Welcome to all new and returning students, and their parents/carers, for the beginning of the 2018 school year.

Bundaberg East has a long history of being a strong community school where students, school staff and parents/carers work together to achieve the very best outcomes for students. Over the past two weeks, I have had the opportunity to welcome and meet many of our new students and their parents and carers as they have enrolled at Bundaberg East.

The high level of parental support and confidence in Bundaberg East contributes significantly to the positive ethos of the school. Your support and involvement helps to make Bundaberg East a great place to learn and achieve. When parents/carers work positively together with teachers, students achieve their best.

Later this term, every student will work with their parents/carers and class teacher to develop their Individual learning Plan (ILP). Teachers will work together with students and their parents/carers to develop personal goals and identify the specific actions that need to be competed to achieve them. The ILP process has ensured the actions of students, teachers and parents/carers are aligned and focused upon achieving the identified goals. I look forward to working with you through 2018. Mr Brad Young
**2018 LEADERSHIP TEAM**

At our final parade of 2017, our 2018 Student Leadership Team was announced. Our Leadership Team for 2018 is as follows:-

**Scholl**  
Ella  
Bella

**Captains**  
Kurtis  
Steven

**Cultural Captain**  
Thomas

**Burnett**  
Joshua  
Ella  
Jonty

**Millaquin**  
Kaylee  
Reaghan  
Ryan

**Petersen**  
Kaylee  
Katie  
Kyan

**Semester 1 Student Councillors**

Two Student Councillors have now been elected from every class from years 4 to 6 to represent their class in our Semester 1 Student Council. Students who were successful in gaining selection are as follows:-

4A  
Chloe  
Lilyana

4H  
Ahmarni  
Georgia

4B  
Kaidyn  
Lilly-Rose

4/5H  
Finn  
Hannah

5A  
Stella  
Imogen

5B  
Isabella  
Joshua

5C  
Sienna  
Seth

6A  
Caleb  
Harrison

6B  
Emily-Rose  
Darcy

6P  
Sam  
Patrick

6S  
William  
Claire

**Badges for our Semester 1 Councillors will be presented on Parade on Monday 29 January.**

I would like to once again congratulate all of the above students on their appointments and wish them all the best in their roles in 2018. The first major leadership activity for our Leadership Team (which includes our Semester 2, 2017 Student Councillors) will be a two day camp at Chaverim on 1st and 2nd February. This camp will provide a valuable opportunity for our students to develop their leadership skills and understanding of one another. Permission notes

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**Year 2 Swimming**

The Year 2 swimming program will commence on Tuesday 6th February (week 3) and conclude Tuesday 27th March (8 week duration). Students will travel to and from the Bundaberg Swimming Academy on Fitzgerald Street by bus. An information and permission note will be sent home with all year 2 students next week.

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**P&C AGM & General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the Bundaberg East State School P&C Association will be held in the school staffroom on Wednesday 21st February at 7:00pm. Business to be discussed includes:-

- 2017 Presidents Report
- 2017 Audit Report
- Election of 2018 office bearers
- General Business

This meeting will be followed by the General Monthly Meeting for February. Business to be discussed is as follows:-

- Market Night Date
- Update on Shade Structure
- Review of 2017 Awards
- 2018 AIP & and Strategic Plan

All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

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**Trial of Changed Lunch Procedures**

Over the pupil free days, staff identified the lunch breaks as an area they would like to trial some new strategies in an effort to better prepare students for class and manage student movement around the school.

These changes have been made in consideration of the following: most children eat their main lunch at first break; students are looking to be active by 12:30pm; and the seated eating time at the end of Second Break provides students with an opportunity to calm and cool down after playtime, before they enter class.

**Little Lunch Break** Students sit in their eating areas and eat their lunch.

**Big Lunch Break** Students play from 12:30pm until bell rings at 1:00pm. At 1:00pm, students finish playing, go to the toilet/wash hands/have a drink as they move to their eating areas.

Classroom teachers have been explaining these changes to students each day to ensure a smooth transition. This trial will be monitored through the term and evaluated prior to the beginning of Term 2.

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**Food, Glorious Food!**

The new Big Lunch break has been in operation this week and the biggest concern noticed by staff so far is that some students are now looking for MORE FOOD. Previously students weren’t keen to sit and eat as the temptation to play was much stronger. Now that students are playing before eating, they have a much larger appetite. We are suggesting to parents that they speak to their son/daughter to determine if there is a need to pack extra food (extra round of sandwiches or more fruit).

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**Your 'Weekly' Japanese Fact**

Did you know?

**The Japanese bullet train, known as the Shinkansen, has a maximum operating speed of 320km/h. WOW!**
**NO REGULAR TUCKSHOP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**HOWEVER...**

Ice-blocks & drinks will be available to purchase each Tuesday and Thursday Big Lunch starting next Tuesday, 30th January.

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**POSITION VACANT TUCKSHOP CONVENOR**

Expressions of interest are being called for the position of Tuckshop Convenor. If you are interested in applying for this position, please collect a Position Description from the office to find out more information regarding hours, wages and duties.

**GROUNDS AND FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS**

The following projects were completed over the holiday period:

* Retaining wall and turfed area to southern side of Ambrose Hall
* Replacing vinyl floor coverings in Music room, G Block and H Block
* Upgrading paved area between B Block and C Block with concrete
* Olsen Park was fenced with 4 personal access gates

These works ensure that our school facilities continue to remain at a high standard.

Thank you

Special thanks to our Facilities Officer, Mr Curd, and the members of our Cleaning Team, Mr Kuhn, Mrs Todd, Mrs Bowman and Mrs Hening for the work that they completed to have Bundaberg East looking smart for the start of the school following the Christmas vacation.

Our Admin Team, Mrs Hargrave, Mrs Findlay and Mrs Parker were also very busy preparing class lists, assisting new enrolments and preparing for Day 1 2018. ‘Thank you’ for your contribution to Bundaberg East and our smooth start to 2018.

POLICE WILL BE PATROLLING

The Bundaberg Patrol Group has been requested to monitor the streets around Bundaberg East State School to ensure drivers are observing road rules and parking legally. They will be monitoring Scotland, Eastgate, Ann and Skyring Streets. Thank you for ensuring that you are following the road and parking rules to help keep our Bundaberg East students safe!

**IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL?**

Please notify the school office ASAP!

Parents/carers are required to contact the school office by 11:00am if their child is going to be absent from school for the day. The easiest way to notify the school of your child’s absence is by telephoning the school Absence Line on 4132 6166 and leaving a voice message that outlines:

- **YOUR NAME AND YOUR CHILD’S NAME**
- **YOUR CHILD’S CLASS**
- **REASON FOR ABSENCE**
  - (ie. Sick, Appointment, Emergency Reasons)

Please be aware that if you DO NOT notify the office by 11:00am that your child is away from school, you will receive an SMS notification requesting that you provide a reason for your child’s absence by replying to the SMS. **PLEASE NOTE** the SMS system in NOT a means to advise the school that your child will be absent on that day. You must only use the SMS system if you are REPLYING to an SMS generated by the school.

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

All class teachers will provide a Parent Information Session early this term. Dates, times and locations for these classes are listed below. 2MB will advise a date in due course.

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We encourage ALL parents to attend these sessions as they provide a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of classroom expectations and routines. If you have more than one child and their class sessions fall on the same day/time, we suggest you attend one and contact the other teacher directly for any important messages.
We would like to once again thank RACHAEL KNIGHTS and SPOTLIGHT for donating and arranging the green and black balloon display that decorated our stage in the hall on Presentation Day last year. I am sure you agree the balloons created an attractive atmosphere which make the stage an extra special place to stand upon for all of our award recipients and graduating students.

**Chair Bags**

We wish to advise parents that our school is currently not selling canvas chair bags. The lady who has made our chair bags for many years has now moved away from Bundaberg.

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

If you or someone you know has a commercial sewing machine capable of sewing canvas & who would be interested in making chair bags for our school, we invite them to contact our school office on 4132 6111 to discuss.