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### Student Learning Highlights: Award Ceremony and School Reports

What a wonderful celebration it was this week at our student award ceremony where we acknowledged the cultural, artistic, citizenship, sporting and academic achievements of students this year. It never ceases to amaze me how talented and dedicated our students are to their learning, sporting and cultural pursuits.

Congratulations go to all students who received an award on your tremendous achievements this year!

For every student on stage, we also acknowledge the achievements of all students. Whether it is something new you have learned, some challenge you have overcome or a personal best, I know that each and every day, our mantra of 'better than your best' is ever present in all that we do.

Semester Two academic report cards were sent home this week also. Congratulations to our students and teachers on the incredible results again this semester! An amazing 95.8% of students received an A, B or C for English this semester and 63% of students achieved an A or B. Results were outstanding in Mathematics also with 95.5% of students achieving an A, B or C and 72.3% of students receiving an A or B for Mathematics. Across all learning areas our students excelled and that doesn't happen by accident. Numbers aren't everything I know, but these results continue to reflect the amazing teaching and learning that students experience here at Bargara State School. Staff and students should be very proud of these achievements, just as I am. Well done everyone!

## 2024 Student Leaders

At our award ceremony, we were also thrilled to formally announce our 2024 Student Leaders. It was wonderful to have our 2023 Student Leaders congratulate and 'hand over the leadership baton' at our ceremony this week.

We have an exceptional group of leaders in our Year 5 cohort and it was a very competitive selection process. While all our Year 5's will be school leaders next year and there will also be additional leadership roles students can nominate for next year, special congratulations goes to the following elected School Leaders for 2024:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS	Starla O'Shanesy Isabella Buckney
STUDENT EXECUTIVE	Kate Eaglesham Declan McMaster Theodore Simon Olivia Sauer
FIRST NATIONS LEADER	Sophia Cavanagh
CULTURAL LEADER	Tinkar Khosa
MUSIC LEADER	Emma Clayton
REEF GUARDIAN LEADER	Madison Booth
TECHNOLOGY LEADER	Thomas Nelson

MOORE HOUSE CAPTAINS	Indica Obst Thea Kresew
STEFFENSEN HOUSE CAPTAINS	Jack Bowman Xavier Biddle
GRIMWOOD HOUSE CAPTAINS	Pim O'Connor Zara Shipsides

### **End of Year Concert**

It was a wonderful concert on Thursday night to end our year! Students entertained us with their fabulous performances and it was wonderful to see so many parents and family members there to join in the fun! I loved seeing all of our students dancing alongside their classmates and other classes and even some parents who joined in our impromptu 'disco' at the end. I did hear talk of the infamous MIA secret staff dance so something to think about for next year! Well done and thank you to our teachers and students for putting together some great performances for us all to enjoy!



### **Year 6 Celebration Day**

Thanks to our staff for hosting our first Year 6 Celebration day at the Basin and Christensen Park. It has been such a wonderful day to mark the last day of primary school for our Year 6 students! Thanks to the team involved to provide water safety, food, planning, bus and pizza lunch. A special acknowledgement also to our Surf Life Saving volunteers, Ms Cassidy Parsons and Ms Georgia Campbell who volunteered their time to also assist Mrs Angela Ulbl in providing qualified water safety today for students.



### 2024 Classes and Move Up Day

This week, we also held our first 'move up day' for students to visit their 2024 classrooms. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to start to get to know their new teachers and classmates. I popped in to each class and there were some lovely 'get to know you' activities going on. There were also lots of smiles and such a nice atmosphere around the school as our new classes started to get to know one another. Mr Jenkins and Mrs Duff were getting quizzed by students with lots of get to know you questions and a great exchange of information going on. Mrs Roberts created an amazing connected circle with students asking each other questions as they created a 'classroom web'. Each student would take turns to pass the ball of wool to a different person and ask someone a question to help get to know each other. It was a lovely team building exercise and students

### **Friday Guard of Honour and Staff News**



year next year!

Today, families shared with us our goodbyes to one staff member and our amazing Year 6 students. We held our special Guard of Honour to acknowledge staff and Year 6 students as they rang the school bell on their last day at Bargara State School.

really learnt a lot about each other through the process. What a great way to start their new

Today we said goodbye to Ms Natalie Ferguson who is heading to Kalkie State School next year to continue her amazing support work there.





A special mention also goes out to Mrs Bernadette Bagley, our wonderful teacher aide from Prep B. Mrs Bagley is taking some leave for next year to travel around Australia. We wish her all the best for this wonderful adventure and can't wait to hear all your stories when you return!

### 2A teaching team update:

Mrs Jessie Coulston will only be returning for a short time next year before she takes maternity leave. To ensure we provide maximum stability for our 2A class, we have made a change to the 2A teaching team. We extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Meghann Bishop who will teach alongside Mrs Maggie Theobald for 2024. Mrs Bishop is a very experienced teacher who has recently moved here with her family from Cairns. She is thrilled to be joining our team and is looking forward to meeting everyone next year! Mrs Coulston will support other important early years assessment and screening work to support the school at the start of the year.

### 2024 Start of Year Dates and Book Drop Off Day and Time

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2024 on the first day of school, Monday January 22nd.

There will also be a book drop off session available for all students on Friday January 19th from 2-2.30p.m. where you may wish to come to the classroom to drop off your book packs. This is another opportunity to meet your child's Prep teacher and to save you bringing lots of things on the first day of school.

In the meantime, we encourage parents to stay in touch with us through our Facebook page for updated events and information: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BargaraSS">https://www.facebook.com/BargaraSS</a>

Our school office re-opens on Tuesday January 16th but you are able to ask any questions in the meantime through the message function on the school Facebook page.

Thank you for a wonderful year. Wishing everyone a lovely holiday break! Stay safe and enjoy this special time with your friends and family.

Kind regards,

Bec Rayner Principal







# **CLASS MOVE UP DAY**



































































# Congratulations to all of our award winners this week!













