



# BALD HILLS

## State School Newsletter

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**13 October 2016**

Dear Parents,

### STUDENT FREE DAY

Our Student Free Day for this term will be held this **Monday 17 October**. Teachers will be involved in a range of activities throughout the day including Reading and Explicit Teaching strategies, Essential Classroom Management Practices and Year level Planning.

### FACILITIES UPDATE

We have been very fortunate to acquire funding in the vicinity of \$70 000 to upgrade our SEP room. Meetings have been held and staff have had input into the refurbishment of the room. It is expected that this work will begin in the second half of term. Alternative arrangements will be put in place during construction for our staff and students.

### SCHOOL PAYMENTS

As you know we send out an invoice for each activity your child participates in. In most cases we know that parents are busy and sometimes forget to make payments. We always endeavour to follow up with a text, email or phone call as I really don't want kids to miss out. I don't like using the newsletter with this kind of content and my aim is to be transparent with what we are doing. However we still have numerous outstanding payments required for interschool sport, prep levies, instrumental music etc. We ask that all invoices are paid prior to an activity. Our school has a 'No Pay – No Go' Policy. The school is not able to absorb the debt paying for students who attend but do not pay. Please be advised that payments for all school activities needs to be made at least before the day of the event. As always, if you are having difficulty making a payment, please contact the school so we can arrange a payment plan.

### PLANNING FOR 2017

Planning for staffing and classes occurs during Term 4. It is absolutely critical that we have an accurate picture of the number of students we will have in 2017. This will enable us to form classes with confidence and minimise the need to shuffle classes because of unexpected enrolment changes. To assist with accuracy in planning, could I please ask at this stage:-

1. **Prep Enrolments** – From 2017, it is now compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake Prep prior to commencing Year 1.

The only exceptions to compulsory participation in Prep are where:

- a child has undertaken education in another jurisdiction that is equivalent to Prep;
- a child was registered for home education in the year prior to enrolment in a state or non-state school; or the principal is satisfied the child is ready to be enrolled in Year 1 taking into account the child's attributes.

To enrol in Prep, children must be aged five years by 30 June in the year of proposed attendance and for 2017, they need to be born between **1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012**. Please note that we are required to sight your child's birth certificate. It is also a departmental requirement that parents and legal guardians who wish to enrol their child at school demonstrate that the student's principal place of residence is within the catchment area. Current proof of residency at the address indicated can be provided as follows:

- One primary source – a current lease agreement, rates notice or unconditional contract of sale, **and** One secondary source – a utility bill (eg. electricity, gas) showing this same address and parent's / guardian's name.

2. **Leaving Bald Hills State School (excluding Year 6)**. If any of our families are aware that they are moving from the area or the school, could this please be communicated to our school office as soon as possible?

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](mailto: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



This information assists us greatly with estimating teacher and class numbers for the new year and your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

### WORLD TEACHERS' DAY



World Teachers' Day will also be celebrated on

**Friday 28 October.**

This day is celebrated annually in all countries and recognises the work carried out everyday by teachers.

Cheers

*Glen Robertson, Principal*

## From the Deputy

### 2017 Class Allocations

Teachers will soon begin formulating classes for 2017, taking into account several sets of information, including academic data, behaviour data and friendship groups. Parents who would like to submit specific requests relating to student needs are welcome to email me at [admin@baldhills.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@baldhills.eq.edu.au) before **9am Wednesday 9 November**. If you have detailed needs to discuss then please arrange a meeting with me through the office ladies.

Please be mindful that we will endeavour to match your child with at least one friend. However, it is not reasonable to request multiple friends within the same class, especially when teachers are trying to balance academic and behaviour needs across year levels. We also discourage the requesting of specific teachers. Teachers are not allocated to year levels until after classes are finalized.

Parents will be contacted regarding requests that cannot be fulfilled. As we have tight timelines for devising class lists for 2017, any information or requests received after **9am Wednesday 9 November 9th** will not be taken into consideration in the formulation of classes for 2017.

### Rule of the week

Our focus rule for this week is to Be Responsible with Responsible Ronnie, and keep our school neat and tidy. The following expectations will be taught over the next week:

- Sit in designated areas with your class group
- Put all rubbish in the bin at the end of eating time
- Pack up lunchboxes and place on seats
- Raise your hand before leaving to play

- Ask permission to go to the toilets during eating time
- Use the toilets appropriately
- Store personal belongings in the correct location eg. Bags in bag racks, lunchboxes on seats

*Sharon Blake – Deputy Principal*

## OFFICE NEWS

### German Day

**Please note— Payments for this event is CASH only. No card payments will be processed.**

Thank you

## Student of the Week

Elizabeth	PB	Kobe	PB
Tatiana	PK	Faiyaz	PK
Samantha	PS	Russell	PS
Josephine	2B	Hayden	2B
Nikita	2R	Ethan	2R
Hayden	2W	Chloe	2W
Cooper	4B	Zoe	4B
Julian	4C	Zakariyya	4C
May-Cee	4V	Joshua	4V
Caitlyn	6C	Gemma	6C
Braelyn	6H	Tha Mu	6H
Ziggy	6K	Elise	6K

## CLASSROOM NEWS



### National Bandanna Day

On Friday 28 October, Bald Hills State School will once again participate in CanTeen's National Bandanna Day. By selling these bandannas, the children in Year 5 will help CanTeen raise much needed funds for programs supporting young people whose lives have been affected by cancer. The Year 5 students hope to sell as many bandannas as they can to help raise the awareness of CanTeen's work in highlighting the issues associated with the impact that cancer has on young people and their families. Bandannas of various colours and patterns will be sold near Tuckshop before school, lunch time and after school from next week. They cost \$4 each. Your support for this very worthy cause is very much appreciated.

*Year 5 Teachers*

## Music Notes

**Notices—** Please return Music Camp 2017 notices as soon as possible as the numbers are needed to finalise costing. It's your last chance to submit an Expression of Interest Form if you wish your child to be considered for the Instrumental Program. The Instrumental teachers will be testing the children in the next few weeks.

**Showcase - Wednesday November 23 commencing at 7.00pm** - This is our End of Year concert for ALL groups - Jnr Choir, Beginner Strings, Intermediate Strings, Young Voices, Band. It is a great way for those of you who have children about to join the Instrumental Program in 2017 to see what is achievable by these young children. Although it is a 7.00pm start we are usually finished and out of the Hall before 8.30pm so it means it is not a really late night.

**Can you help?** - Showcase is our last opportunity to build some much needed funds for the Music Program. The purchase/replacement of instruments is always expensive. To assist with this we will have a raffle on the night and a sausage sizzle before hand. To help with this, it would be appreciated if items for the raffle be donated. It could be anything. Please send any items for the raffle directly to Miss Wood on any day - EXCEPT Wednesday. Lots of helpers will be needed to assist with cooking, selling of food, admission & raffle tickets. Please contact Miss Wood if you are able to help in any way.

### Christmas Service - Wednesday

**November 30** - This is held during school time and the Band, Senior String Ensemble and Young Voices will again be participating in this function. More details will come closer to the day.

*Marion Wood—Music Teacher*

## Library

This Friday our Book Fair commences, and runs until the 27th October. Daily hours of operation are :

**8.25—8.45 am and 3.00 -3.45 pm.**

Volunteers are still needed to help with the running of it, so please let us know of your availability. As a lead up to the fair, a competition is being run in the library. Children can bring 20 cents to guess how many gum leaves are in a jar. The winner and runners- up will receive vouchers to spend at the fair. Remember, the book parade in on 19 October!

*Mrs Josephine Bacayo – Teacher/Librarian*

## Forestry News

### 8th Annual Prep Planting!!

On Sunday October 30 at 2pm, we will be holding a planting afternoon in the Forestry for all Prep Students. Preppies and their Parents/ Caregivers are encouraged to come along and plant a tree in the Forestry.

Bring some water and a snack if you would like to enjoy the surroundings of the Forestry after you have planted.

Please RSVP to Louise Brennan

[lbren26@eq.edu.au](mailto:lbren26@eq.edu.au) so I can order the correct number of plants.

Thanks so much,

Louise Brennan

## Chappy News

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS!

It is great to see everyone back and looking refreshed after our spring holiday break. I enjoyed being part of Krave Holiday Club during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of our holidays with 150 students from local primary schools – over 30 being from BHSS!

### HAMPERS AND MEALS!

There are many needs in our school community and opportunities for us to continue to care for each other. Our hamper cupboard is still well stocked with basic items. We would however appreciate any donations of special treats that could top off our hampers like biscuits, jams, nuts, chocolates, tea etc.

We would also love to provide some extra support for some families facing extremely difficult circumstances at the moment. If you are able to help with a home cooked meal or some baking it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me [kcono0@eq.edu.au](mailto:kcono0@eq.edu.au) or drop to Kylie in the tuckshop if you can assist. Foil trays available at Chappy Room.

Chappy Kylie



## Tuckshop News

### Roster

**Monday 17 October**—Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 18 October**— Lisa W

**Wednesday 19 October**—Kat M, Vicki P, Stacey G

**Thursday 20 October**—Donna V, Joy Bells, Peta B

**Friday 21 October**—Leanne H, Zita J, Alicia S, Mel B

We would be grateful for donations of Plastic Cutlery.

## Uniform Shop

Wednesday - 8.00 am - 10.00 am

Friday - 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

## Community News

**Mitchelton State School**  
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## Important Dates

<b>Friday 14 October</b>	Swimming Yrs 4—6
<b>Monday 17 October</b>	Student Free Day
<b>Wednesday 19 October</b>	Book Week Dress Up Day
<b>Friday 21 October</b>	Swimming Yrs 4—6
<b>Wednesday 26 October</b>	German Day
<b>Friday 28 October</b>	Swimming Years 4 - 6
<b>Monday 31 October</b>	Swimming Years 1—3
<b>Friday 4 November</b>	Tuckshop Red Day Yr 4—6 - Intraschool Sport
<b>Monday 7 November</b>	Swimming Years 1—3
<b>Wednesday 9 November</b>	P & C Meeting 7.00 pm
<b>Monday 14 November</b>	Swimming Years 1—3
<b>Friday 18 November</b>	Yr 4—6 - Intraschool Sport
<b>Monday 21 November</b>	Swimming Years 1—3
<b>Wednesday 23 November</b>	2016 Musical Showcase Prep Excursion—A Frosty Christmas Performance
<b>Thursday 24 November</b>	<b>Swimming Carnival Yrs 4—6</b>
<b>Friday 25 November</b>	Yr 4—6 Intraschool Sport
<b>Monday 28 November</b>	Swimming Yrs 1-3 Pine Rivers High School Orientation Yr 7, 2017
<b>Wednesday 30 November</b>	BHSS Christmas Service Volunteer Chappy Morning Tea
<b>Friday 2 December</b>	Yrs 4-6 Intraschool Sport
<b>Monday 5 December</b>	Yr 5 End Of Year Swimming Celebration
<b>Tuesday 6 December</b>	Yr 4 End Of Year Water Park, Albany Creek Excursion Yr 6 Graduation
<b>Friday 9 December</b>	Last Day of School

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You will need to follow this path: [SUPPORT AND RESOURCES/FORMS AND DOCUMENTS/DOCUMENTS](#).

**SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY  
THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2016**

Attending Orientation Day will assist students to effectively transition into high school. The purpose of the day is to allow students to meet many of their new classmates, familiarise students with the location of classrooms and other key facilities, meet key members of staff and ensure that students are comfortable and confident with their new surroundings. The structure of the day is as follows:  
NB: Parents are to make individual travel arrangements for your student to and from school.

8:55am Assemble in the Performance Hall. Students will be split into groups which will be as close as possible to their class for 2016. Students will then engage in a range of activities.

11:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Break -  
> Sausage sizzle (provided free of charge).  
> Or bring your own lunch.

11:30am Continuation of group activities.

1:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> break - Snacks, drinks and ice cream available for purchase from Tuckshop or bring your own snacks.

1:45pm Final session of group activities.

2:45pm Dismissed from school. Staff and student leaders will assist students in locating parents/caregivers, public transport, buses etc.

**ACTIVITIES**

The activities that students participate in will include a tour of the school, getting to know you games, an introduction to the computer rooms and a short swim in the pool. Each activity is scheduled to take no more than 30 minutes.

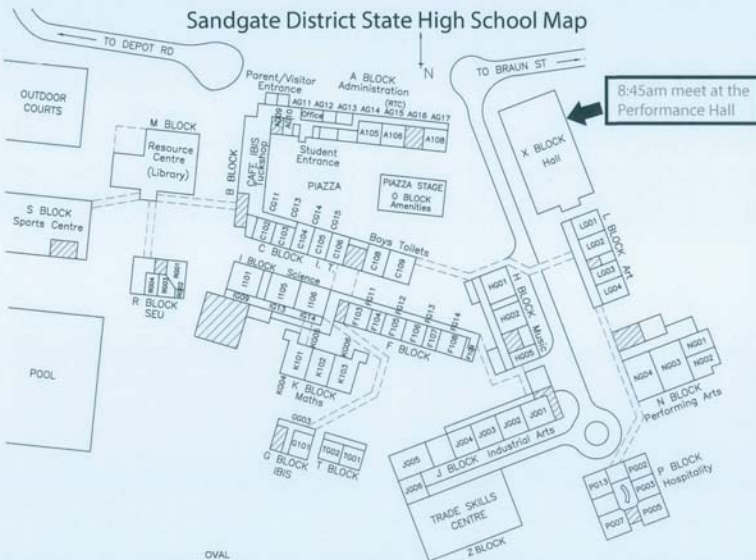
**WHAT TO BRING**

Students are to bring lunch, or have the sausage sizzle which is provided free of charge, money to buy snacks from tuckshop at 2<sup>nd</sup> break, water bottle, their swimming top/brief, sunscreen and a hat.

**UNIFORM**

Students are to be dressed in their Primary School uniform, formal or sport.

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