Playground Update
At last Wednesday’s meeting the P&C supported a project to redevelop the Gympie Road entrance of the school and significantly upgrade the playground and playing areas in this area of the school. This is a large project with a budget approaching $250,000. The full project is dependent on a grant application currently at the second stage of consideration with the Department of Education, Training and Employment. I have engaged a landscape architect to offer advice and complete some drawings for the grant application and to get the community behind the P&C’s fundraising for the project. The P&C have committed to invest $60,000, so having the full support of the Bald Hills community behind their efforts will be essential!

Congratulations Helina!
I am very happy to announce to the school community that Helina Owers was appointed to the Business Services Manager (BSM) position from the start of the term. Helina had been acting in the position following Desley Siviour’s resignation and came to our school with considerable experience and knowledge of the BSM role. I would like to formally congratulate Helina on winning what was a competitive selection process and welcome her to the school’s leadership team on a permanent basis.

QSR coming to a close
Last Tuesday, teachers and parent reps spent the day reviewing the findings and recommendations from the seven QSR review teams. They also started the process of developing a vision statement for the school. This process continued on Wednesday evening as staff worked together to refine the vision and the school developmental priorities for the next four years.

Newsletter goes electronic!
In improving communication with our community the first newsletter to be sent out in electronic form is today’s. We will continue to load a PDF on the school’s website, and for the foreseeable future produce the printed format for people who have not supplied an email address.

Rugby League
Congratulations to the Year 6 and 7 boys who took part in the Development Cup finals at Mitchelton State School recently. As the school team representing Bramble Bay district we are very proud of the team for achieving fourth place. They were only defeated by the team that won the cup 10-4, so were very competitive at the carnival indeed. Congratulations to Connor M for also taking out a sportsmanship award on the day! This is a great achievement given we have reinstated rugby league as a school sport two years ago! Thanks to Mr Green for taking the boys to the carnival, and Ms Boyd and Mr Ben Peirce, one of our committed parents, for coaching rugby league this year.

David Turner
Principal
**From the DP**

**ICAS Science Competition**

Last term many of our students participated in the Science International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS is a highly regarded international assessment competition for schools. As ICAS is a competition the questions on each of the papers are challenging and increase in difficulty, thus allowing students to demonstrate how far above year level expectations they can stretch. The results of this competition have now been received by the school. Participating students receive an individual diagnostic report and a certificate to recognise their achievement.

The following students are to be congratulated for achieving a credit in the competition:

- **From Year 2:** Eloise F, Eliza L and Ahmad A
- **From Year 3:** Steve A and Blake R
- **From Year 4:** Laura D, Caitlyn J, Madyson J, Braelyn C, Fletcher D and Henry R
- **From Year 5:** Joshua B, Brodie E, Chloe L and Abbie R
- **From Year 6:** Priscilla S, Eliana M, Sophie S, Liam W and Ellynn B
- **From Year 7:** Max W and Kaitlyn C

Two of our students received distinctions in the competition. Both from Year 5:

Jackson M and Xander C

Jackson and Xander both scored in the top 6% of students from across the nation in their year level. Jackson and Xander are to be congratulated on their competition results.

Students who have entered the ICAS Maths Competition will sit the competition on Tuesday 12 August.

*Libby Bond*

*Deputy Principal*

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**Positive Behaviour Support Program**

**Be Safe**

**Safety Sam says:** Walk when moving around the school.

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**Office News**

**Voluntary Contributions**

Thank you to the parents who have paid the voluntary contribution to the school. If there are any parents who would like to pay the voluntary contribution, this will be greatly appreciated.

**Newsletter**

The new look newsletter will be emailed to parents this week. If you have not yet signed up to get your copy emailed to you, please let the office staff know your email address so you can be added.

**School Surveys**

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers, students and school staff who completed this year’s School Opinion Survey. We look forward to reviewing our survey results when we receive our school report later this year.

**Unexplained Absences**

Lately, there have been a lot of unexplained Absences. If your child is away, please either call the office on 3261 1554 or email the school at absence@baldhills.eq.edu.au

If you child is late to school, they must come to the office to receive a late slip. School starts at 8:45am. If you are picking up your child from school early, please come to the office to sign them out.

Thank you

**Carol, Kursty, Leesa and Helina**

**Music Notes**

**Pie/Lamington Drive – Music Department Fundraiser**

Money raised from the fundraiser will go toward the purchase of new flutes and clarinets to replace some of the ones currently being used which are OVER 20 years old. Delivery date has been changed to FRIDAY 8 AUGUST.

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**Library News**

**Parent Help Needed in the Library!!**

Mrs Blake and Mr Taylor are calling for some volunteers to help move library books next Tuesday afternoon, 12 August. We are planning to relocate some of the library shelves and require approximately 10 parents to help move books to tables, and then back to shelves. This will not be a heavy lifting job, more of a production line! Any parent that is able to help is asked to come to the library at 12:50pm on Tuesday afternoon. We anticipate that the job will be completed by 3pm. A small thank you afternoon tea will be provided to volunteers, just prior to the 2:55pm bell.

This shelf relocation will enable us to put more computers into the library for students to use during class and lunch times. If you are able to help then please let the office staff know, or just turn up on the day!

*Sharon Blake*

*Librarian*

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**P&C News**

A big thank you to all our awesome volunteers who helped with the Bunnings BBQ and Bramble Bay last week.

To all those suffering with this flu that’s going around, get well soon.

I had the pleasure of attending the QSR meeting last Tuesday. There was a lot of interesting information and it’s great to learn that parents and teachers are on the same page when it comes to the education of our kids.

In the evening I attended a QSR event held by the state government. All schools in our region are on the same page with how they see education progressing over the next 10 years. Good news for all our kids.

Have a great week and stay well.

*Tanya May*

*President*

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**Tuckshop News**

Thank you to all of the ladies who helped
out last week with Bramble Bay and sports day.

Thanks Kylie and Mel

ROSTER

MON 11 August - Kay
TUES 12 August - Sharon C
WED 13 August - CLOSED
THURS 14 August - Donna V, Suzy W, Erin R
FRI 15 August - Alicia S, Leanne H, Kay H

Uniform Shop News

OPENING HOURS:
Wednesday 8am—10am and
Friday 2:15pm—3:15pm

Thanks Mel

Forestry News

On Sunday 31 August at 2pm there will be a working bee in the Forestry. If anyone can spare an hour or two, it would be much appreciated. There is an area of Chinese Elm saplings that needs a good brushcutting. If anyone can help, that would be great. Of course there is still the dreaded Madeira Vine to clear!!

Thanks
Louise Brennan

Community News

Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?
Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment. Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P-Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour. Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study.
Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit https://exp psy.uq.edu.au/1diabetes for more information.

Last Chance 2015 Prep Information Evening
Wednesday 20 August 2014
5pm—6pm in the School Hall

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