



BALD HILLS

State School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Final Newsletter for 2016

YEAR 6 GRADUATION



By the time you read this newsletter, 74 Year 6 students will be within one week of their Primary School Graduation. This is an annual event that celebrates 7 years of learning by these students and 7 years of support by their parents, teachers and community. The ceremony takes place **Tuesday 6 December at 6.00pm**. We are looking forward to sharing this momentous occasion with the students and their parents.

STAFF MOVEMENT

Today we begin to notify the school community of the staff changes for 2017 that we have confirmed. It is often a sad time of the year as we farewell staff who have given so much to our wonderful school. I hope this notification gives you time to say a farewell that they richly deserve before the year ends. We farewell Sharon Blake, who has successfully gained the position of Deputy Principal at Sandgate S.S. I have really enjoyed working with Sharon this year and appreciate all her knowledge of the school, her support and her expertise. Particularly this being my first year at Bald Hills. She will be greatly missed.



Libby Bond is excited to be returning in 2017 as Deputy Principal. Kate Marley has successfully won the position of Head of Special Education at Bray Park S. S. Again we wish Kate all the best in her well-deserved new position. Replacing Kate as our Head of Special Education is Lyndal Murray. Ainsley Duncan will continue her secondment throughout 2017 with Behaviour Services. Ella Blakey will be taking 6 months leave from Feb 13, 2017. Ingrid Nicholson has been transferred to Albany Hills SS. Tim Green, Helen Young and Darren Fenoglio will return in 2017.

We welcome two new teachers to our staff – Brittney Van Leewun and Justine Wellman. We would also like to congratulate Lee Sheppard our Schools Officer on having his position made permanent.

ENROLMENT PREDICTIONS 2017



Our enrolment predictions for next year indicate that our school will have similar numbers to 2016. Confirmed numbers are sitting around 615. Staffing of our school is still not confirmed but we are anticipating 25 classes, but this is still difficult to gauge due to fluctuating enrolments. Our school is staffed by Education Queensland using a ration of 1:25 in Prep to Year 3 and 1:28 from Years 4-7. The school is then charged with organising the allocation of staff. Of course there are times when combinations of numbers from different year levels are necessary to accommodate this class size target.

Finally a reminder if your child is not going to be back in the first week of school to contact the office so we can include you in our enrolment count at the start of the year.

CLASSES 2017

The end of the year can cause anxiety as students prepare to head to a new year level. I ask all adults to use

Bald Hills State School P&C Association meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. (All parents are invited to attend) Email: pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au
Tuckshop: Morning Tea & Lunch Orders Phone 3261 4551 | Uniform Shop: Wednesday - 8:00 to 10:00am - Friday - 2:30 to 3:30pm

language that is optimistic and positive when discussing class placements and teachers for next year. Students are sensitive to conversations where they may hear adults talking about school and may become even more anxious if they think there is something that mum or dad are concerned about. **Parents will be notified of their child's class for 2017 on Friday 9 December.** Please note, that due to the unpredictability of our student enrolments at the moment, these classes may change after Day 8, 2017.

LAST PARADE FOR THE YEAR – THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER

On **Thursday 8 December at 9am**, we will be holding our last parade for 2017. This parade will be a special time as we farewell our Year 6 students, wishing them all the best for their secondary schooling and future lives.

OUTSTANDING INVOICES

Just a reminder for parents to finalise their outstanding accounts as soon as possible.

SEMESTER 2 STUDENT PROGRESS REPORT CARDS

A reminder that Semester 2 Progress Report Cards will be emailed in the afternoon of **December 8**.

Cheers

Glen Robertson, Principal



From the Deputy

Thank-you

As you would have read above, at the end of this year I will be moving onto Sandgate State School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, parents and staff that I have had the pleasure of working with over the past 13 years. Bald Hills State School is a wonderful community to work in and I will miss it greatly. However, I am also very excited to be moving towards new opportunities at Sandgate.

Tall Tree Badges

Many students in Years Prep to 6 received Tall Tree badges this week on assembly. These students should be congratulated on their efforts as these badges show that these students are constantly good role models for the other students in our school. They consistently display the habits of Respectful Rosie, Responsible Ronnie, Safety Sam and Learner Lenny. Well done to those students!
Students who did not receive a badge this

term, have the opportunity next year to try and attain four terms of "Tall Tree" behaviour to qualify them for a badge.

Sharon Blake – Deputy Principal

Office News

Refurbishment

Starting Monday 5 December 2016, (Lower Block 'C') which is the SEP and Learning Support areas, will be having a total refurbishment of their rooms. During this construction, in and around this area will be out of bounds to the general public. Workman and contractors will be onsite from next week and during the whole of the Summer vacation. All work should be completed by Monday 16 **January 2017**.

Medication

All Student Medication that is stored in the First Aid Room is to be collected on the last day of school - Friday 9 December.

Classroom News

Maths Olympiad Champions

Caitlyn (Champions of Champions), Caitlin, Isabella and Peter, the Bald Hills 2016 Maths Olympiad champions. These students, with the aid of Mr Mat Taylor, Bald Hills HOC, became the Bald Hills mathematical champions for 2016. The maths tasks involved these students (and others) to use their lunchtime to solve mathematical problems.



Music Notes

Showcase last week

What a wonderful night! All the groups performed very well and it fantastic to see all the String players together and all the children in the Band. You don't realise how many children are learning an instrument until you see these groups - both over 50 each. We seemed to have a larger audience as well.

Thank you to all the parents and past students who helped with the sound, cooking, selling food/drinks, raffle tickets, admission, selling pencil cases etc- without

your help it would have been totally crazy. Thanks also goes to those families who donated items for the raffle - Leyden & Edwards families - your support is greatly appreciated.

We raised just over \$1190 on the night which will go to the purchase of new instruments.

End of year

Our last performance for the year was the Christmas Service on Wednesday November 30. String Ensemble, Concert Band, Junior Choir & Young Voices Choir performed.

School owned instruments **MUST** be returned to school **THIS** week - Strings on Tuesday, Band on Wednesday. If you have not returned on these days, please return them to the office immediately.

Music Camp 2017

Letters have been forwarded to those children who intend participating next year. If for any reason your child will NOT be attending, please advise the office immediately so that any children on the waiting list can be included.

Thankyou all for all the support throughout the year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.
from ALL the Music Staff.

Marion Wood—Music Teacher

Library News

Thank you to all Parents and Students who ordered Book Club during the year. Your efforts have resulted in Rewards of \$1000 for new books for our library.

Kerry Webber—Book Club Coordinator

All books should now have been returned to the library.

Happy reading!

Mrs Josephine Bacayo – Teacher/Librarian

Sport News

All age champions and the winning house will be announced during the final assembly on Thursday December 8.

I would like to thank all the wonderful Parents who helped on the day of the Swimming Carnival, our carnival would not have been the success that it was without your support. Thank you

Yours in sport

Kylie Innes—HPE Teacher

Forestry News

We are still working on weeding Madeira Vine and were lucky enough to have Mrs Topping help us this week. It is important to pull out the Madeira Vine at this time of year because it can grow more than one metre a week.



Louise Brennan



P & C News

ARMBANDS

We still have refunds for armbands that were pre purchased for the 150th Fair. These are to be collected from Tuckshop by Friday 2 December.

Thank you



Tuckshop News

LAST day of tuckshop for the year is **FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER**.

Please note—There will be **NO** Tuckshop in the last week of school.

Tuckshop will open on Wednesday 25 January 2017.

I would like to thank all our Students and their Families, Staff and our wonderful Volunteers.

See you all next year.



Uniform Shop

End of Year Uniform Sales

Thursday 1 December - 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Friday 2 December - 2.30 pm 3.30 pm

Wednesday 7 December - 8 am - 10 am

Thursday 8 December - 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Friday 9 December - 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Saturday 10 December - 9 am - 1 pm

2017 Uniform Sales

Thursday 19 January - 9 am - 1 pm

Friday 20 January - 9 am - 1 pm

Saturday 21 January - 9 am - 1 pm

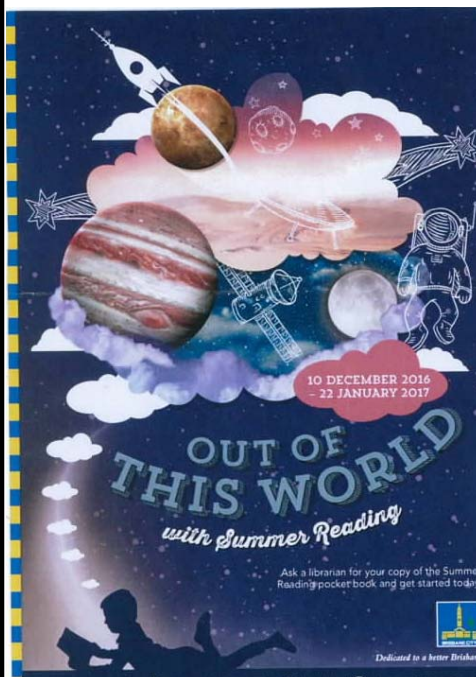


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Christmas in the Creek

Saturday 3rd December, 6pm
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Important Dates

Thursday 1 December	- Tall Tree (Water Play) Celebration Years 4 - 6 - Tall Tree Badge Ceremony Years P - 2
Friday 2 December	Intraschool Sport - Years 4 - 6
Monday 5 December	- Tall Tree (Water Play) Celebration Years P- 3 - Year 5 End Of Year - Swimming Celebration
Tuesday 6 December	- Year 4 End Of Year Water Park, Albany Creek Excursion. - Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 8 December	- Final School Assembly - Year 6 End of Year Celebration - Prep Final Assembly and Celebration
Friday 9 December	Last Day of School



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