We are at the end of another busy term. It has been a very busy term but we still have some events to get through before a well-earned break.

This week is Parent – Teacher Interviews. Please book a time to see your child's teacher if you haven't already. This is a time to discuss your child’s strengths and weaknesses and to plan together for your child’s future success.

Attendance – our attendance target is 94%. Currently we are sitting at 91%. This is well below our target of 94%. Some children are already sitting on or above 10% absence. This is the same as your child missing school for 20 days, or 4 weeks for the year. This is a lot of time away from school. Please ensure that your children attend school each and every day so that they can get the best possible opportunity to learn.

Toys at School – Children should not be bringing items from home to school to play with. If children are found with these items they will be removed and replaced at home time, or children will be told to place them back in their ports. We cannot guarantee the safety of these items, and would hate for them to be lost or broken. Such items also cause fights with other children in the playground. Equipment used at lunchtimes will be school equipment only.

Homework – Please remember to hand your surveys in if you haven’t already. As a staff we will look at the results and hopefully come up with a homework plan that suits most children and parents.

Cup Cake Day – Tuesday 13th September – Children may buy a cup cake from the Kid’s Shed and decorate it for a gold coin donation. All profits raided go to buying equipment for the children to use in the Kid’s Shed.

End of Term Assembly – Wednesday 14th September, 1:30pm. Come along and see each class case their learning from this term.

Small Town Culture - Banana Shire
Attached to your newsletter today, is a permission form regarding Small Town Culture. The Banana Shire Council has commissioned the production company, Josh Arnold Small Town Culture to create a song and a video clip for YouTube which will involve every town and community in the Banana Region. Please see attached forms for more information.

Electronic Newsletters
As of next term, we will be trialling sending our newsletter electronically. Please ensure that the office has your correct email address. Each fortnight we will leave some copies of the newsletter on the table inside the office for those parents who wish to collect a hard copy.

We acknowledge the Gangulu people past and present on whose land we walk, we work and we live.
P&C NEWS.

**Next Meeting** - Our next meeting will be held on Monday 10th October 2016 at 3.15pm

**Thangool Fly in** - Attached to your newsletter today is a form requesting parent help for the Thangool Fly In that is to be held on 1st, 2nd and 3rd October 2016. The P&C is planning on having a stall at the markets on Sunday 2nd October and we need parent helpers to run the stall and donations of home-baked goods. We will also be selling Fairy Floss and Slushies.

**Thangool Cup** - Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to work at the Thangool Cup. The funds raised from this event will support the school swimming programme and also the upgrade of air conditioning units within classrooms. By now you should have received your roster, if you haven’t please contact Jonnie as soon as possible. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday.

**Tuckshop** - Fruit Salad Shakers are available for $3.00 each. Meat and Salad Shakers are $4.00 each and Salad Shakers are $3.00. New this term: Mini Fruit Cups for $1.00. We now have gluten free bread and gluten free wraps for children who are gluten intolerant. GLUTEN FREE CHICKEN NUGGETTS ARE NOW IN STOCK!

- **Workers** - 9th September: Leisa, Karen and ?
- **Bakers** - 9th September: Peta and Tina
- **Workers** - 16th September: Leisa; Margaret and Donna
- **Bakers** - 16th September: Cathy and Melanie

**School Banking** - School Banking takes place on a Tuesday. If you wish to join in with School Banking at our school, please pop into the Commonwealth Bank in Biloela and mention School Banking at Thangool School. Please see below the new competition flyer for Term 3.

**Uniforms** - NEW Skorts and Shorts have arrived! Black School Jumpers with the logo on them are now in stock. These jumpers are $18.00 each. We also have good supplies of all polo shirts. Uniform Orders will be filled on a Thursday. We are now specialising out the Black Unisex Basketball Shorts for $5.00, orders must be via the red bag.

**Holidays** - We hope all our families have a wonderful, relaxing holiday. If you are travelling, please take care and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.
Spring ‘Chappy Camp’

Blaze Camp is a fun filled week of swimming, games, trips to the beach and other great adventures for the kids in Central Queensland. During the week you will make friends, try new things, laugh and make amazing memories. You will also have the opportunities to discover things about you, yourself and about an amazing God. Activities include beach days, capture the flag, water bomb battle, Blaze Factor and many more.

Cost: $300

Details: 0407 323 393

Contact: Hotyn 0408 451 185

BLAZE CAMPS ARE SUPPORTED BY CT

REGISTER FOR THIS CAMPS AT WWW.SUCCAMPS.ORG.AU

Come and join the CQ Chappies at Yippon. Make new friends and great memories at BLAZE camp.

Free bus transport available from Biloela.

More info from Chappy Selma 0417 475 174

Please register by Friday 9th September 2016

catering purposes.

16th SEPTEMBER 2016

Callide Dam—3.30pm to 8.30pm

DAM GOOD NIGHT OUT

BRING YOUR BLANKETS AND CHAIRS AND
Enjoy the
OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

BABY FARM ANIMALS

COME AND JOIN THE FUN
PARTICIPATE IN INCLUSIVENESS
CELEBRATE OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY, WHERE DIVERSITY IS VALUED.

Inclusive Employer Awards

SUPPORTED BY—Banana Shire Council, Rural Solutions NDCO, Anglicare, Department of Communities, Local Government, Arts Queensland, Endeavour Foundation.

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THE CIRCUS PERFORMER

ASHLEY COOK

Free Sausage Sizzle

COSY PRINTING

THE ENTERTAINMENT with Queensland.com

As you can see, the Callide Dam Special Needs Support Group Incorporated is holding a night out for all age groups. The event is called DAM GOOD NIGHT OUT and it will take place at Callide Dam on the 16th of September. The event will begin at 3:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blankets and chairs to enjoy the outdoor movie night. The event will also feature a sausage sizzle and various entertainment options.

Material Matters in Banana Shire

Material Matters is a touring exhibition in partnership between Kay S Lawrence and Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery. It is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and by the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy, an initiative of the Australian, state and territory governments.

Material Matters is on display at BSRAG from 7-30 September 2016

BANANA SHIRE REGIONAL ART GALLERY (BSRAG)
62 VALENTINE PLAINS ROAD, Biloela
OPEN 9:30-4:00 MONDAY TO FRIDAY
FREE ENTRY
PHONE: 07 4992 9600
EMAIL: enquiries@banana.qld.gov.au
WEB: www.banana.qld.gov.au/artgallery
POST: PO BOX 412 Biloela Q 4715

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Are you community minded and willing to help support local people with special needs and their families? If so, the Callide Dam Special Needs Support Group Incorporated could use your input.

We are a dedicated group which advocates for and provides services, equipment and ancillary equipment and materials to enhance the inclusion and development of people with a disability, with a particular focus on the Banana Shire region. Some recent examples of our success stories include funding for a series of Sing and Grow Workshops for 0-5 year olds, State Ensemble Honours Gala and Talented Instrumental Program and the installation of a new shade sail at the Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery.

We are currently seeking new members who may have a fresh outlook and some bright ideas. If you would like to become involved or even just learn more about what we do, please contact Donny or Pam at the CRC, 492 Spinifex Drive, Banana Shire 4715.

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To celebrate their learning about Fairy tales, the Prep’s held a Royal Banquet recently. The Prep’s were encouraged to come dressed up as Kings, Queen’s, Princesses, Prince’s and Knight’s. The children made their own placemats, goblets and decorations for the ball. We even had some special Fairy Godmothers who helped with Face Painting, Hair Styling and decorating the eating area. Thank you to our wonderful Fairy Godmothers! As you can see from the pictures, the Preps had a ball.
MAINTENANCE:
- Always check for concealed electrical cables before drilling into walls, floors and ceilings. Be particularly careful when drilling around power points and light switches.
- Do regular safety checks to ensure your appliances and electrical fittings are safe. Replace damaged power points and frayed, painted or damaged cords.
- If you are a home handy person, draw the line at electrical jobs. Doing your own electrical work isn’t only dangerous, it’s illegal. Always use a licensed electrical contractor.

POWERLINES:
- Look up and live. Be aware of overhead powerlines, especially when using ladders or moving equipment around your property.
- Always assume powerlines are live. Stay clear, warn others to stay away and call triple zero (000).
- Point attempt to trim trees or branches near powerlines. Always call a professional tree trimmer to trim any vegetation that’s close to powerlines.
- Know where underground cables are. Call 131452 before you dig or download the free Dig Before You Dig app.

ELECTRIC SHOCKS:
- Never touch or attempt to rescue someone who is receiving an electric shock — you may end up receiving a shock yourself. If it’s safe to do so, turn the power off, stay well clear and call triple zero (000).
- If you experience tingles or shocks from an electrical appliance or water taps, it may be a sign that something is wrong. Report it immediately and have your licensed electrical contractor check your wiring.

KEEPING SAFE AT HOME

Dear Parents and Guardians,
This term at school your child has been learning about electricity and electrical safety through our Safety Heroes program. You can find out more about the program at ergon.com.au/safetyheroes or energex.com.au/safetyheroes

READ THESE TIPS TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE AROUND ELECTRICITY AT HOME.

APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL FITTINGS:
- Switch off the power before plugging or unplugging appliances, and hold the plug, not the cord.
- Always switch on appliances before cleaning them.
- Never stick a knife into a toaster to release stuck toast.
- Never plug in double adapters. If you need extra power points, have a licensed electrician install additional outlets, or use a powerboard.

WATER AND ELECTRICITY:
- Never touch electrical appliances or switches with wet hands.
- Keep appliances away from swimming pools.
- Never leave a hair dryer or shower plugged into a power point — it could fall into the bath or basin.

REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS.
Always use a licensed electrical contractor for any electrical work around your home.
Test your safety switch every 3 months.
Keep electrical appliances away from water.
Stay away from fallen powerlines and report them immediately to Triple Zero (000).

More safety information available at:
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**DURING A STORM:**
- Stay inside and away from windows and doors.
- Listen to battery operated radios for weather updates and don’t go outside until you know it’s safe.
- Use a torch to find your way around.
- Don’t use a landline phone during a storm. Use a mobile, but only in emergencies.
- Warn others and stay well away from fallen powerlines.
- Always assume they’re live and dangerous. Report them immediately to Triple Zero (000).
- Listen to a battery operated radio for vital advice and power restoration information.
- If you experience tingles or shocks from an electrical appliance or water taps, call your electricity distributor immediately. Also call your licensed electrical contractor to check your electrical wiring immediately.
- Take care around your switchboard if it’s outdoors and aren’t synthetic or rubber coated shoes. If you’re in any doubt about the switchboard’s safety, stay clear and call your licensed electrical contractor.
- Don’t use any appliance that has been wet or damaged. Have them checked by a licensed electrical contractor.
- Alert neighbours if you think there may be any danger and don’t go sight-seeing.

**STORM KIT CHECKLIST**

Every home should have a fully stocked Storm Kit ready and sized for the summer storm season.

**YOU’LL NEED:**

- **ESSENTIAL ITEMS**
  - Battery-operated radio
  - Battery-operated torch
  - Spare batteries
  - Mobile phone
  - Portable mobile charger
  - First aid kit
  - Cash reserves
  - Tinned and other non-perishable food
  - Bottled water
  - Essential medications

- **OTHER USEFUL ITEMS**
  - A lot of cash and a brush - in remote areas, if there’s a chance that your property could become isolated, having your property name on the roof will assist emergency services.
  - sturdy gloves, heavy duty waterproof plastic bags and monolytic tape can prove useful during the clean up.

- **OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS**
  - Copies of essential documents (insurance details, birth certificates, prescription details on repeat prescriptions)
  - Water buffalo
  - Self-contained cooking facilities including gas cylinders or coals.
  - First aid kit
  - Supplies for infants including formula, baby food, nappies and wipes if required
  - First-aid equipment
  - Special food for elderly or disabled members of the family, if required
  - Warm dry clothing and shoes
  - Tissues including toilet paper, bath tissues, soap, sun screen and insect repellent.
  - Food and medications for pets, and because pets are often stressed during a storm, they may need extra

**AFTER A STORM:**

- Warn others and stay well away from fallen powerlines.
- Listen to a battery operated radio for vital advice and power restoration information.
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**KEEPING SAFE IN STORMS AND CYCLONES.**

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**BE PREPARED:**

- Tidy up unsecured objects around your home and yard.
- Trim loose branches, but call a professional tree trimmer if they’re near power lines.
- Have extra cash on hand - ATM’s and banks may not be operating.
- Check your storm kit and secure you have water containers and a BBQ, or other gas or heat cooking facilities.
- Pack spare clothing, shoes, sturdy gloves and hats in waterproof containers.
- Freeze water for alternative refrigeration should there be a power failure.

- Make sure your pet’s registration and tags are current.
- Stock up on food, water and medicines for each pet, plus newspapers for their sanitary needs.
- Identify a safe place to evacuate to should a storm surge or flood threaten.
- Install a surge protector in your home to protect sensitive electronic equipment.
- If you or someone else in your household depends on life support equipment, check if you’re eligible for our Life Support program, which provides members with valuable information on power supply interruptions.

**BEFORE A STORM:**

- Ensure mobile phone batteries are fully charged and have a landline telephone ready, as cordless phone base stations don’t work without electricity.
- Board or tape glass on exposed windows and secure all doors.
- Fill containers with water, including both bath and sink, in case water supplies are cut.
- Ensure your car has a full tank of fuel.
- Store your important documents, medical prescriptions, medications, photos and valuables in a waterproof container in a secure location like your car boot.
- Read evacuation warnings if you’re in a caravan, tents or low-lying areas.
- Stay indoors as the storm approaches and ensure pets are secured safely under shelter.
- Turn off and unplug sensitive electrical appliances and also unplug TV, DAB and VCR aerial cables.

**MORE SAFETY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:**

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