5A1 & 5A2
Rise Mural
Dear members of our school community
What a fantastic place Boondall State School is in which to work, learn, play and celebrate.

This year the School's Explicit Improvement Plan is based on the following:
- **Reading** – Implement the Boondall Reading Program with an explicit focus on Guided Reading
- **Positive Behaviour for Learning** – Implement and embed a whole school approach to develop consistent and positive school culture

The School Improvement Unit (SIU), Education Queensland, has recently published a report that contains an analysis of the key findings from the 310 school reviews completed. From the analysis, the SIU has identified four features common to highly effective schools:
- a sharp and narrow improvement agenda
- purposeful collection and application of data to student learning
- clear roles and responsibilities of teams and key management
- learning-focused leadership.

We are ensuring we implement these four features to further refine the fantastic work we do. At Boondall State School we take pride in our ability to teach children to read. Our school is implementing a whole school reading program where children are taught reading strategies. Our aim is that all children will exit our school knowing how to read. However, we still require your assistance. Please listen to or read with or to your child every day. Ten minutes a day is all it takes. As part of our reading program we also teach sight words. Boondall State School uses the Magic Sight Word resource. Did you know the first 100 Magic Words make up, on average, one half of all reading? The second hundred words, together with the first 100, total an estimated two-thirds of words in reading. The third hundred words, together with the first two hundred words, total an estimated 70% of words in reading and writing. *Magic Words Resource.* Please continue to read with your child as well assist them with learning the Magic Sight Words. Learning to read opens up many possibilities – it empowers individuals!

There is a direct correlation between attendance and results. A high level of attendance is giving your child the best opportunity possible. Please ensure that your child is at school every day, unless ill. This includes avoiding removing children from school for family holidays. It is impossible for teachers to make up the number of lessons missed during large absences. Children arriving late are missing out on part of the first lesson of the day which at Boondall is most often reading, writing and English. Please ensure you are here on time for learning to commence no later than 8.30am. 95% attendance means 10 days absence per year. We aim for at least 95% attendance with all students.
Thank you to all parents/carers who attended our Meet and Greet sessions. It was great to see so many people join us and take an interest in what each class can offer your child.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
— Nelson Mandela

Yours in education

Ange Padgett
Principal
RISE Focus: RESPECT INDEPENDENCE SAFETY EFFORT

Week 3 Lesson: Be Safe- Sit Safely (all years)

What does it mean and why do we do it?

WE ARE LEARNING TO: we are learning to sit safely
WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR: students to be sitting safely, comfortably and respectfully to help achieve their best learning outcomes. At eating times, and before school, sit in your designated eating areas safely with running around or playing.

RISE Focus: RESPECT INDEPENDENCE SAFETY EFFORT

Week 4 Lesson: Care for property

What does it mean and why do we do it?

WHAT AM I LEARNING TO DO: be respectful of my own property and communal property. Make sure all personal property is labelled with your name.
WHAT AM I LOOKING FOR: children who actively show respect by caring for their property and communal property.

Leaders Induction
On Friday February 17 we will host our School Leaders Induction Ceremony for elected School Captains, Vice Captains, Sport Leaders (House and Vice Captains), Music Leaders (Band and Choir Captains and Vice Captains) and the 2017 Student Councillors. Parents of students receiving badges are warmly welcomed and, as in previous years, given the opportunity to present their child’s badge. We look forward to this special day on our school calendar and hope you can join us for it.

PBL Passports
We are off to a flying start to the year with regard to PBL. Our GOTCHA tally has risen sharply since week 1 and it reflects the high standard of positive behaviour being demonstrated by our students. Please remember that each student has their own passport, for every 5 GOTCHA tickets they receive they can add a sticker to their passport. As students reach 30 GOTCHA stickers they are eligible to receive a Bronze award. If you are new to the school, or if you have any questions about how the passports work please ensure that you talk to your child’s teacher.

Chris Hart
Deputy Principal
Student Support
The Student Support Team is a dedicated team working hard to help meet the needs of all students.
The team consists of:

- Team Leader: Greg McCallum
- STLan (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy) - Sue Archer
- SEP (Special Education Program) - Debbie Curtis-Price & Sheri Adams
- Guidance Officer - Mel Ireland
- English as an additional language/dialect - Leica Beavers
- Speech Language Pathologist - Bronte Brook
- GEM (Gifted Education Mentor) - Brooke Harris

To further assist student learning we are fortunate to have a dedicated team of Teacher Aides.

The Student Support Team has started the year working with both students and class teachers. The team enables a tiered approach to supporting students including intensive, targeted and universal support. In the coming weeks the team will be working closely with the classroom teachers to develop a range of individual plans. An important component of these plans is the contributions of parents and carers and your input and support is a key element in the success of the plans.

If you would like further information regarding student support please make an appointment with the appropriate teacher.

PaCE Committee Meeting
Just a reminder that the first PaCE meeting will be on 20 Feb at 6.00pm.
What: PaCE Committee meeting
Who: Parents of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
Where: Music Room
When: 20 Feb 2017
Time: 6.00pm
It would be wonderful to see some new faces attend the first PaCE meeting of the year.

Agenda
Item 1. Review 2016
Item 2. Looking Ahead 2017
  - NAIDOC Week
  - Senior Shirts
  - Mural Plaque
  - Homework Club
Item 3. Other

If you would like to add to the agenda please email before Friday 17 Feb.

Greg McCallum
Deputy Principal

From the Head of Student Learning

Are you spending 10 minutes a day reading with your child?
Ten minutes isn’t a long time and when it comes to spending this time reading, it’s easy to put it off because it is such a short amount of time. However, demonstrating the benefits of reading and making it fun can really make a difference to your child’s attitude to reading. Remember to ask your child questions about what has been read to ensure they understand.
Talking about books, characters, settings helps develop students' understanding of text and how to interpret what the author is telling us. Please take the time to read to/with your child every day! It has also been found to be beneficial for your children to see you reading to yourself and then discussing with them what you are reading about. Research shows that what happens at home is as important in a child's education, as what happens at school.

Would you like to know how to support your child with his/her reading?
Please come along and participate in our Reading Workshop! There are three sessions available, each of which will be held in the Flexible Learning Space (beside the Computer Room in L Block). Please return the attendance slip below, to the office with your preferred date.

Robyne Harris
Head of Student Learning

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READING WORKSHOPS
Parent/Carer name ____________________ Student name______________________ Class______

I will be attending the Reading Workshop for Parents on:
☐ Wednesday 22 February 6-6:30pm
☐ Thursday 1 March 2:45-3:15pm
☐ Friday 3 March 9:30-10am

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 orders are due Friday 10 February. With every order, the school earns reward points that are converted into more books and resources for our library. Please see the back of the brochure for ordering via Book Club LOOP online. If you are paying with cash or cheque please complete the order form with child's full name, class and payment and return to the Office by 9am Friday 10 February 2017.

Wendy Seel 3R1
Book Club Co-ordinator

P & C Association

The Boondall State School P and C Association meet 3 Monday of every month. Meeting dates are noted in the ‘Save the Date’ section on Page 1 of every newsletter. Contact the P & C at pandc@boondallss.eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop

Open every Friday 8.00am to 9.30am. Order forms available from school office.

Music Matters

Welcome to another year at Boondall State School! I'm so excited about what 2017 will bring to the Music Department.

Instrumental
Last year we farewelled Mr Simpson as he heads off to Melbourne for his well earned retirement. Our new Percussion & Bass Guitar teacher is Mr Schick. I'm sure we will look forward to getting to know Mr Schick this year.
We also welcome the Year Four students who will be beginning their Instrumental tuition this week at KickStart. We hope that you have a great day and take home all the skills you’ve developed. Parents who have children in the Instrumental Program should have received an email from me in the last two weeks. If you did not receive an email please email me at rhcna73@eq.edu.au so that I can add you to my emailing list.

Choir
This semester I will be trialling having Senior Choir after school. I found that last year there were many amazing children who loved to sing but didn’t enjoy missing their lunchtime with friends. Senior Choir will be held on Thursdays from 2.30-3.30pm. Parents and students who are interested in Senior Choir will receive a letter this week about the arrangements in more detail. There will also be extra letters under the Music Board for those who miss out in their Music Lessons. Rehearsals will start in Week 4.

Junior Choir will continue to run for students in Years 1 - 3 on Tuesdays at First Break.

Keep Making Music,
Mrs Spooner

Dental Clinic
If your child has a dental appointment with us, please collect your child from their class and bring them to the Dental Clinic for the appointed time. Thank you.

Sport

Bramble Bay Swimming
We wish all 20 of our swimmers well in the Bramble Bay District Swimming Trials this Friday, February 10 at the Lawnton pool. The successful swimmers at these trials will then compete at the Metropolitan North trials.

Swimming Lesson Update
Repair work is still being carried out on our pool. To avoid any more missed swimming lessons, please ensure you have filled out the swimming permission note which was sent home earlier this term. This letter needs to be returned to your child’s classroom teacher. If you need another note, copies are available at the office.

The Arts

Last week our Footsteps Dance program began. Tamara from Footsteps made sure all student were movin’ and groovin’ with smiles on their faces.

Payment for the Footsteps Dance program is due by Friday 24 February. It is $11 per student. All students should have received an invoice in the first week of school. Please contact the office if you have not received this invoice or are having difficulty making your payment.

Don’t forget there will be a Footsteps Disco on Friday 17 March in the evening. This is a fundraising event for the Dance program and will cost $5 per child. Tamara from Footsteps will run this disco and the students will be able to showcase the dances they have learnt during their Footsteps. There will also be time for the students to show their own moves with some free dancing. Thank you for supporting the Footsteps Dance program at Boondall. Your children LOVE IT !!!

Lynley Williams (Arts Coordinator)
Have you registered for QParents yet? It is easy, follow these steps

1. Have you received your QParent email with the unique Invitation Code? Contact office if you need this to be resent.

2. Do you have all you identity documents? If you don’t have sufficient documents, remember to bring in the additional documents to the office to complete the registration process.

3. Do you know your child’s EQID. You can find it on their report cards

Contact the office if you need assistance. Using QParents is a great way to pay for camps, excursions etc, re-print school report cards, notify student absences etc. **Register now**

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**Chess Club**

Why should your child play chess? Numerous studies and researchers have shown that chess can: Raise a person’s IQ, provide exercise for the brain, increase creativity, improve memory & concentration, improve problem solving, reading and social skills ……but most importantly, CHESS IS FUN!

**The Boondall School Chess Club** is run by Gardiner Chess in the Media Room on Tuesdays from 2:40 – 3:40. Students of all ages and ability levels are welcome. Drop in for a free trial lesson. For more information contact the coach Matt Gilpin – mgilpin@gardinerchess.com.au

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Enter the enchanted wonderland of the 2017 Sand Safari Arts Festival presented by Streets Ice Cream as Surfers Paradise transforms into a precinct of art inspired by sand and sea from 10th-26th February.

This year, Sand Safari will bring sea mythology to life through sand sculptures of mermaids, Poseidon, sea creatures and more at the annual Australian Sand Sculpting Championships along the foreshore and across the coast with the Sand Trail.

The championships will see 9 of the country’s most talented sculptors, as they intricately carve life-sized masterpieces inspired by the theme ‘Mermaids and Mythical Creatures’ over three days from 10th-12th February.

The awe-inspiring creations – each carved from 10 tonnes of sand – will then remain on display on the iconic foreshore until Sunday 26th February. There will also be an interactive sculpture exhibition where you can have your photo taken among the display.

Returning to Sand Safari for a second year are sand & sea themed art installations throughout Surfers Paradise by international artists Luke Sgan (Filthy Luker) & Pete Hamilton (Pedro Estrellas). From mesmerising flying squid to oversized octopus and hanging jellyfish, Surfers Paradise is guaranteed to be truly oct-o-pied throughout February.

But the fun doesn’t stop there. There will be plenty of fun activities where children can give sand sculpting a go in mini workshops along the foreshore or get creative with sand art and coloured sand activities. From the Surfers Paradise foreshore to other locations throughout the Gold Coast, this free event will have something for the whole family!

**2017 Australian Sand Sculpting Championships**
Dates: February 10 – 12, 2017  
(Live sculpting February 10-12, winner announced February 11, works displayed until February 26)  
Location: Surfers Paradise foreshore  
Cost: Free

**2017 Sand Trail**
Dates: February 3 – 26, 2017  
Location: Various locations from Coolangatta to Loganholme  
Cost: Free

**Inflatable Sea Sculptures**
Dates: February 10 – 26, 2017  
Location: Multiple locations throughout Surfers Paradise  
Cost: Free

**Sand Art Activities and Workshops**
Dates: February 10 – 26, 2017  
Location: Surfers Paradise Foreshore  
Cost: Small fee applies for materials

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19

Are you a competent swimmer and interested in Water Polo? Want to learn more about the sport? Come and try it out!

Date: 19th Feb – 19th March (5 weeks)

Venue: Craigslea State School Pool
        Hamilton Rd, Chermside West

What's Involved: Land warm ups, skills and drills,
                 basic rules and game play

Cost: $50/player to be paid prior to commencement of the clinic
      Unfortunately no refunds for non-attendance

For further enquiries or to secure you place email u12@polobeans.com.au

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9:00 AM – 10:30 AM