Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year. 2016 promises to be an exciting year for all at Back Plains State School and I am looking forward to working with the staff, students and parents throughout the year.

Thank you to the parents that have spent time and money ensuring that your children have the right materials to start the year. You have given our students the best possible start to the school year.

New Students

A very special welcome to our three new Prep students, Georgie, Millie and Riley. I hope that their time at Back Plains is full of fun and learning and that many wonderful memories are made along the way.

Clifton Show

The Clifton show will be held from the 12-14 February at the Clifton showgrounds. Our school will be partaking in the show display and the children are busy preparing work for the school section. We would like to include photos of all our children in their home environments as part of the school display. 

Please take a photo of your child in their home environment and send it to jdaly42@eq.edu.au or my mobile by Monday 8, February.

Staffing

Our permanent 2016 staffing allocations are yet to be finalised. The Day 8 census will determine the final teacher and teacher aide allocations for our school. Having said that, it is fantastic to have the same staff back on board to provide consistency and commitment to improving the learning outcomes of our students.

Parade

This year our school has decided to hold a fortnightly parade to acknowledge the hard work of our students and deliver key messages. The parade will be held on even weeks throughout the rest of the term.

Sporting Schools

Our school has once again been successful in our application for Sporting Schools. Mr. Healy will be coaching athletics on most Thursdays for the remainder of the term, sessions will begin in week 3. Please sign the permission note and return to school.

Term I

Coming Up…

Events in February

5th P & C AGM
6:30pm
Bus meeting 6pm

8th Homework Club
Playgroup

11th Principal
Meeting Back Plains SS

Sporting Schools

15th Homework club
Playgroup

18th Sporting Schools

Reminders:
P & C AGM:
Tomorrow 6:30pm
Bus Meeting:
Tomorrow 6:00pm

“To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.” Joseph Chilton Pearce
Welcome to the new Preps

Bus Meeting
A meeting regarding the future of the school bus service will commence at 6:00pm on Friday night at the school followed by the AGM.

P & C AGM
Our P & C committee will be hosting a welcome back BBQ this Friday night at 6:30pm. It will coincide with our annual general meeting. I am proud of the strong family representations and I know we can continue the fantastic fundraising opportunities in the school.

Homework Club
All students are invited to attend homework club on Monday afternoons from 3:00-3:40pm. Homework this year will occur in fortnightly cycles. It is expected that children will still complete their home reading every night. Please send an extra snack for your child’s afternoon tea.

Playgroup
Playgroup has changed slightly this year with the playgroup parents organising and facilitating playgroup for odd weeks and school

Lunch Club
Thank you Helen for convening our lunch club for the 2016 year. Below is the roster for this month.

February Roster
8.2.16 Julie & Helen
22.2.16 Felicity & Katie
15.2.16 Cherie & Marni
29.2.16 Helen & Kerri

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

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- Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests
- Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests
- Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3 school days.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.