Principals Note:
It is another wet start to the week here in Bundaberg. Many students who may have been affected by the recent flooding, may have concerns around the weather at present. If your child is becoming more anxious about the rain, please let your class teacher know so if necessary we can involve the Chaplain or School Guidance Officer.

Importance of Reading
It is vitally important that all children read every night for at least 15 minutes every night. Research shows that students who develop this habit perform at a higher standard academically.

Busy Week of Meetings
This week is one of those extremely busy weeks. Today, I met with the Minister of Education Mr John-Paul Langbroek and the Regional Director Mr Greg Peach with other flood affected schools. Both wanted to congratulate students, staff and families for trying to get back to normal as possible. On Thursday and Friday, I will be in Brisbane at a state wide meeting of all State School Principals.

Staffing for Semester 1
Our current student enrolment is 77 students, which is officially one student short of retaining four classrooms. I have been able to negotiate to keep our four classrooms until the middle of the year, when it will be reviewed by the department.

If you have any concerns or queries, please make contact with your child’s teacher. If it needs to be longer meeting, please arrange a time with the teacher as we often have many things running after school.

Yours in Education,
Shane Brogden

Permission Forms
Mrs Long is currently updating information so if you know that your details have changed from last year can you please make contact with the school and have them changed. This information must be current at all times to ensure we can contact you immediately when required.

If you are sent home new permission forms could you please fill them out and return them as soon as possible. Thankyou for your assistance.

Student Council Committee Elections
On Friday the 1st March at 9:00am we will be holding our leadership speeches for the Student Council Committee.

Year 6 students can be considered for Student Leader positions.

Students who are interested need to have speeches prepared ready for this week’s parade.

The School Leader Induction Ceremony will be held on Friday 8th March at the school. Parents and family are most welcome to attend.

Sending Home of Newsletter
Once a month we will post home the newsletter. Each fortnight a smaller version of the newsletter will be handed to your student.

We are handing this weeks newsletter out instead of posting it as we are still receiving change of addresses with the beginning of year enrolments.

School Captains for 2013
Congratulations to our new School Leaders for 2013.
Joshua H - School Captain
Courtney S - School Captain
Joel B - Burnett Sports Captain
Kaleb L - Flinders Sports Captain
FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL
We had a great first week of school that had many firsts! We were given our own desks to put our books in, we read our first book, did our first week of homework, had our first music lesson and physical education lesson! We had so much happen in our first week!

In maths we learnt about counting, days of the week and how to write our numbers. We did many activities such as marching like soldiers as we counted to 10 and 20 and back again, We loved pretending to be rockets and taking off after counting to 0 from 10!

In literacy we learnt to hold our pencils correctly and used them to trace over dotted lines teaching us pencil control, hold and care for our work! We also read books in reading groups and learnt the sounds of the letters Bb Gg and Ss. We loved reading books and Willaby the Bumblebee was a hit helping us with our Bb sound! We also discovered the author (writer) the illustrator (person who drew the pictures) and how to hold and read a book correctly! We have been learning a lot!

In science, we discussed and discovered living and not living objects, we also went for a walk around our school and identified them. SOSE had us discussing ourselves and our families, we learnt that we are all different yet have some similarities and that all families are different!

Fun Friday was full of exciting activities! We painted our first paintings, completed an obstacle course, played in the sandpit and did chalk drawing. This helped us to discover our fine and gross motor skills as well as enabling us to develop and establish our social skills, persistence (we weren’t allowed to move from an activity until directed), direction taking, listening skills and co-operation! Every Friday is full of hands on learning activities that enable us to develop many skills that will help us in our future learning!

Chess Club
President of the Bundaberg Chess Club Mr Menham with the support of Mrs Thurlow will be conducting chess lessons Monday lunch 11:00 to 11:40am. Lessons have started and new players most welcome.

T’n’T Dance Studio
Cnr Curtis and Water Sts
Classes: Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Acrodance and Hip Hop.
New classes for 2013
Tiny Tots School of arts—ages 3 to 5
Mon to Fri 9:00 to 10:30am
Introducing Toddlers 2 1/2 to 3 yrs.
Tuesday 9 to 10:30am
New Tinies JAZZ, Ballet and Speech/Singing. 3:30pm Wednesday.
Ladies Dancefit. Thursdays 11am to 12 noon.
Fun Ballet—10 to 13 yrs. Fridays 4:15pm
Enrolments Ph: Office hours 9am to 11am.
Principal Michele Bates
Website: www.tntdancestudio.com.au

CLASSROOM NEWS
Welcome to 6/7 for Term 1. My name is Shane Brogden (Mr B), and I will be the class teacher Tuesday to Friday (except when I am called away to meetings), with Mrs Casey being the teacher on Mondays. We have had a busy start to the term, with some topics we are studying this term including Narratives, Biology, History – Federation and much more as the term continues. We are current working through the elections for School Captains, Sports Captains and Student Council Executive.

For homework, every week students will receive a brief contract and need to write their spelling words out each night. It would be fantastic if students read each night, and they can choose from novels, newspapers or magazines. Anything as long as they are reading. The big thing we are working on in class are the four expectations our school has for our students. That is Safety, Effort, Respect and Responsibility. Your help in reinforcing these values at home is greatly appreciated.

If you ever have any queries or concerns, please contact me at the school, and I will get back to you as soon as I possibly can.

Kind Regards
Shane Brogden & Paige Casey

A Big Thankyou to the IGLESIA NI CRISTIO (Church of Christ) for the donations of Goodwill Relief Bags to support the many families affected by the floods.
The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) is a group of community-minded people, parents and citizens, who take on a more formal role to assist the school by providing feedback on school policies and activities additional resources to be used to enhance student learning parents with opportunities to be involved in their child’s education.
Research has shown that parent involvement in a child’s education makes a significant contribution to the child’s success at school.

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**Benefits of joining the P&C**

Actions always speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child’s learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do.

By joining the P&C, you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community. Participating in P&C activities can also help you to form friendships with other parents/carers and feel a part of your school community.

A lot can and has been achieved through the P&C and school working together towards common goals. To continue this important work, P&C’s need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for their children and school. Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people involved, the more exciting and successful it will be. And research shows that children perform better at school when their parents are involved in their education.

The P&C is about people just like you – parents, car-givers and community-minded people who want to help their school. P&C’s work very closely with the school, building a stronger school community where all children benefit.

**The functions of a P&C are:**

to foster general community interest in educational matters;
to encourage closer cooperation between the parents of students attending the school, members of the community, the staff and students of the school;
to provide advice and recommendations to the Principal on issues and concerns in respect to the student body and the general operations and management of the school;
to provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources or services for the benefit of students of the school;

**As a P&C member, you can contribute opinions on:**

Positive school-wide behaviours, student dress code, school routines, school surveys.

Remember: the things you do make a real difference, so why not join the P&C?

**Members of the P&C Executive include:**

The President: shall preside at every meeting of the association in which she/he is present, as Chairperson shall have a deliberative vote and a casting vote, CANNOT hold the office of Treasurer, shall be a signatory on P&C accounts

The President should: Provide leadership (delegate), act as representative of the P&C, ensure communication between P&C, school and community and encourage participation

The Treasurer: It is the Treasurer's responsibility to: keep accurate accounts of receipts and expenditure, supply a statement of finance to every meeting, prepare an annual statement, which must be audited, ensure that all monies received are banked promptly in the appropriate account

The Secretary: Shall be a member of the executive committee, shall be a signatory on the accounts, cannot hold the office of Treasurer, will record all proceedings of any meeting of the Association by way of full and accurate minutes, receive agenda items prior to the meeting and assist the President in preparing an agenda for each meeting will give at least seven days notice of intention to convene a special meeting, will give fourteen days notice of intention to convene the AGM, shall maintain attendance records and a register of members including life

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**Members:**

shall prepare and present minutes of P&C at each general meeting, shall record and deal with correspondence in/out as directed by the P&C, will generally organise, record and maintain information pertaining to the activities of the P&C, Will maintain custody of P&C Association documents.

**AFL Auskick and Junior Clubs Sign On 2013**

When: Friday 22nd February at 5pm - 7pm

Where: ACROSS THE WAVES AFL GROUND, Clayton Road and BROTHERS BULLDOGS AFL GROUND, Faircloth Ave

Cost for Auskick is $60 for 8 Weeks and a bunch of goodies including a Backpack (boys and girls), Football, Hat, Drink Bottle and much more

Plus: If you sign on at the club and Auskick comes to your school later in the year you can do the school Auskick for free. Also if you sign up and pay online before 23rd February you will gain a family pass (2 adult, 2 children) to see a selected Brisbane Lions game for free.

For more details: See the Auskick Website aflauskick.com.au or phone Shaun Stone 0420980514 OR Steve Barlow 41551698.

CLUB JUNIOR SIGN ON FOR U9’S, U11’S AND U13’S WILL BE HELD ON SAME NIGHT