Dear Parents and Carers,

School Review
We have welcomed two reviewers into our school for the past two days. They have spoken to staff, students, parents and community members. It is clear that we have a fantastic school. We have been given a few suggestions to focus our attention on for the next few years and will be working towards making our school even more successful. Thank you to everyone who made the time to have their say with our review team.

Lunch boxes
Parents are reminded that Fruit Break is to be fruit, vegetables or yoghurt that is prepared ready for use. It is great to see students eating healthy snacks to refuel those minds and bodies. Please attempt to keep lunches healthy by limiting the number of packaged snacks in lunchboxes. Please remember to not pack lollies in lunch boxes.

Josh Arnold
It’s Bloomin’ Beautiful in Blackbutt and Benarkin!! And now we all know the song words too! Our students were amazing during the writing, sound recording and video recording with Josh. I was very proud of the professionalism, maturity and resilience that was displayed by our young students as they repeated moves and lyrics repeatedly, hoping for the camera to catch the right move. Now we just have to wait until September, when the students will perform the 6 songs with Josh and see the premiere of the video clip as part of the Bloomin’ Beautiful Festival.

* See inside for the lyrics to our small town culture song!

Assessment
Teachers are busy getting assessment finalised and report cards written. Please try to have your student at school everyday to assist us in this. Please see your invitation for the Student Led Conferences next week.

Numeracy in June Challenge
Students have been busy filling out their Numeracy Challenge everyday. It is very pleasing to see student growth in just a week. All students have been given a doubled-sided laminated place mat, helping them to learn their number facts as part of their homework.

Staffing
Both Mrs Sparrow and Mrs Smith are taking some long service at the end of this term and beginning of next term. Good luck on your caravanning adventures, stay safe and enjoy your break.
Why is it important for kids to have a voice in school?

Children spend a lot of time at school. After the family, school has the most significant influence on child development, so making students’ time at school enjoyable and worthwhile supports their mental health and wellbeing. Part of this process involves supporting students to be active contributors to their own learning. The sense of belonging, positive relationships and improved self-esteem achieved when children are active contributors in their school community are significant protective factors that support their mental health and wellbeing now and in the future.

While listening to student voice is important, research shows that the benefits for students don’t come from just hearing their own voices; it’s more about how other people (students, teachers, schools) respond to students’ voices and work with them to make ideas come to life. In other words, the opportunities for students to participate in shaping their experiences at school must be real rather than simulated.

Parent And Community Engagement

Why is parent and community engagement important?

Parents and the broader community play a vital role in supporting successful learning outcomes for our children. Parent and community engagement that is effectively focused on student learning can deliver powerful outcomes.

What makes parent and community engagement effective?

The research and our experience tells us that parent and community engagement is most effective when it:

- focuses on student learning;
- encourages genuine dialogues and shared responsibility for student success;
- builds the capability, and the confidence, of staff, parents and community members to engage with each other; and
- enables widespread engagement and sustains it over time.

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Josh Arnold
Small Town Culture

It’s bloomin’ beautiful in Blackbutt and Benarkin
And it’s the simple life for us on top of the range
The hard wood logs filled up the trains, the railway line
wound down the range

Scrub turkeys scatter off the track
Kookaburras laugh, how bout that

(Repeat Chorus)

Early settlers cleared the land
Wood chop champs, axe in hand
Cattle farms and fresh clean air
The stars, the sky, our lives we share

Flowers blossom in the sun
Through the hills the horses run

(Repeat Chorus)