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 compulsary 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?
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@baldhillss.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

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

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

CLASROOM 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

- 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
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 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 2nd 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 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

Mitchelton State School
47 Glen Retreat Road

22 October 2016

MITCHELTON STATE SCHOOL CENTENARY CELEBRATION
10am - 12pm
(registration from 10am)

Our students celebrate the centenary of Mitchelton State School. The event will include student performances, an Alumni Show, Class Photos, Centenary Display and a Devonshire tea.

Community News

Continue the party at MITCHELTON FEST CENTENARY FETE 12 - 7pm

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER
Join our team ARTHUR DAVIS PARK SANDGATE

Important Dates

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Pine Rivers High School Orientation Yr 7, 2017 |
| Wednesday 30 November | BHSS Christmas Service 
Volunteer Chappy Morning Tea |
| Friday 2 December | Yrs 4-6 Intraschool Sport               |
| Monday 5 December | Yr 5 End Of Year Swimming Celebration |
| Tuesday 6 December | Yr 4 End Of Year Water Park, Albany Creek Excursion Yr 6 Graduation |
| Friday 9 December | Last Day of School                      |

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