**ANZAC Day**

On Monday 25th April every child from Back Plains State School marched and showed respect to our current and past service men and women at the Clifton ANZAC service. Thank you to all parents for enabling your child/ren to attend the moving service. I was extremely proud of the way our students conducted themselves at the service.

**Back Plains Bus**

The Back Plains bus committee, a member from the Education Department and members of State and Local councils are awaiting responses from the Department of Transport in regards to the latest emails and letters sent. Thank you to everyone for your perseverance towards advocating for our current bus arrangements to stay in place.

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to all students that participated in the Pilton Cross Country last fortnight. Back Plains students competed with enthusiasm and determination with every child running to their maximum potential. Many students placed in their individual races but due to age barriers were unable to race at the next level. Congratulations to Alex on reaching the Southern Downs competition.

On Tuesday 26th April, Alex competed in the Southern Downs Cross Country, he ran extremely well even with losing a lens from his glasses, he finished 26th out of 36 competitors. Great job Alex!!!

**Sporting Schools**

Mr Mick Kindelan completed his first session of tennis last week. It was great to see all the students learning new ball and racquet skills. He will continue to take tennis fortnightly on Monday afternoons starting Monday 9th, May. A note will be sent home this week.

**Chaplaincy Dinner**

The Back Plains school community has been asked to assist with catering for the progressive dinner on Saturday, 21st May at the Back Plains hall. We will be organising and catering for the entrée section of the meal. Funds raised will go towards supporting the financial shortfall of the Chaplaincy program across the Clifton cluster. The P & C will be meeting on Monday the 9th of May at 3:00pm for a catering meeting.

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**Important Dates**

- **2nd May** May Day holiday
- **4th & 5th May** Janette, Anne & MJ Writing PD in Gatton
- **9th May** Sporting Schools
- **10th 11th & 12th May** NAPLAN
- **20th May** Allora GALA day Netball/ Soccer/ Rugby League
- **23rd May** Sporting Schools
- **26th May** Band 5 Principal Meeting—Dalby
- **27th May** Under 8’s day Clifton GALA day Allora

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**Reminders:**

- **Chaplaincy catering meeting:** Monday 9/5/16
- **P & C Meeting:** Thursday 19/5/16 7:00pm

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**Playgroup**

Meets every Monday (except the first and last week of every term) at 9:30-11 am. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Student Banking**

Every Thursday.

**Library**

Every Thursday. Please remember to bring your library bag.
**Back Plains History book**
Ian Mason, a long term local, is preparing a book about the history of Back Plains. The school is trying to contact all students in the past 15 years to obtain permission for photographs and names to be included in the book. If you know of a student/ family that attended Back Plains between 2001—2016 please contact the school.

**NAPLAN**
On Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th of May students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across the Nation will take the NAPLAN series of tests. Over the three days, students will demonstrate their knowledge in Reading, Writing, Spelling & Grammar and Numeracy. National testing provides an insight into students ability compared to schools across the Nation. It also give teachers information about areas of strength and improvement targets for following years. Good luck!!!

**Student of the fortnight**
Alex

**Lunch Club**
9th May: Kerri & Julie
16th May: Cherie & Katie
23rd May: Julie & Felicity
30th May: Helen & Kerri

**Birthdays for April**
Jett 6th
Zoey 5th
Jessica 11th
Mrs Ballard 29th

**Our Attendance Rate**
Year to Date…. 97.5%
Our goal is 98%

**BPSS 2016**
**FOCUS AREAS**

- Writing
- Spelling

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**NAPLAN: a snapshot in time**
Your child will spend less than 4 hours, 4 times in their life completing NAPLAN over 7 years of schooling.

That’s a small investment, considering the information can be used to track a child’s progress in the important areas of literacy and numeracy and to see how they fare against other students around the country.

Find out more at www.nap.edu.au.
Photos for the fortnight:

Anzac Day
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