BLDDMFIELD KIDS ARE 5-DAY KIDS WE COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY

for the Holidays

On Monday July 11th we have a fantastic Holiday!!!

Our School Pledge
I will be safe, respectful and strong. I will be the best learner I can be.

Principal’s Lines
This month, I had the pleasure of attending our senior class’ four day camp at Lake Tinaroo where many challenges were set for students as individuals, in small groups and as a whole group. Many parents will remember their camp at Tinaroo back in 1990 with myself and Mrs Markham canoeing on the lake and abseiling at Platypus Rock.

Our students did all of that and more and because they tried their best and worked together as a group, getting along, they achieved success and ultimately came away happy.

Our students need to feel good about themselves, “Happy to be me”, to succeed at school and into the future. When children have a challenge to achieve, it’s always more satisfying and meaningful when they achieve the success rather than being handed the outcome. At first there were grumbles about cooking meals and cleaning up but by half way through the camp, all children were happy and eager to do their part cooking Chicken Hotpot, serving Apple Pie and Cream the washing the dishes afterwards.

This camp proved, once again, what great children and staff we have working together to achieve a common goal for our students: To be the best learner they can be.
News From Prep and Year 1

Hi there!

Wow it’s hard to believe that already we have flown through an 11 week term. Prep and Year One has been a very busy place this term with loads of wonderful new learning occurring and even a couple of trips to Cocktown for Deadly Sports and Under 8’s Day.

Students have thoroughly enjoyed the Pamela Allen author study this term, her children’s books are frequently asked to be read by students during shared reading opportunities. Our morning handwriting routine has seen wonderful results with students beginning to take pride and time in forming their handwriting skills. We have also been busy learning about full stops and capital letters and take time to practise these in our morning routine. Mathematics has been fun also with students using informal measurements to measure classroom objects, practising the days of the week, counting and recognising numerals. Students have recently begun using an online program to reinforce concepts that they have been taught, this has been a great addition to our mathematics session.

In other areas students have explored the wonderful world of weather, healthy food choices and weather inspired art. It has definitely been a wonderful and very busy term. Not too busy that we couldn’t take some time out to spend it with super football star Matty Bowen. All the students loved seeing the premiership trophy and taking part in some football drills. As this is the end of Term 2 students will receive their report cards, for those in Prep this is their first ever. It is important to remember that the report card is reporting on what they have learnt so far, there is still another 6 months of the year for students to continue to grow and learn. Importantly please remember that in order for your child to have the best chance at success they need to attend school every day. Unfortunately if your child has not had great attendance this semester this will have impacted their overall achievement. Thank you to those parents that have come and spent time in your child’s classroom during the semester. I appreciate your involvement and I’m certain your child does too.

Until next term, have a safe and enjoyable break, school recommences for Term 3 on Monday 11th July. 

Miss Tammy
Big Kids Class

I hope that everyone has thoroughly enjoyed all the fun activities this term and I’m sure that students and families are looking forward to the two week holiday break coming up shortly. A big thank you to all the students who have put in a huge effort with their school-work, homework and attendance this semester. This has been a great term and I have seen the students come a long way with their learning and thinking.

Our school camp to Lake Tinaroa a few weeks back was a huge success. Students had the chance to extend their skills with outdoor activities such as canoeing, abseiling, the group challenges and the very scary ‘big swing’. Night sessions were filled with students cooking dinner and a range of games including minute to win it, the newspaper fashion parade show and a damper making competition. Students all had a fantastic time on this trip and it was a great way for students to work on building skills with confidence, resilience, getting along, persistence and organisation. It has been amazing to see the students bringing these skills back into the classroom to help with their learning at school.

Recently our school was lucky enough to have a travelling drama group come to visit. They did an interactive performance and then hosted a drama workshop with our students. The experience was extremely valuable to students as they enjoyed the live performance and laughed a lot as they were developing their skills in the dramatic arts.

This is what we have been doing over the various areas of the curriculum:

- English: We are just finishing off a unit on the features of information reports and next term we will be learning about recounts and the features of poetry.
- Mathematics: Students have been learning about a range of concepts including multiplication techniques, fractions, measuring time, measuring length and area, and understanding how to use the language of chance to describe the outcomes of everyday events.
- Science: This term we are finishing up a unit on animals and animal adaptations before moving onto a unit on space and the solar system for next term.
- Geography: Next term students will be learning about the various countries in the world and exploring the cultures and locations of these countries.

Thank you again for all the effort over this semester. Don’t forget we are having our sports carnival on Wednesday 22nd June down at the Wujal oval.

Mr. James

News from around the school with Miss Vicky

Prep/1

In English Pamela Allen is the author study for this term. We have been completing book report activities. A favourite is “I wish I had a pirate suit” and we had a great “pirate day” completing activities based around a pirate theme.

1/2/3

During the past few weeks we have been looking at Information reports in English. This has helped us in our science lessons as we look at the weather, different landscapes and how animals adapt. Animals we have looked at have been the bilby, frogs and kangaroos. “Kangaroo Rock” is a story as well as a song and dance about animals who formed a rock and roll band in the desert near Uluru. The children have some great moves happening when the song is played.

3/4/5/6

This class continues to improve with their writing each week. They are very creative with their narrative stories and have put a lot of effort into some persuasive writing; giving reasons topic choices. It is great to hear the stories camp which everybody enjoyed very much.

Safe and happy holidays.

Miss Vicki
Rhaquiella Nandy

Rhaquiella is a happy, helpful and enthusiastic member of our class. She always tries her best and follows the class/school rules. Rhaquiella has many friends who she supports, talks to and plays with. She enjoys answering questions and sharing her ideas during our class discussions. It is obvious that her enthusiastic approach to learning, positive attitude, imagination and creativity inspire her to learn. Rhaquiella is a delight to have in our classroom and her good sense of humour often makes us all smile.

Our Student of the Month

Under 8s day in Cooktown
Newsletter Year 1,2,3 Class

Wow, it's hard to believe that we are just about to finish am 11 week term! Students have been very busy and have continued to work hard, improving their knowledge and working towards meeting targets expected of them.

Students are continuing to develop their Comprehension skills – being able to read something, understand what is written, and answering question about the text. Our journal writing time has seen many students creating not just one or two sentences, but a short story about a subject. This is amazing and I am very proud of those who are putting in so much extra effort. Our spelling program and sight word program is coming on wonderfully, with many of the students still achieving 10/10 each Friday on their spelling test and moving through their sight words at a firm pace.

In Mathematics we have learnt and revised many concepts this Term, it has been fast paced and students have coped well with the amount of new information presented to them. Students are responding well and look forward to our consolidation lessons (where we work at a fast pace to move information from our short term memory to our long term memory for easy recall).

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Again, a big thankyou to those families that encourage their child to complete and return their homework each night. Next term our homework setup will be a little different – students will have a book with a glued in sheet that will be completed over a week. Home readers will continue with the focus on students reading their book with fluency and retelling what has happened. Homework will be given out on a Tuesday and returned the following Tuesday.

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We will continue to focus in class on being a Safe, Respectful Learner. Please help us by reminding your child that they cannot be a great Learner without being Safe and Respectful.

Thank you to those family members who have visited our classroom this term. The students really enjoy this. We would love to see all families in our classroom next Term so if you do have some spare time why not come up to our class and say Hi and join our lessons.

This is the end of Term 2 and as such, students will receive their report cards. Please remember that this reporting is on what students have learnt so far and there is still another semester for students to continue to grow, develop and learn skills and concepts. Unfortunately if students have not had constant attendance this semester, this will be reflected in their overall achievement. In order for your child to have the best chance achieving successful outcomes they will need to attend school every day.

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And last but not least:
The Student of the Month is Kaie Yougie is a ŵatuƌe, polite aŶd ǁell-ŵaŶŶeƌed LJouŶg studeŶt. “he tƌies heƌ aďsolute haƌdest iŶ all that she does aŶd this ŵakes heƌ a gƌeat ƌole-ŵodel foƌ heƌ peeƌs aŶd the LJouŶgeƌ studeŶts. “he alǁaLJs Đoŵpletes heƌ hoŵeǁoƌk oŶ iŵe aŶd has faŶtasiĐ sĐhool ateŶdaŶĐe. Kaie shoǁs dediĐaioŶ, ĐoŶi-deŶĎe aŶd ƌesilieŶĎe ǁith all tasks that she ateŵpts, aŶd gets aloŶg ǁell ǁith eǀeŶLJoŶe iŶ the sĐhool. “he alǁaLJs Đoŵpletes heƌ hoŵeǁoƌk oŶ iŵe aŶd has faŶtasiĐ sĐhool ateŶdaŶĎe. Kaie is a gƌeat iŶspiƌaioŶ to haǀe iŶ the Đlassƌooŵ aŶd theƌe is Ŷo douďt that Kaie ǁill go to aĐhieǀe gƌeat suĐĎess ǁith ǁhateǀeƌ she ǁishes to do ǁith heƌ life.
We had really special Visitors this term: Blake the Cricketer and the QLD Cowboys with the Premiership Trophy.

Grade 6 Gardening Club
1:30pm Every Wednesday

This term we have rejuvenated & planted out our vegetable gardens. The scrub hens have had a good old time, so we spent an afternoon researching ways to protect our harvest. New bird netting & tomato stakes have provided perfect protection.

Next term our goal is to get our new chook house ready for some residents, spread our hay bale out, build a trellis for snake beans & most importantly, begin our compost collection. We will continue to invite 2 students from each classroom to join us.