11 August 2016

Dear Parents,

NAPLAN RESULTS
Our NAPLAN results were released last week. This year our school has shown our performance is generally at par or slightly above the national performance. The school data reflects similar results to 2015.

SEP and LEARNING SUPPORT UPGRADE
After some consultation with Facilities we are pleased to announce that we will receive a $60 000 internal upgrade to our SEP and Learning Support rooms. The staff within the Special needs areas, are currently looking at other similar facilities and programs to see where we will target our funding. This upgrade is expected to take place in 4th term.

FACILITIES - The painting of A & B Block is now finished. The buildings are looking great with the fresh coat of paint. We thank you for your patience while all this took place. Building up to the 150th Anniversary Back to Bald Hills Fair we will begin work now on some gardens and general cleaning and tidying up around the school. The Forestry enjoyed a cleanup last weekend. Louise and her team had an enjoyable morning working. Students can now access the entire circuit in the forestry plot. Thanks to all those wonderful volunteers.

ENCOURAGE PROBLEM-SOLVING - Uses for Materials Galore
Collecting. Children love to make collections and to try hobbies – all in some ways instructive as well as enjoyable. I have many fond childhood memories of digging my way through a cereal box to get at the toy or the card inside to add to my collection, and hoping that I didn’t already have it. In addition, collect materials for the occasional improvisation: boxes, egg cartons, bottles, coloured pictures, cards, buttons, string, wire etc. Have an occasional evening when the whole family makes things. Making things. Show them how to make things, eg. A jigsaw puzzle by pasting pictures onto cardboard and then cutting into pieces. The leave the problem to them. Paint, pens, paper.
Remember that things-to-do means only making objects but what has been treated in earlier newsletters – painting, drawing, writing and reading – a balance of art, craft and language
Cheers

Glen Robertson – Principal
**From the DP**

**Rule of The Week**
Our focus rule for this week is to Be Safe with Safety Sam and walk around the school. As we do not have an assembly this week teachers will be introducing this rule to students for the week ahead. The expectation for this rule is as follows:

- Walk on all hard surfaces - concrete and paved areas
- Walk in a sensible and considerate way
- Running allowed on playing surfaces only
- Play safely in the playground
- No running or chasing around the playground equipment

Please support us by revising these rules at home and reminding your children to follow these rules before and after school.

**Prep Stay and Play Sessions**
Our first Prep stay and play session will be held next Tuesday afternoon, 16 August, from 2-3pm in the prep classrooms. Each room will have a sign on sheet out the front and a name tag for each child. We encourage all enrolled students for 2017 to attend these sessions and have already had a wonderful response from parents. Just a reminder that parents are expected to stay with their child for the whole session. The aim of the session is to meet the prep teachers, familiarize the children with the prep classrooms, and complete some short activities within the rooms. We look forward to seeing all of our new families there!

**ICAS Testing** - Congratulations to all students who participated in the ICAS English and Maths tests over the last two weeks and thank you to Mr Taylor for facilitating these sessions. Students can expect to receive participation and achievement awards in November this year.

_Sharon Blake — Deputy Principal_

**Classroom News**

**Let’s Spell**
By Mrs Bird’s Spelling Group — Ashlee R, Caitlyn J, Rayden K, Ben S & Charlie G.

Last week we walked through the Forestry and selected our spelling words.

**Words of the Week:**
- Sustainable — is ‘able’ not ‘ible’
- Eucalyptus — ‘y’ and not ‘i’.

_Jinty Bird—STLaN_

**Music**
Rehearsals
If your child is in any of the Performance groups, please ensure that they arrive at the correct time.

Tuesday - String Ensemble - 7.45am
Wednesday - Band - 7.40am
Thursday - Young Voices - 7.30am

We understand that sometimes things go wrong and there is delay getting out on time, however there have been a few who have not attended at all and have not made contact with the conductor to explain.

_Congratulations to:-
Rene R (Yr 4) auditioned for and been accepted in the St John’s choir.
Ben S (Yr 6) auditioned for Honours Music Camp in September and has been accepted on violin.
Lily W (Yr 6) on saxophone accepted for Honours Music Camp
Nicholas H (Yr5) on saxophone accepted for Honours Music Camp
Mini B (Yr 5) on clarinet accepted for Honours Music Camp
Well done_

_Marion Wood—Music Teacher_

**150th Anniversary**

_Saturday 10th September 2016
10am – 4pm_

An integral part of our celebrations will be the community Markets within the school grounds on 10 September. The 150th Committee is seeking expressions of interest from members of our local and wider community who would like to be a ‘stall holder’ at our markets. Stalls can range from a table under a covered area to a Marquee(3x3) in an open area. For more information, please contact Sharyn Kersnovske:

_skers6@eq.edu.au_

Many hands make a great event! See below for areas where we are looking for volunteers. All rosters are available from the links below.

_Prepare—Snack Bar & Healthy Food Canteen_

www.volunteersignup.org/CEL43

**Year 1**—Cake Stall
www.volunteersignup.org/A8YJB

**Year 2**—Junior Oval Drink Stall
www.volunteersignup.org/Q4LP4

**Year 3**—Memorabilia
www.volunteersignup.org/RHD7A

**Year 4**—Raffles
www.volunteersignup.org/XKHXC

More information about the plans for the Back to Bald Hills Fair can be found on the school website, in the Community Section.

**Chappy News**

**THIS WEEK**

_CARNIVAL DISCO_

Friday 12 August

Great Alternative to the Ekka

$6 student entry $15 for 3 or more

Students, Parents & Younger Siblings Free!

Photo Booth, Creative Costume & Lucky Door Prizes!

COSTUME THEME - CIRCUS/CARNIVAL/COLOURFUL

See you there!!

**Forestry News**

Forestry News - Thanks to all parents and staff who helped out with the working bee in the Forestry. The Forestry is looking revitalised for the 150th. Classes will get to visit the Forestry to see how good it is looking. Lots of brushcutting; weeding; pruning; sweeping paths and the deck, replacing boards and planting was done. Make sure you go for a walk through the Forestry on the 150th celebrations.
the Forestry on the 150th celebrations. You will get to marvel at this wonderful piece of bushland that is part of our wonderful school.
My apologies to Craig - Caitlin's dad. I did not get a photo of you, but thank you so much for helping at our working bee.

Louise Brennan

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### Sport
The 9-12 Years Age Championship medals were awarded on assembly last week. Students were also presented with their rep shirt for the Bald Hills State School track and field team. Our school had 49 students represent the school at Bracken Ridge over two days of tough competition.

![A student holding a trophy](image)

Congratulations to Parker 6K who qualified for Shot Put and High Jump to compete in the Bramble Bay Team at the Metropolitan North Championships. These will be held at UQ St Lucia on August 23-25. We wish Parker the best of luck!
Our Bald Hills State School team competed at a high level and their sportsmanship and behaviour during the two days are to be commended. We will have a strong team next year as John 4C and Layla 3D competed in the 9 Years events. Whilst the 9 Years can compete at districts they cannot compete at Regionals until the 10 Years. Both students won several individual events. They both also competed in the 10 Year relays where their respective teams finished 4th. Cohan 4B also is to be commended for his several places, with special mention of winning the 9 Years Sport events.

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Discus.

**Age Champion**

Thank you to the parents who assisted in officiating and cheer squad for the students over the two days. Glen, Sharon, Ainsley, Officials and Parents) I am very proud to be part of the Bald Hills Team, well done to all involved!

*Kylie Innes—HPE Teacher*

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### P & C News
Our annual Father's Day stall will be held on Thursday 1 September. Items range in price from 50c to $5. Students will visit the stall with their class throughout the day. Prep students should bring their money in a named envelope or ziplock bag and hand in to the teacher for safe keeping. Items for sale for Dad/Pop/Grandad include photo frames, mugs, water bottles, caps, wash bags, pens, key rings, stress balls, lanyards, car air fresheners and much more. We will operate the stall after school if there are any items left for sale. There is a volunteer roster on the wall outside tuckshop. If you can spare an hour or more we would love to see you there!

*P&C Executive*

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### Tuckshop News
We are seeking donations of zip lock bags and plastic cutlery. Thank you to the Booker family for keeping us supplied in fresh eggs.

**Roster**

- **Monday 15 August** - Mel M
- **Tuesday 16 August** - Lisa W
- **Wednesday 17 August** - Vicki P, Stacie G, Kat Mc
- **Thursday 18 August** - Donna V, Joy Bells, Peta B

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### Important Dates

- **Friday 12 August** - Chappy Disco
- **Monday 15 August** - Footsteps Years 1 - 3
- **Tuesday 16 August** - Prep Stay and Play 1
- **Friday 19 August** - Interschool Sport
- **Monday 22 August** - Footsteps Year 1 - 3
- **Tuesday 23 August** - Prep Stay and Play 2
- **Friday 26 August** - Interschool Sport
- **Monday 29 August** - Footsteps Year 1 - 3
- **Tuesday 30 August** - Prep Incursion
- **Wednesday 31 August** - Prep Stay and Play 3

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### Community News

**Bald Hills Lawnton Lions Cricket**

Sign-On - Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August 2016,
Pine Rivers Park - 125 Gympie Road,
Strathpine, 10AM – 2PM
Ages 6 years through to 17 years.
For further information
Email: admin@thelions.org.au
Pres: Chris Cunningham on 0455 310 963

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