Message from the Principal

A warm welcome to everyone as we settle into Term 1, 2013.
I trust that everyone had a relaxing holiday and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. The first 2 weeks have gone by quickly, with a great atmosphere and lots of positive things happening.

Enrolment and Attendance
The School has 289 enrolments with an average attendance slightly down on last year. Though the heat and funeral business have impacted on us, we need to work together to continue to decrease student absenteeism. Poor attendance means poor learning outcomes. The attendance award system has begun and offers substantial rewards for students who come to school regularly.

New Staff
We welcome new teachers: David Parish, Courtney Hooper, Lauren English, Pauline Coop, Greg Burke & Annabel Tink.

School Council
Our first meeting this year will be on Tuesday 19th February, 11.00am.
Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 9th March 11.00am. All Welcome.

Breakfast and Lunch
The school continues to provide a healthy breakfast to students free of charge.
Thank you to M.R.M. for continuing to support this “Breakfast with a Mentor” program.
Savannah Way Motel continue to be contracted to provide recess and lunchtime food for the students. All food complies with the school, healthy eating guidelines.

Please note
I will be in Darwin, next week, attending high level meetings to discuss becoming a “Strong Start Bright Futures” College. This is a very exciting development and I will give more details soon.
Watch the noticeboard at the front of the school for announcements.

As always, our doors are open to families as we work together with the Borroloola community, in cross cultural ways, to prepare our students for their best possible futures.

Graeme Matthews
Principal, Borroloola and Gulf Group Schools
From the Secondary Campus

This year has started very well. Student numbers have increased from day one, and there is a wonderful air of busy-ness in the classrooms. Students are working well and their results are pleasing. We do need to have students more punctual each morning. School starts at 8.30 and we need all students ready to start by that time.

There has been a large change in staff with some familiar faces, some completely new faces, some old faces returned and some faces that have moved from the Primary Campus. Familiar faces are Mr Theo (Zweers), our VET Co-ordinator and Ms Rex (McLean), the Senior Teacher in the area. Ms Denise (Ryan) is continuing to work with the Senior students, of whom there are 6. The two completely new faces are Mr David (Parish) who has come from Darwin and is the Assistant Principal Secondary and Ms Courtney (Hooper) who has come from Central Victoria and is starting her Territory teaching experience working with the Special Girls class. An old face that has returned to the school for a short stay is Mr Greg (Burke) who is working with the Special Boys class. Two teachers who have moved from the Primary Campus are Mr and Mrs Hall (Mr Phil and Ms Jillian). They have moved with their 2012 classes and this has really helped the students settle into a new location.

All the staff have lots of good ideas for this year and there will be exciting activities and events in this part of the school.

David Parish (Assistant Principal, Secondary)

Classroom News

Grade 4/5 have been practising their computer skills with Ms Maria. They are learning how to create documents and type quickly to help them with their jobs in the future. As well as learning skills for the future the students in 4/5 are also learning about their history and will be going to the museum on Monday afternoon to find out more about their ancestors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
### February
- 18 **STAFF ONLY – STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 18-22 **HEARING TEAMS AT THE CLINIC – FOR CHILDREN**
- 19 **FIRST SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 11 AM**

### March
- 6 **SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM – TO BE CONFIRMED**
- 29 **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 30 **KAB FISHING comp (BARRA)**

### April
- 01 **EASTER MONDAY**
- 05 **LAST DAY AT SCHOOL TERM 1**
- 15 **STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 2**
- 25 **ANZAC DAY**

### May
- 06 **MAY DAY (KAB FISHING COMP MIXED SPECIES)**
- 14-17 **NAPLAN TESTING**

### June
- 10 **QUEENS BIRTHDAY**
- 21 **LAST DAY AT SCHOOL TERM 2**
- 28 **BORROLOOLA SHOW HOLIDAY**

### July
- 19 **KATHERINE SHOW HOLIDAY**
- 22 **STAFF ONLY – STUDENT FREE DAY**
- 23 **TUESDAY - STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 3**
- 26 **DARWIN SHOW HOLIDAY**

### August
- 05 **PICNIC DAY HOLIDAY**
- 15-18 **BORROLOOLA RODEO WEEKEND**

### September
- 27 **LAST DAY AT SCHOOL TERM 3**

### October
- 07 **STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 4**

### November
- 05 **MELBOURNE CUP DAY**

### December
- 13 **LAST DAY AT SCHOOL TERM 4**

**Canteen Snacks**

Thursdays and Fridays during the Lunch break the canteen is open for students to buy healthy snack items.
Please **do not** send more than $10 per child for canteen purchases.

**HEALTHY FOOD IN SCHOOLS**

NO SOFTDRINKS

NO LOLLIES

NO JUNK FOOD

EAT WELL, BE ACTIVE AND BECOME STRONG

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**STUDENTS ORDERING LUNCHES MUST HAVE PAYMENT ARRANGED. CENTRELINK WILL DO LUNCH PAYMENTS OR MONEY CAN BE HANDED TO MISS LEANNE AT THE FRONT OFFICE.**

**THERE WILL BE NO CREDIT/BOOKUP OF LUNCHES**

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**VACANCY**

**Assistant Teacher**

Borroloola School

Duties include assisting teachers with classroom programs, student behaviour and management.

Applicants must obtain an Ochre Card.

Applications close C.O.B Wednesday, 13th February

For further details, please contact

Graeme Matthews, Principal

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**NO MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL.**
STUDENTS WITH PHONES ARE TO SURRENDER THEM TO THEIR TEACHER WHO WILL RETURN THEM TO PARENTS/CARERS AT THE END OF THE DAY. REFUSAL TO HAND OVER A PHONE WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION.

The School council may choose to ban mobile phones at the next meeting