



# Burdekin School

## Newsletter

Newsletter 5

24/03/17

### CALENDAR:

29/03/17	Easter Bunny visit Easter activities
31/03/17	Last day of term 1
18/04/17	First day of term 2
21/04/17	P&C Meeting (TBC)
22/04/17	My Time Trip
24/04/17	Anzac Day Ceremony
25/04/17	Anzac Day March
27/04/17	Small Schools Cross Country (Intermediates)

### PLEASE NOTE:

**School starts at 8:40am, please drop off students no earlier than 8:25am as we cannot provide supervision earlier. If you are running late please be mindful of class programs in session when you drop your child to class. Please ensure you sign your child in and out at the office if arriving or departing during school hours. Thanks.**

We are already at the end of term 1! The year is simply flying – and so are student outcomes! I am so impressed to be able to report to you all the amazing things we are seeing happening in our school this term.

Student attendance is at 88.1% and improving AND we have 0 unexplained absences on record!!! This has been a huge effort on everyone's part and I thank you all for seeing the value in our school, our programs, and procedures.

Every week the teachers meet to discuss student reading and communication. The reading groups are yielding great outcomes for our students not just in their knowledge of reading, but in their belief that they can. This is transferring across other areas!

We would like to welcome Travis to our school, he joined the seniors this week. At this time we also farewell Martika who will commence at her new school after the holidays. We wish her every success in the future!

Your 2016 Year Book should have come home by now. If you have yet to receive one, please see me!

Yours in education

Claire Cheyne  
Principal

## CHAPPY'S CHAT

Week 9! The rain has been welcome!

Harmony Day was Tuesday the 21st of March. It is a day to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. The day aims to encourage people to live in an inclusive way, respecting diversity and fostering a sense of belonging for everyone. The message of Harmony Day is "Everyone Belongs". Throughout the week we looked at "How we are different and yet how we are the same". We constructed a Harmony Tree showing "Everyone Belongs". Harmony Day fits well with the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Our School celebrated this last Friday.

Our next My Time Carer's Group meeting is on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. The first Friday of Term 2! We meet at the Neighbourhood Centre and we have a Guest Speaker; Tania from "Independent Advocacy" Townsville. This group aims to be a proactive support to families as they navigate the NDIS. At the last meeting we hosted Kate Jacka, from Mercy Community Services. Kate was a knowledgeable person for services available from Townsville and the Burdekin. Our families found it a very helpful session.

Our My Time members are looking forward to a time away together early in Term 2. Contact Chappie or any of our parents to find out more.

Next week, we will have Easter celebrations at our School. I wish everyone a wonderful Easter! Have a safe and refreshing break from the routines of School.

Blessings and Kind Regards,  
Chappie Gwen



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## PHOTO TIME!

