Congratulations to our students who have made an excellent start to the year. It was very pleasing to see that in all classrooms all students were organised and focused from the moment they stepped into their classroom. A thank you to all our parents who have supported the successful transition to the start of the year ensuring that students have everything they need to start the year.

As we head towards Day 8 we are still waiting confirmation for our final class arrangements and this should be completed by Friday this week. We do appreciate your patience in this transition period.

This Wednesday I will be attending a principals meeting that is the unpacking of the announcement of new funding with “Great Results Guarantee” in the upcoming weeks we will be sharing the impact of this program on our school.

A reminder that students are expected to be at school no earlier than 8:15 am and are to be seated on the stage until the 8.30 am bell. If there is a time where a student is going to need to be dropped off early we ask that you notify the office. Also a reminder that unless your child is travelling on the bus all students should be picked up by 3:15 pm unless prior arrangements have been made at the office. We appreciate all families that help support us in this area to ensure the safety of all students at Bouldercombe State School.

**Impact Leadership Program**  
Our Senior Leaders will attend an Impact Leadership Conference on Thursday 20th February at the Rockhampton Leagues Club. This conference is designed to help develop school students in the area of leadership. It will consist of a variety of presentations, interactive activities, discussions, leadership games and entertainment.

**Swimming**  
We wish Trey, Mikayla, Kayla and Emily all the best this week as they will be representing our school at the Regional Swimming Trials for 2014 on Tuesday and Wednesday. These swimmers qualified with times from our previous swim carnival.

**Active After School Sport**  
This will be commencing in week 3 this term. There is a slight change which will be Wednesday years 5-7 3-4.40pm doing cricket and P-4 will also be Wednesday 3.15-4.15 Soccer. The 5-7 group will be limited to 20 students as they will be travelling away to participate in a Cricket program. For your child to participate in the program a note was sent home Friday with more details and the allocation of the 20 spots will be first in first served. In Term 2-4 the program will return to Monday 3.15-4.15 and P-3 Thursday 3.15-4.15.

**Bookclub**  
Our first bookclub brochures for this year have been sent home. Orders and payment must be returned to the office by Thursday 13th February in a sealed, named envelope. Bookclub is a great chance to purchase books for your child and support your school at the same time. The school receives 20% of the amount of all orders to purchase resources for our school.

**Welcome BBQ**  
We are inviting all our families to come along and catch up with old and new families together from 5-7 pm on Friday 7th February 2014 in the undercover area. Please fill in tear off section at the end of the newsletter with indication of attendance.

**Free firewood**  
If anyone is interested in some firewood, the tree at the front of the school has been cut into smaller pieces for collection. Please collect after school hours for the safety of students and staff.
P&C News  A blue brochure for our School’s P&C was sent home last week, and it would be great if you could fill in the membership section on the back, and return it to the School Office. Our first P&C meeting for 2014 will be held tomorrow night (4th February) at 7pm. Being a P&C member is a great way to get actively involved in your school community, and everyone is most welcome. Our Annual General Meeting will be held 4 weeks later, on Wednesday afternoon 5th March 2014. If you, or someone you know, would like to take a formal role on the new executive, I can be contacted through the school office. Gene

A Minute with Chappy   A Year of Time. . . . . . . . . . . . Steven B. Cloud, (Pulpit Helps, Vol. 14, #2)  ...Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomforting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year. As we look into 2014 we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life. The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day. Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on. And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year’s block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it. Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?

Birthdays:  Happy Birthday to Mariah (4th), Pippa (6th), Cherie (8th), Cooper (8th), Hunter (8th) and Lilah (9th) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Student of the Week:
P/1  Dylan & Amarlie
1/2  Kayla & Sharaya
2/3  Alex & Isaac
3/4  Abbey & Darcy
4/5  Kirralea & Jessie
6/7  Vanessa

BUS RUN  Attention Parents of: - Hunt Rd, Aremby Rd & Childs Ave BUS RUN. Annual Meeting - Monday 10th February - 3.15pm at The Bouldy Pub. Contact Sandy Boag for more information - 0411 966 624

Gracemere Junior Rugby League  Sign On U6-U18. Held on Saturday 8th February 2014 at the footy fields in Gracemere from 10am - 2pm. All new and existing players welcome. Fees are $150 for new players and $130 for existing players. A reduction of $20 per sibling applies thereafter. This includes QRL and RJRL fees, Polo Shirt, Training Singlet, Socks, Shorts and a Bag. Contact 0408732069 or gracemerejrl@hotmail.com for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Tuesday 4 February  Regional Swimming Trials 4pm-6pm
Wednesday 5 February  Regional Swimming Trials 4pm-6pm
Tuesday 4 February  P&C Meeting 7pm All Welcome
Wednesday 5 February  Frenchville Netball Sign On 4pm – Trudy 0419331392
Friday 7 February  Welcome Back BBQ 5pm-7pm in undercover area
Wednesday 12 February  Active After School Sports Yrs 5-7(3-4.40pm) Yrs P-4 (3.15-4.15)
Thursday 13 February  Bookclub Orders & payment Due
Thursday 20 February  Impact Leadership Program 9am Start
Wednesday 5 March  P & C AGM 4.15pm All Welcome