“Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained and delighted.” - Dr Seuss

**Ball Games**
This Friday, 9th September, our students will participate in the annual ball games carnival at the Clifton Show grounds. As with last year programme, the students will rotate with specialist coaches from the Darling Downs and the remainder of the day will involve ball games. The students have been busy practising their skills in this area with Mr Healy in their physical education lessons. It would be appreciated if parents can ensure that students are at the Showgrounds ready for a 9.30am start.

**Back to Back Plains Book Launch**
Saturday 3rd September saw the launch of the History of Back Plains book by Ian Mason. It was a great day with many past residents and those with a link to the district, attending and touring historical sites in the area. Our students were able to view some fascinating displays of artefacts from the past as well as check out some restored vintage vehicles. Students from our school proudly sang a selection of songs and we thank those families who were able to attend. Many members of the crowd commented on our student’s excellent behaviour and they particularly enjoyed our school song. Thank you to Mrs Kerri Gillespie for organising the children’s singing presentation. Back Plains School will be purchasing a copy of Ian’s book for our school library.

To coincide with this event, the students have been investigating and constructing a time line of significant events and noting the places of historical significance in Back Plains in their History studies.

**Teacher Aide Day**
This week Education Queensland recognises our wonderful and hard-working teacher aides. A sincere thank you to Mrs Janette Ballard, and Miss MJ Syme for their outstanding contribution in making Back Plains School one with such positive learning outcomes. Their efforts both in and out of the classroom are truly valued and on many occasions, are often well and beyond the call of duty. The warm relationship they have with the children at our school is gratifying to see and the numerous and varied tasks they undertake is certainly appreciated by the teachers.

A HUGE thank you Mrs Ballard and Miss MJ from the school community!
Curriculum News
Our studies in English have focused in the past few weeks on poetry. The children have enjoyed learning about all the different poetic devices and have discovered lots of humorous poems in our school library. We have been examining poems containing puns, nonsense words, spoonerisms and also learning the art of reciting poetry. The students are now embarking on writing their own comic poems using basic rhymes. Hopefully the student’s poetic efforts will be published in the next newsletter.

Rewards Day
On Thursday 15th September the students will participate in their end of term rewards day when we recognise consistent excellent behaviour and willingness to learn in our school.

Holidays
As this will be the last newsletter before the holidays Back Plains State School would like to wish everyone a happy and safe vacation. School resumes Tuesday the 4th October. We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Daly and hearing about her adventures in the USA.

Library News
Just a friendly reminder that all library books need to be returned to school on Tuesday so the end of term stocktake can be done.

Students of the Fortnight
Georgie and Zoey

Our Attendance Rate
Year to Date: 95.6%
Our goal is 98%
Every Day Counts

Birthdays for September
Lily 4th
Jackson H 12th
Jackson B 21st
Floppy Frogs

No doubt all our parents have heard about the floppy frogs which the children have been making in craft this term. They have all learnt the new skills of cutting from a pattern, threading a needle and can now proudly do running stitch (Prep to Year 2) and back stitch (Year 3/4.) The finished frogs will be hopping their way to their new homes this week. We hope to feature the student’s efforts with photos of their floppy frogs in the Clifton Courier next week.

Special thank you to parents for sending along the requested fillers for our frogs.

Mrs Daly will be thrilled to see the finished frogs when she returns to school on 4 October, after a well-deserved holiday break with her family.

Students Comments: "I loved making Floppy Frogs! I wanted to learn how to sew and Mrs Murphy taught us how to do it. I learnt back stitch, running stitch and blanket stitch. Her name is Avery" (By Jessica)
Students Comments:

I really enjoyed sewing because I learnt how to do back stitch. My frogs name is Hatari. (By Jett)

I learnt how to sew floppy frogs and I finished. My frogs name is Spotty. (By Lily)

I love making floppy frogs because I learnt how to sew. Now I can take the floppy frog home with me. My frogs name is Strawberry. (By Alex)

My floppy frog is spotty, dark and light green. I like him a lot. I named him Kurt. (By Felix)

I like floppy frogs because I learnt sewing and my frogs name is Sweetie. (By Jackson B)

I liked floppy frogs because I learnt how to sew. It was great. Her name is Cindy and my material is spotty. (By Georgie)

I liked my floppy frog because he's floppy and I liked sewing the frog together as well. His name is Hoppy. (By Jackson H)

I liked floppy frogs because they feel funny and my frogs name is Fly Trap. (By Jedd)

I liked floppy frogs because I learnt to sew, really neatly. Tigger is my frog's name. (By Nick)

I learnt how to sew. I loved it when we finished because it looked so good. My frogs name is Ziggy. (By Zoey)

I loved sewing my floppy frog. His name is Stripy. (By Riley)

Floppy frogs are the best. Nothing is better than them. I liked learning how to sew. It's great, now I can sew up my clothes without a sewing machine. My frog is called Fishy. (By Sam)