Over the last fortnight we have celebrated the achievements of 38 students who have received Buzz Awards at assembly for collecting 30 PATs. At this week’s assembly we will present another 39 Buzz Awards for students who have been safe, responsible and respectful learners.

Special congratulations go to Tymekia Locke who is our first 100 Club recipient for having acquired 100 PATs. Tymekia was presented with her Badge and Whistle at last week’s assembly. On Thursday’s assembly we will be inducting another 2 students into the 100 Club.

Special mention goes to the following students who have received their second Buzz Award for acquiring 60 PATs – Kalyen Quillan, Georgianna Cantwell, Ashone Raatiti, Deja Ross and Alana Disney-Cobbert.

Our whole school behaviour lessen focus for this week has been our Safe list of expectations – “Dwelling on time walk around the school in pairs”. Our behaviour focus for next week is from our Responsible list of expectations – “Use allocated toilets during breaks”. Both of these expectations have a focus of being safe and responsible, minimising time spent out of the classroom which allows students to maximise the amount of learning time available to them in the classroom during any given day.

I encourage all parents/careers to discuss and reinforce these expectations with their children to help them understand the importance of meeting these behaviour standards each and every day. We look forward to seeing our students demonstrate these expectations over the next fortnight, as they embrace our school values of being safe, respectful and responsible learners.

Darren Russell – Deputy Principal

**STUDENT AWARDS & ASSEMBLY**

These advertisers support us, please support them:

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**Coming Events**

**March**
- 27: Sporting & Cultural Leaders hosting Assembly @ 2.30pm

**April**
- 3: Assembly @ 2.30pm
- 4: Last Day Term 1
- 21: Easter Monday
- 22: First Day Term 2
- 23: Pelicans/Koalas Swimming
- 24: Anzac Day Assembly @ 2.30pm
- 25: Anzac Day March
- 30: Parents/Koalas Swimming

**May**
- 1: School Captains & Vice Captains hosting Assembly @ 2.30pm
- 7: Pelicans & Koalas Swimming
- 8: Irwin hosting Assembly @ 2.30pm
- 9-11: DEEP Instrumental Program
- 14: Pelicans & Koalas Swimming
- 15: Plateau hosting Assembly @ 2.30pm
- 21: Pelicans & Koalas Swimming
- 22: Koalas hosting Assembly @ 2.30pm
- 26-30: Mackay & District Instrumental Camp

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Dear Parents, Staff & Students

**Amazing Choral Festival Performance:** Congratulations to our 16 choral performers and Mrs Pyatt for their contribution to this wonderful district event that culminated in over 400 singers as part of a mass choir. The students committed to many lunch time practices and a weekend rehearsal. Our students are to be commended on their hard effort and dedication, and you should be proud of Mrs Pyatt for training, organising and supervising this group in readiness for the performance. Yesterday’s Daily Mercury presented a full front page photo of the mass choir during rehearsal.

**Prep & Year 1 Daily Mercury Photo Collector’s Item 2014:** Today’s local paper presents a lift-out feature presenting all district Prep and Year 1 classes for 2014. Our school has purchased an edition for each child to bring home to keep with today’s collection. The collection will be a special scrap book of our days at school. Please rescue these from school bags when they get damaged. We may have some spare copies at the office to give away.

**Wet Weather Care & Common Sense:** Parents please take the time at the dinner table to remind children of some basic safety tips and common sense during wet conditions on the way to and from school as well as during the school day. Children are walking and riding to school in pouring rain with no rain coats or spray jackets, students ride bikes and scooters without considering that corners become slippery and vehicles have greater difficulty seeing them. Before school students complain they are wet and cold after running around between buildings in the rain. I can imagine how impressed parents would be to be contacted at work requesting fresh clothes be brought to school. I do not have enough spare uniforms to hand out to students who deliberately get wet. Sometimes our common sense disappears when the weather changes. I don’t want this to become an issue that endangers a child’s safety.

**Physical Education:** Mr Nelson in Term 2: Our PE Teacher Mr Nelson will be on leave all of Term 2 following knee surgery during the holidays. We hope all goes well for Peter and look to a speedy return in Term 3. Experienced PE Teacher Marilyn Green will cover this role during Term 2.

Beaconsfield Writers Workshop: Yesterday talented student writers Blaise and Rochelle Westen, Rohan Hopewell and Bronco Allen took part in a writer’s workshop with renowned children’s author Phil Kettle. Students shared his knowledge and expertise on how to create powerful descriptions, tension and twists in their writing. We look forward to sharing some of the students’ writing soon.

**Final Week of Term & Easter Holidays:** Next week is the last Term before the Easter holidays. Teachers will be working with students throughout this week. Please do not think the last week is just games and finishing off work. Classes cannot afford to miss any teaching time and will use the majority of this week to complete work units and testing. Families leaving for Easter holidays early need to inform the class teacher or the office so the absence can be marked as explained, not unexplained. View newsletter calendar for holiday and school return dates as well as ANZAC day ceremonies and city March during Week 4 next Term.

**Term 2 National Testing Yrs. 3/5/7 (RAILAN 2014):** This will occur during May 23rd to 15th in Areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Maths, Grammar & Punctuation. Although testing is a standardised Australian Curriculum Concepts and provides our school with an external measure of student strengths and areas for improvement, it also provides data for each individual student to look over the long term as you can view student progress in all areas from Year 3 to Year 9 no matter what school student they transfer to or leave from. Students with particular disabilities may apply for an exemption or an adjustment via negotiation between school and family. Families who wish not to partake may apply for a withdrawal request based on religious or personal philosophical grounds. These students are then not included in school data and receive no report. Students who are absent on the day are automatically ranked as below national minimum standard which then impacts negatively on overall school achievement. Being absent on the day to avoid participation is not necessary if you contact the school in advance to discuss your concerns.

School Leaders Elect (Sporting & Cultural) – Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen by their peers and school staff to represent the school during 2014.
- Freeman House: Captain – Peter Fookes; Vice-Captain – Brittany Veen
- Hoopla House: Captain – Kianteras Phipps; Vice-Captain – Damoloy Heiner
- Mackenzie House: Captain – Zane Moller; Vice-Captain – Ashleigh Evans
- Robertson House: Captain – Jack Cottle; Vice-Captains – Alice Hahn, Charlee Miller

Cultural Leaders – Rebecca Lee & Jaimie Elvase

An official hedge presentation and student pledge will occur early next term.

Regards

Brendan Smith
Principal
JENNINGS LEARNING GROUPS

So far in Jennings, we have been learning about a range of new things. We have learned about historical events, the world, and ourselves. We have been learning about erosion and how it affects our world and we have also travelled around the globe to visit South America and Africa. The majority of Jennings students have been involved in playing either football or soccer and these people need to be commended on their commitment and trying their best every single week, whilst also showing fantastic sportsmanship. Also, a class achievement for us this term is receiving the Attendance Bowl for our great attendance effort. Well done! Let’s try and win it again!

Stephanie Randell - Teacher

LAWRENCE LEARNING GROUPS

Sentence Construction

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SPORTS

Our last away game in Soccer and Netball was against Eimeo Road. Our senior boys played soccer teams had a narrow 3 goals to 2 victory while the Eimeo Road played an existing 1 all draw. Our Junior Black team had a convincing 6 goals to 2 win but the Green suffered a 5 to 1 defeat. The senior Netball team scored 9 goals but Eimeo pipped them by 1 goal. The Juniors are steadily improving but just a class away. Unfortunately, our match against Bassendin was cancelled because of the wet weather looks extremely doubtful with our waterlogged ground. A decision will be announced closer to the event. During the last few weeks, a number of students have competed in trials to be selected for either Cumberland or Mackay District sporting teams. Congratulations are extended to Amber Ansell and Bronnie Allen (Netball), Dakota Miller (Blockey), Bronie Allen (Basketball), Henri Stocks and Ashley Hill (Rugby League). We wish them well in their future endeavours, and we are, with support from Bassendin School, to enter a team in Rugby League for the after school Wednesday competition that will commence on April 23rd. The team will begin training this week. As announced previously, Bassendin SS is an official Training Centre of Tennis Australia’s National Grassroots Program - MLC Tennis Hot Shots. As a benefit to this program all students in our school have the opportunity to claim a FREE Tennis Hot Shots t-shirt and a Speedball backpack. In addition to the t-shirt and backpack, school will receive a $2 rebate per child who registers. This money will be spent on additional tennis equipment for our school. To take advantage of this offer simply:

2. Follow the steps to the bottom of the page and ignore the “My Tennis ID login” and go directly to “The MLC Tennis Hot Shots Venue”
3. Please type in the school postcode or name of the school and click the “begin registration” button.
4. Find our school and click the besiege button
5. Now scroll down the page and complete each of the fields. Please note that this is the phone field you need to include your area code before your phone number so for example 0298700432
6. All fields have been completed your child will receive their t-shirts and backpack at school. These gifts will be handed out at the end of each match.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Peter Nelson - Physical Education Teacher

MUSIC

CHORAL FESTIVAL 2023 – KIDM What a night! It was a wonderful experience for students from Bassendin to be able to be a part of a just less than 1000 member choir. All the lunch time practices, Sunday and Monday rehearsals paid off last night with an impressive performance. There were new friendships made from other schools as well as catching up with some past students of Bassendin, the excitement of performing on the “big stage” at the MECC and having family and friends in the audience to see the fabulous result. Congratulations to your students for being great ambassadors for the school in particular, Shae who was interviewed on Choral 7. I was very proud music teacher!

A huge thank you goes to all the parents who have supported the choir throughout this term and especially ensuring our child attended rehearsals and the performance on time and was dressed correctly.

CHOIRS – Next term, I will be looking for some more students from years four to year six to be members of the Senior Choir as well as year three students for the Junior Choir.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – Mrs Max is very happy with all the progress of all the students in the string program with particular mention of our beginners. Well done, everyone! Very pleasing news! Keep practising especially as we have entered the Fairview competition which will be held in April.

CONCERT BAND PRACTICE THURSDAY MORNINGS 7.30AM ARRIVAL. Please be on time.

Carmel Pyatt - Music Teacher

PCYC “Time 4 Kids” Lock Up Your Principal Fundraiser!

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SWPBS – Supporting Positive Behaviour

Congratulations again goes to the Yr 6/7 Lawrence class who have topped the school PAT totals with 232 in Week 7 and 213 in Week 8. The Lawrence class have been on top now for the last 4 weeks, a fantastic achievement! Week 7 was a big one for PAT’s with a term record being of 1440 being distributed across the school. Unfortunately we haven’t reached our goal of having all 12 classes groups achieve 100 PAT’s for any given week. In Week 7 we had 6 out of 12 classes achieve the target which dropped to 3 out of 12 classes last week in Week 8 another 4 classes finished with totals in the 90s, 80s and the achievement of the 100 PAT target.

We will continue working hard over the next fortnight as we strive towards achieving our whole school PAT target goal.

TIME 4 KIDS – LOCK UP YOUR PRINCIPAL

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Year 4/5 CAMP

Year 4/5 camp Expressions of Commitment need to be in before the end of Term 1.

We have had a good response so far... but haven’t made the number we needed to book the bus. This is a fantastic experience for your children in an environment we don’t have locally. Please allow them to participate and make your commitment today!