PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Race of the Century...
This was my first experience of a swimming carnival at BAPS and it was amazing! All children displayed the ability to compete in a positive manner, being gracious whether winning or losing. Both our students and staff had mentioned the great rivalry between Mrs Herring and Mr Griesser, and the race did not disappoint, with us having to go to the video to find a winner. Thanks to Mr Steven and the team, as it would not happen without their commitment.

This week we inducted our 2016 student leadership group. We want all leadership positions to have meaning and purpose. It is important that our student leadership group is active within the school and sets a great example for our whole student body. The teacher leaders of each group will discuss each leader’s role. Could parents please continue to stress the significance of the position their child holds? I am very confident our leadership group is a strong one and will be a great asset to the school this year.

We are proud of our supportive, stimulating and challenging learning environment. Of course we do not achieve success without the dedication and commitment of staff and the strong partnership we share with our community. The Parents and Citizens meeting is on every 3rd Tuesday of the month and it was pleasing to see such a large number of our parents at our first meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15th March at 6pm will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the Staffroom. Please come along and be a part of the community representation.

Visiting classrooms this week, I was lucky enough to join in a story with our CUBS, listen to news with Stage 2 and help a few Stage 3 students prepare for their project. Great things are happening in our classrooms and if you have some spare time please see your child’s teacher.

Please continue to take the time to remind our kids how special they are and how important they are for our future.

Mr Dalkeith
Swimming Carnival

BAPS SWIM CARNIVAL 2016

What an amazing swimming carnival! Not only did we break records in the pool, but we had loads of fun and our BAPS students showed excellent behaviour. Well done to everyone involved. Special thanks to Mr Steven and Mrs Herring for organising this day for us. 😊

Check out these broken records!
Smashed it! Look out Zone!

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WOW! Swimming Champions for 2016!
Great effort BAPS!

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Let’s hear it for the parent swimmers! Nice work to these Mums and Dads - Mrs Ashe, Mr Ashe, Mrs Kirk, Ms Whitton and Mr Morgan. And the winner was...Mr Morgan. So awesome to see the parents getting involved!

Stage 3 Bathing Beauties

The entertainment provided by the Stage 3 teachers was second to none – clearly their synchronised swimming was well rehearsed. Boom Boom!

Teachers, SLSO’s and Principal Race to the Finish: Now this was an intense race which got the crowd roaring! What a finish! Debate raged at the carnival, on the bus, at school and even on BAPS Facebook page – who won? After much deliberation, our community decided that Mrs Herring won by a touch with Mr Griesser only milliseconds behind. Their time was around the 31 second mark for this 50 metre swim – WOW! Well done teachers, SLSO’s and Mr Dalkeith! A great day had by all. Thanks to Mingara for being great hosts to BAPS.

Sincerely, BAPS SRC

Congratulations to FREEMAN!
This week, our excited Year 4 students buddied up with their adorable new Kinder friends for the first time this year.

When I first met my buddy, he told me he is independent and doesn’t always need to play with me! By Brodie
My buddy is funny because he coloured in rainbow eyes and green ears on our tiger mask. By Jack
My buddy is really good at colouring and loves Disney things like me and I just think that’s so cute. By Emily
My buddy made me laugh because he said I smell! By Ashton
My buddy is really funny because he always follows me around. By Ben
I think my buddy is funny because he did the ears on his dog mask different colours when we coloured in. By Sunny
When I met my buddy she called herself ‘Cat’ because her shoes have cats on them. By Chontique
When we coloured in with our buddy, she coloured the whole mask purple. By the time we’d finished her pencil was blunt! By Jodie
My buddy likes to play soccer and is great at kicking. By Blake
My buddy is good at colouring and he is faster than me. He is good at hiding when we play Hide and Seek. By Logan
My buddy is the whole combo! He is neat and I really liked him. By Jack
My buddy is a kind and smart kid. He is always calling me buddy and that is why I like him. By Kaidyn
My buddy is cool because he looks like me when I first started school. By Matthew
I love my buddy because he is funny and joyful. He is very energetic and likes to play. By Jai
My buddy is cute and fast and I really like her drawings. She has really nice hair and you just can’t imagine how nice she is! By Kyla
My buddy is the best Kindy I have ever met. She is so cute and so kind that I could just cry! By Bella
My buddy is creative and she uses different colours to colour in her pictures. By Sreynin
I like my buddy because she is smart. She doesn’t let people bully her. She is nice and follows the rules and you can’t believe how cute she is! By Tayla
My buddy is a sweet, caring little girl and I’m going to look after her as much as possible! By Keira
BAPS students will be selected to attend the Zone Swimming Carnival this year based on the results of our School Swimming Carnival. The carnival this year is on March 1st at Mingara. As a school we are entitled to send three students for the 50m freestyle in each of the following age groups (8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 years old). In all other events we are able to send 2 students for each event. In some cases, events may have a combination of age groups.

For example:
A) Junior Boys breaststroke includes students turning 8, 9 and 10.
B) Senior Girls 4 x 50m Medley includes students turning 11, 12 and 13.

Selections to attend this year’s Zone Swimming Carnival are made in the days after our School Swimming Carnival. Students will be notified at school if they have been selected, and a note will be sent home with a list of events for which they have qualified. If your child has not been selected to attend the Zone Carnival there may be a few reasons:
- A student in another heat swam a faster time.
- A student from another age group swam a faster time and event has combined age groups (eg Junior = 8, 9, 10yrs).
- Swimming stroke at school carnival was deemed illegal. This student may have received a ribbon for their place at the school carnival, but it was noted on results sheet that they would be unable to attend Zone Carnival.

If you believe that your child has missed selection to the Zone Carnival please direct your question to Mr Jamie Stephen.

Thank you,

Jamie Stephen - Sports Coordinator