provided by parents on the completed Application for Student Enrolment unless other written instructions have been provided to the school.

Note: This information remains operational unless the parent informs the school otherwise in writing.

- Students who are not participating in RI will be provided with other instruction in a separate location. Other instruction must relate to part of a subject area already covered in class and may include, but is not restricted to:
- Personal research and / or assignments
- Revision of class work such as creative writing and literacy and / or numeracy currently accessed by the students of that school
- Wider reading such as independent reading appropriate to the student

Parents will be advised of any changes to the RI and other instruction programs to ensure they are able to make an informed decision on their child’s participation.