Principals Report

Reading continues to be our Focus!

For the next few weeks I would like to share some of the wonderful resources from Sheena Cameron which aligns with our Whole School Reading focus. Our teachers have recently been having conversations about every student at Bororen and aim to know where everyone is operating and what strategies we then need to focus to move our students forward.

Activating Prior Knowledge – or - what do you know about the topic? This is the language you will hear across the school, at the beginning of a lesson when a new book or topic is being introduced. In an effort to improve reading comprehension at Bororen State School, we are focussing on the strategies that research has identified as being used by good readers as a whole school. Proficient learners build on and activate their background knowledge before reading, writing, speaking or listening; poor learners begin without thinking. (Irvin (et al. 1996)

Prior knowledge is what each student brings to the reading experience – a combination of student’s attitudes, experience and knowledge. By thinking about the topic students are able to connect with what they already know, giving them a base on which to build new knowledge and give them a head start to comprehending the text.

How can you help? Here are some questions you can ask your child when reading with them.

1) What do you already know about this topic?
2) Have you read something similar?
3) What do the illustrations tell us about the text?
4) What type of text is this – narrative, letter, poem, information report?

(Source: Teaching Reading Comprehension Strategies by Sheena Cameron.)

Stationery 3-6 Class

Please ensure your child has the basic equipment needed for school for the new term. Students being prepared with pencils, rulers, erasers and required books makes the transition between lessons smooth. Thank you for your prompt support.

English Assessment 3-6

Our creative students will be drafting a letter to a student in the future. We
already began drafting one to our future self at the age of 20. The number of ideas that came from our class discussions were remarkable. We have an “Aiming for an A wall which shows examples of what an A piece of work looks like and lets students know what it is they need to know and do.

**Technology Assessment 3-6**

This term our students are looking for recycled materials to be repurposed into a hat. Following this we will be looking to create other items of clothing. Any materials students bring in please ensure they are clean. The students will be designing their ideas first, collect all the necessary items and after thinking about how it will be put together then proceed to final product.

Well done to all our young readers for the ‘Premier’s Reading Challenge’ efforts so far!

We have referred to the Reading Challenge books as our ‘Extra Special Book’. The home readers are very important as a way of learning words and comprehension. To help develop the love of reading our ‘Extra Special Book’ may be chosen to...

- Have a giggle.
- Find information about a favourite topic i.e. Cars/horses etc. What does interest your child right now?
- Look at colourful pictures. Artists are doing some truly amazing work in children’s story books.
- Create a connection time with family.

- Inspire a child on what is amazing and what they can be a part of!
- Enjoy a storyline. A good story line is like a good movie and you can take it anywhere!
- Take your mind off of a hyped up situation. Relax!
- Create a routine that encourages your child to relax before bedtime.

Please record your book and the author in the log book found in your child’s homework bag. Your child may win a prize! Don’t worry if your child is still learning to read: For the very young, looking at the pictures counts too!

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to Tyson, Madison, Ellen, Charlotte, Brock, Tristan & Ella for receiving the Student of the Week certificates.
Jack, Tanika, Tom & Ella received awards for 60 nights reading & Koulton & Clayton for 40 nights. Well done everyone.

During parade on Monday Tyson, Elli, Charlotte & Cheyanne recited some wonderful poetry. Well done on remembering your words and your great clear voices.

ROAD SAFETY COMPETITION

Queensland Road Safety Week will run this year between 22-28 August and is an opportunity for all Queenslanders to get involved in making our roads safer.

Our Bororen families can use the Road Safety in my Town picture attached to encourage their kids to enter the art competition. Once the picture is complete, students can ask a parent or caregiver to upload a photo of the picture to the Join the Drive Facebook page, and could win an iPad for themselves and their School.

What is a GENE?

All of the information needed to make a person is contained in the DNA of our cells. DNA can be thought of as a long stretch of instructions telling the cells in our body how to do their job, whether it’s lung cells helping us breathe or heart cells keeping a rhythm.

There are three billion bits of information contained in the DNA of each person – enough information to fill 200 phone books and this information is divided into genes, each one the blueprint for a particular piece of the cell.

If only one bit of DNA is wrong, the gene can’t function this results in a genetic disorder. There currently exists a range of genetic disorders for which no cure has yet been developed. These include cancer, cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, blindness, epilepsy, and rarer yet equally devastating diseases.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Friday the 5th of August we are supporting the Children’s Medical Research Institute promoting Healthier kids for a brighter future. Students are encouraged to wear jeans and make a donation to Mrs Cath (volunteer).

Student 95

Unexplained Absences- In working in partnership with all families, a reminder is given that if your child is absent from school for a genuine reason please call the office on that morning and report the reason so we can keep rolls up to date from your call. Thank you parents for your support around unexplained absences.

DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday 23rd July, Tour De Champion bicycle ride: gladstoneschoolschaplaincy.org.au/tour-de-chaplain/

See Cathy Chappy for more information.

FROM THE P & C ASSOCIATION
FUNDRAISER – LUNA MARKETS SEPTEMBER 9TH

We will be holding a Luna Markets at the school from 5pm. We will be looking to fill our oval with lots of stalls ($10 per stall) if you have something to sell. The P & CC will be doing a BBQ dinner and raffles. There will be a roster sent out to all parents for the BBQ as we do for Xmas tree night just to lighten the load a bit.

Don’t forget to bring along your cans, the cage has been emptied. Please remember no glass or plastic bags.

Next P & C Meeting will be Thursday 4th August at 2.00pm. Hope to see you all there.

MOVIE NIGHT

This Friday night the Student Council is hosting a Movie Night in our LOTE classroom. The start time is 6pm and will finish at 8.30pm sharp. There will be drinks $2.00, water $1.00, fresh popcorn $1.00 and lolly bags for $2.00. This is to raise funds for the student council and a future camp. The movie feature is Blinky Bill. All students are encouraged to bring a blanket and pillow or a cuddly toy. Tea and coffee will be on sale for attending adults.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bororen Community Hall is holding a car boot sale on Saturday the 23rd of July 9am – 12 noon. The cost will be $10.00 per site. Soft drinks and Water for sale as well as egg and bacon ‘Sangas’.

Plan not to drink and drive

- If you plan to drink, plan to get home safely.
- Designate a driver, catch a taxi, public transport or organise a lift.
- Stay at a mate’s place.
- You can still be over the limit in the morning, so avoid driving.

Put the brakes on speeding

- Regularly check your speed when you’re driving.
- If weather and/or road conditions are poor, slow down.
- Be patient and do not speed.