**Dates for your Diary**

Student Banking on Fridays  
Schools Clean UP Australia Day – Friday 3rd March  
Year 7 Immunisations - Monday 6th March  
P & C Meeting - Wednesday 8th March, 9am  
Funky Hair Day - Friday 17 March  
Celebration of Learning Day - Wednesday 22nd March  
Last day of Term 1 - 31st March

**From the Principal’s Desk…**

Last week we announced the $35000 grant the P and C received towards the purchase of a new school bus. The school has also received a grant for the establishment of a new playground for secondary school. The total of the grant was $35,000 as well. We have had two companies come to look at the site and are presently organising quotes for the project. The aim is to have equipment that all students can use and will include a soft fall area in and around the playground. Over coming years, we will have the capacity to extend the playground when funding becomes available.

With almost a month of school completed it is wonderful to walk around the school and see the students settled and working hard. Congratulations to all our new students and especially the prep classes who have settled in beautifully to school life.

This week Ethan Muric (our school captain) commenced his Certificate 2 in Allied Health Services. Ethan will be having 5 weeks theory before his work placement at Friendlies Private Hospital begins.

Last Friday, all our senior school leaders attended a day long leadership retreat. From all reports, the students had a fabulous day with plenty of different activities to enhance leadership skills. Congratulations to all the students and staff who attended on the day.

Robert Lyons  
Deputy Principal  

**2017 Priorities: Health & Wellbeing, Staff Capacity, Supporting Communication through a Balanced Literacy Approach**

Horse-riding for the Disabled are looking for donations of empty 4 litre ice-cream containers.

If you have any containers you would like to donate please drop them to the Bundaberg Special School office.

**Handy Information**

School Phone: 41555222  
Email: admin@bundaberspecs.eq.edu.au  
Absence email: absences@bundaberspecs.eq.edu.au

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

This week’s PBL rule is:  
Keep hands and feet to yourself.

**BE THE 3:** Be Safe, Be Friendly, Be a Learner

**It’s A Mad World.**  
(School Performance)

Date: Monday 27th February  
Time: 12:40pm  
Cost: $5.00 per student (paid to the office)

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Morning Tea with the School Chaplain, planned for the 20th February has been postponed.

We will advise the new date in a future edition of the newsletter.

The Chaplain will be unavailable for meetings for 2 weeks as she is absent from the school.

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**Sausage Sizzle Every Friday**

Senior school is holding a sausage sizzle every Friday.

Cost is $2 for sausage on bread.

Please put the money in a brown paper bag and give to the students roll class teacher.
Senior Students say:

Thank you to all our families for your support around work experience, excursions and meetings. We aim to maintain prompt open lines of communication between home and school.

Congratulations to all our Senior School Leaders who were presented with their badges at our Leaders Ceremony during the week.

The Bundaberg Model Railway Club Inc. is holding its first open day of 2017 on March 11. The club room is in the old show grounds, Kensington Street entrance. There is ample off street parking and no admission charge. The hours are 9.00am till 3.00pm. Our new 3x20 meter extension is finished and occupied with one complete layout and a large extension (under construction) to an existing layout.

We hope to see visitors of all ages coming to enjoy this hobby. Club members will be on hand for a chat and to answer any questions.

BMX Sign On Day

On Sunday the 26th of February 2017 at the Bundaberg BMX track, we will be holding our annual Sign on Day. If you are wondering what this great sport of BMX is all about, here is your opportunity. You will have the chance to talk to some of our coaches, riders / parents, ride the track and have the chance to join our club and be a part of one of the fastest growing sports in Australia. BMX is a sport for all ages from 2 - 62. Age / gender are not a barrier.

The sign on day is designed for all who are curious / interested to have a close up and personal look at what this great sport is all about. The best part of the day is that it's free! As an added bonus the first 25 children will receive a sprocket bag full of cool stuff.

Our canteen will be operational on the day selling drinks and light refreshments. The track is located on Airport Drive and the day commences at 9:00 am. Bring your bike along on the day with a helmet, gloves, long sleeved top, trousers / long pants, shoes and socks. If you don't have all these items, the club will have some spares that you may borrow.

Carers of Young People with a disability Support Group
Monday 20th February
9.30am to 11.30am
Boundaries Workshop,Spotted Dog Tavern
217 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg
Morning tea provided
New Carers always welcome.