Welcome back for term 3!

**Staffing**

A few changes this term: Jasmin Fitzpatrick is replacing Jessica Egerton while she is on maternity leave. This means that Jasmin is now working 5 days a week.

Cassie Macrae and Judy Donoghue are replacing Helen Gassman for a few weeks while Helen is away on sick leave. We wish Helen all the best with her recovery and look forward to having her back at school soon.

Form Monday 31st August until Friday 18th September, I will be away on long service leave. During this time Naomi Driessen will be replacing me. Naomi is currently based at Moura State School as a classroom teacher. I am very pleased Naomi is replacing me as the students already know her. Last year she worked as the pedagogy coach for our school and visited twice a term.

**Facebook**

The Bauhinia State School Facebook page is now up and running. To find it search “Bauhinia State School”. To follow the page you need to click “like”.

This page will contain photos of what your children are doing at school as well as posts about upcoming events and reminders.

I am thrilled that we have another avenue to communicate with you and to show you all of the wonderful learning and fun that is happening each day in our school.

**School opinion survey**

It is that time of year again when the annual School Opinion Survey is being conducted. This survey is conducted online. You will receive access details to the website for you to complete the survey —these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available between 8:30am – 4pm each school day. If you would like to access the school computers please see me to arrange a time. The survey is open now, and will remain open until 31st July 2015.

This is an important opportunity for you to share your opinion about what this school does well, and how this school can improve, and I strongly encourage you to participate.

**School camp**

Prep – Year 6 school camp will be held at Camp Fairbairn Outdoor Education Centre on **Wednesday 7th October to Friday 9th October**. This is the first week of term 4. Camp Fairbairn Outdoor Education is located at Fairbairn Dam, approximately 25km south west of Emerald.

All parents are welcome but there is not expectation for parents to attend. This camp is not compulsory, however it is a wonderful opportunity for the children and we encourage all students and as many parents that can make it to attend.

More details regarding camp will be sent home throughout the term. If you have any questions, please contact me.
SCHOOL MOBILE
0477 364 605
Please call or text any time if you need to let Marie know something

Please name jumpers and track pants

P & C MEETING
Thursday 30th July - 3:00pm
Bauhinia State School Library
New members are encouraged to attend
Please let Kirsten or Stephanie know if you have and items for the agenda, or any apologies for the meeting.
These meetings are good to attend to find out what is happening in and around the school, so please mark it in your diaries and we hope to see you there.
Kirsten Colyer Ph: 49 963 179
Stephanie Nobbs Ph: 49 963 105

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Facilities
Our Wi-Fi upgrade has been completed. This is very exciting for our school. The new Wi-Fi will mean that students have access to the internet in all school buildings, and can use the laptops without an internet cord. I would like to thank the P and C, and the extended Bauhinia community for getting behind us and supporting this wonderful project.

AFL Auskick
The Auskick program will start next week. This program makes learning to play AFL fun, safe and easy for boys and girls. Through 4 weekly coaching sessions students will learn the skills of the game in an exciting, social and safe environment. Children will learn the fundamental motor skills vital for future physical activity and sport participation as well as learning skills to interact with other children as part of a team or in small group activities.

If you would like your child to participate please return the flyer that was sent home earlier this week with your child’s details and $25 by Wednesday 22nd July. If you require a new form please let me know.