Did you know??
We have started some wonderful new playground initiatives at Budgewoi School. Each day there are a variety of activities which children can be involved in. For example, on Monday at recess we have a Stage 2 Handball competition and at lunchtime on the oval K-2 can be part of a soccer game. On Tuesday we have girls only handball at recess (Yrs 3-6) and on Wednesday there is softball on the oval lead by our wonderful Year 6 helpers. On Friday we have handball and soccer as well. The Computer Lab is open daily at Lunch and Library is open for quiet activities including drawing, building games and reading. Twice a week there is girls only dance in the hall. Each day on the Blurb students can find out what’s on for them at recess and lunch. Please talk to your child about these new initiatives. Everyone can have fun in our playgrounds and be safe and happy.

Every Day Counts
A small amount of time off school, or continued lateness makes a big difference in a child’s education. The following table makes very interesting reading. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, on time, please give us a call as there are many positive ways we can assist you to handle this. Every class, every morning at BPS is a literacy rich environment, so, if your child arrives late they are missing out on this valuable learning experience.

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<th>When your child misses just …</th>
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Information sheets required back urgently
Some parents were recently mailed out a school information sheet to complete and return as their original enrolment lacked vital information. We would appreciate parents returning this form as soon as possible as some of this information is used to allocate funding for the school. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Justice of the peace
I am a Justice of the Peace and can sign any documents required for parents or community members. I am available for this service on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Happiness Mission- Yrs 4, 5, 6 Girls
Places for this event are filling fast!! June 16th is fast approaching. Make sure you return your payment for this very special event.

Animals at School
Strict regulations govern the use of animals in classrooms in accordance with the Animals in Schools guidelines. The Companion Animals Act 1998 states that animals are prohibited from school grounds unless there is permission from the school Principal. This includes pets for news items, dogs accompanying parents or visitors to the school or service animals. As we must comply with the legislative requirements of using animals in schools please be mindful of the rules that govern us before bringing pets to school.

Give Me 5 for Kids Pyjama day
What a great response we had to our Pyjama Day. The children and staff really entered into the spirit of the day and $700 was raised for Give Me 5 for Kids. We have some great photos (of those children with permission to have their photo taken) and these will be displayed soon on our digital photo frame in the office. Thanks to everyone who supported this very worthy course.

School Uniform
Now that the cold weather has finally arrived, please ensure that all students are wearing the correct school uniform. Coloured jumpers and jackets are not permitted. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled as those found with names can be returned to classes. We have a stock of donated uniform items we can loan children if they do not have the correct uniform so if your child requires one of these please tell them to come in to the print room when they arrive at school.
Jewellery
We still have a number of students wearing necklaces to school which are a choking hazard. We would hate to see any of our students injured and ask for parent cooperation in ensuring necklaces are kept at home for wearing out of school hours.

School Contribution Prizes
Don’t forget that the prize draw for people who have paid their school contribution will be conducted in 2 weeks. Our prizes include a dinner and night’s accommodation at the Beachcomber Hotel, a seafood platter for 2 donated by Halekulani Bowling club, $100 voucher for a special occasion cake from Powdered Sugar (Natalie Sutherland) www.powderedsugar.com.au, 1 large mud cake value $25.50 donated by Budgewoi Bakehouse and Budgewoi Video who have donated a voucher for 2 overnight movies, 2 cans of drink and a bag of popcorn, vouchers for haircuts from George’s Barber Shop, a beach ball set donated by Budgewoi Post Office and a photo frame donated by Budgewoi Pharmacy. Thanks to these businesses for their generous donations in supporting our school.

Coming events for Term 2 (updated as events arise)

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Congratulations to our Privilege Badge winners
KC Kane, KD Jayde, KE Carly K, KL Amber, 1K Lyla, 1M Thomas, 1MC Brock, 1O Michala, 2J Connor, 2M Sammie, 2WB Trinity, S2A Caleb S2B Jeremy, S2C Brayden, S2EV Braidyn, S2J Mathias, S2L Billy, S3B Riley, S3C Sophie, S3GP Tiana, S3L Noah, S3SW Gabrielle, Unit 1 Deanna, Unit 2 Crystal, Unit 3 Mitchell and Unit 4 Jacob

Best Attendance
Congratulations to KE who had 0 absences last week. Well done! Mrs Kerry Moore (Principal)

School News
2J News
This semester, 2J have been studying the Human Society and its Environment unit Local Places. The students have been exploring their relationship with the natural, built and heritage environments in our local area. They enjoyed preparing and presenting short, interesting talks about features in our local environment and how we use them. The students chose to talk about places such as Lakes Beach, Somersby Falls, Coles and Norah Head Lighthouse and Rockpools. Other presentations about our local features were the gardens, Budgewoi Soccer Club, The Australian Reptile Park and the bike track. The students have been exploring their relationship with the environment. They have examined how people depend on the environment and have adapted it to fulfil their needs. They have looked at how the weather affects people and the environment. 2J have had fun reading stories, singing songs and writing poems about rain. Here are some of the poems the students have written.

Raindrops
Are

In the garden
Nice rain!

By Chelsea

Raindrops
Are falling
In my house but
Never in my dog’s kennel

By Louise

Raindrops
Are nice
In spiderwebs
No fear!!

By Brianna

Raindrops
Are falling
In my backyard
Now they are making puddles

By Loki

Raindrops fall in
A pretty pattern
In my grandma’s garden
Nice spiders I see with rain on them.

By Jordan

Raindrops
Are falling on my roof
I never play in puddles
Nice! Rain is nice!

By Connor

Library News
Congratulations to Chelsea 1M and Nate S2J for completing the Premiers Reading Challenge already! If students have lost their reading log and would like another please see Mr Barron. Wyong Shire library service has a free online tutor program to assist students with homework. The service is available from 3:00pm – 10:00pm Sun-Fri evenings. Join your local library and then log in at https://yourtutor.com.au/connect/clients/6/authenticate/yourtutor

School Banking
Please remember to keep your banking tokens safe at home not left in your banking folder as they may get lost.

We have around 70 students who are eligible to claim a prize through school banking. Remember once your child has 10 silver tokens they can cash them in for a prize. Just remember they can only use their tokens not their siblings. At the moment the prizes you can choose from are: An ET DVD, a Planet Handball, Invisible Ink Martian Pens and an Intergalactic Rocket. Prize sheets are available from the office if one has not made it home.

Frequent Reader 100 Club News
Congratulations to the newest members of our Frequent Reader 100 club: Nate V S2J, Harry R S2L, Joshua M S2B, Aidan B S2L, Elijah J S2C, Tahlia H S2L, Madison H S2L. Their names will be displayed on the special Star Reader display board in the office. We hope to see some more readers join the club soon!

Canteen News
Roster for week beginning: Tuesday 9th June 2015.
Wed 10/6/15 – Denise Heath, Jenny Leatham, Sue Walker
Thurs 11/6/15 – Vanessa Allan, Denise Cuff, Georgina Atkinson
Fri 12/6/15 – Megan Lewis, Kristie Hermens, Kirsty Johnson
Mon 15/6/15 – Alison Sutton, Pauline Iseriel

Please ensure your children order their food in the mornings as there is no hot food at lunch unless it is ordered. Unfortunately we have had a number of children not ordering lunch and then turning up to buy lunch but purchasing chips etc instead when there is no hot food.