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QSchools App
The QSchools App is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information about Back Plains State School. To download the app, visit the App Store for your device then search for QSCHOOLS APP. Once the app is downloaded make sure you search for Back Plains State School and select the favourite option and then you will receive all notifications including push notices (text message) with important information. The app allows you to view all documents link to the school website including newsletters, newsflashes, calendar dates and much more. We encourage all parents and school community members to download the app. If you would like any assistance please see Mrs Daly.

Sporting Schools
It is great to see the willingness and drive of all our students with tennis and athletics training this term. Staff have already noticed an improvement in their skill and techniques. Thank you to Mr Healy and Mr Kinndelan for giving our students the opportunity.

GALA days
Year 3 and 4 students will take part in the annual GALA days this year at Allora State School. A permission note will be sent home today detailing the days events. Back Plains will be joined with another school to make up the soccer team.

Under 8’s day
We are very excited to be joining the 2016 Clifton Cluster Under 8’s Day on Friday 27th May. This day will be an amazing social experience for all children from the Clifton Cluster between the ages of 0-8 years. There are several wonderful activities prepared for the day, along with special guest visits including an Olympian Hockeyroo – Karen Smith and a 40 minute show from Jai Laga’aia who you may have seen on television advertisements for ‘Early Start’ and ‘Playschool’.

Premier Reading Challenge
Students at Back Plains State School will be participating in the Premier’s reading challenge again this year. The challenge will begin on the 16th May and conclude on the 26th of August. Home readers, digital texts, magazine and newspapers are all suitable types of texts. Happy reading everyone!!!!

Ryeford State School
Notice of Community Meeting re possible closure of Ryeford State School
The Minister of Education has approved to commence community consultation regarding the possible closure of Ryeford State School.

A community meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24 May 2016 from 5:30 to 6:30pm at Clifton State School Library, Tooth Street, Clifton. The Acting Assistant Regional Director and Director - Regional Services will provide an explanation of the review process and how stakeholder submissions can be made. Please RSVP your attendance at this meeting to Julie.althaus@dete.qld.gov.au or by phoning 46163722 by Monday, 23 May 2016.

Parties interested in making a submission can also contact the Regional Director by emailing enquiries.DDSW_Tooowoomba@dete.qld.gov.au or by posting to Darling Downs South West Region, PO Box 38, Toowoomba Q 4350. Submissions received from stakeholders will be incorporated into a report to the Minister regarding the consultation outcomes.

Reminders:
P & C Meeting: Thursday 19/5/16 7:00pm
Playgroup
Meets every Monday (except the first and last week of every term) at 9:30-11am. 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.

**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. Please see the school if you would like to join the progressive dinner.

**Students of the Fortnight**

Jessica

Lily

Our Attendance Rate
Year to Date…..

97.4%

Our goal is 98%

Every Day Counts

Birthdays for May
Sam 9th
Felix 26th

Lunch Club
16th May:
Cherie & Katie
23rd May:
Julie & Felicity
30th May:
Helen & Kerri
Photos for the fortnight:

Technology
Coding and
Robotics
Photos for the fortnight:

Sam is participating in a STEM ONLINE Program (Gifted and Talented Program run by Regional Office Warwick)