World Teachers Day
Last Friday teachers around the world were recognised for their commitment to their profession. The work of our teachers has never been more dynamic, diverse and at times challenging but always filled with limitless opportunities to make a difference.

Here at Back Plains we are fortunate to have high quality teachers that continue to strive and refine their skills in this ever changing world. Thank you to Mrs Murphy, Mrs Gillespie and Mr Healy for your commitment to education. Back Plains is lucky to have you!

Back Plains Speech Competition- Parent Helpers Needed!
Next Wednesday, Back Plains will host the annual speech competition at the Back Plains hall. The competition will run from 9:30-11:30am. It would be appreciated if all parents could assist in bringing a plate of goodies for the morning tea. They can be dropped off to the hall prior to the school day.

Swimming
Our swimming block will commence prior to our next newsletter. Permission notes will be sent home this week. If you any questions or queries please see the school.

Swimming Carnival
This year we will participate in the first Clifton & small schools swimming carnival. It will be held at the Clifton Swimming pool on Thursday, December 1st. Details about the day will be sent out closer to the event. Students are able to nominate themselves for any/ all strokes in 25m & 50m events. All other students will participate in a number of novelty races across the pool.

Musica Viva
Last Monday our school watched the Musica Viva performance which involved songs about the nature of Brisbane, these included the Poinciana, lorikeet, fire ant and cicada. The children were involved in listening and playing instruments such as, clap sticks, cello, piano, clarinet and tambourines. It was a lovely interactive performance and our students certainly enjoyed it.

Thank you once again to all parents for assisting with transport to and from the event.

Empire Theatre
Unfortunately our excursion to the Empire Theatre has been cancelled from the FAME theatre company. We are unable to find a suitable show for this year, but have been able to book a different experience for Term 3 next year!
Prep Open Day
Wednesday 23, November will see our pre-prep children join our school for the day. It is also a wonderful opportunity to form connections with other children pre-prep children and staff. Please bring a hat, water bottle and lunch for the day.

Playgroup change
Monday, 7th November (Parent playgroup)
Tuesday, 15th November (Teacher playgroup)
*Please note tuckshop will be on Tuesday this week.
Monday, 21st November (Parent playgroup)
Monday, 28th November (Teacher playgroup)
*Last playgroup for the year

Students of the Fortnight
Alex & Sam

Our Attendance Rate
Year to Date....
96.0%
Our goal is 98%