



BALD HILLS

State School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

SCHOOL LEADERS' INVESTITURE

Congratulations to all our new student leaders and thank you to their families for supporting them. The induction took place on Wednesday with students taking on the roles of School Captains, House Captains, Music Captains, Sustainability Captains and Student Councillors. We look forward to working with these students throughout 2017.

2017 BALD HILLS STATE SCHOOL LEADERS

School Captains		Music Captains	
Mini B	Drew B	Ella M	Matthew L
Vice Captains		Sustainability Captains	
Sunshine R	Matthew M	Asha J	Jaiden T
			

Attunga House Captains		Student Councillors	
Chloe H	Harry S	Steve A	Charlie H
Murrumba House Captains		Brielle B	Kye H
Amelia B	Caitlyn C	Jemima B	Milliana I
Wyampa House Captains		Oliver B	Dane P
Allyse H	Blake R	Leeann F	Abby W
			

Senior Badges

We would also like to congratulate Linzy S and Lakeisha S who were presented with their Senior Badges on assembly.

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



P&C 2017

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C was convened last night to elect the Executive for 2017. It is with pleasure that I announce the Executive who will guide our school through the next 12 months. Congratulations and thank you to:-

President :- **Sharon Cox**
Vice- President:- **Jo Dalzell**
Secretary: **Nicole Nugent**
Vice Secretary: **Lee - Ann Godfrey**
Treasurer : **Melinda Murphy**
Vice Treasurer: **Leanne Horton**

I would also like to extend my thanks to the many new members who have joined the P&C this year. I look forward to continuing the great work of our P&C with the new team throughout 2017. All parents are invited to P&C meetings, which are held generally on the second Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 March at 7.00pm in the Tables Room of the library.

Uniforms

Our students look great, many in brand new uniforms for 2017. Thanks for supporting our school Uniform Shop. Parents can play a big part in assisting the school maintain our dress standards by ensuring that when you purchase items that you can't get through our Uniform Shop (i.e. shoes), that you purchase items that align with our dress code. We all prefer to see our students proudly wearing our uniform with pride.

Homework

It is about this time of year that we start to see homework coming home each week. As a school we do not want to add extra pressures to families. I stress every year that if homework is causing stress to your child or to you, then please stop and make contact with your child's teacher. Homework is aimed at developing independence and promote organisational skills. It should be a positive activity that reinforces links between home and school. Homework should not be a stressful or time-consuming task. Any concerns about homework tasks or completion of activities should be discussed by parents and teachers in order to facilitate the best outcomes for students. In summary, homework:

- Should not cause stress.
- Can be negotiated with your child's teacher.
- Always includes reading.

All the best

Glen Robertson—Principal

From the Deputy

Persistence – an important life skill

Beloved children's author Dr. Seuss once said, *"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"*

Not only was the late Dr. Suess an amazing writer who valued making reading an exciting experience for children, he was also an amazing man who we can learn many lessons from.

His trademark simple rhymes and innovative vocabulary help even the youngest of readers to stay engaged in the text and creative illustrations. And though I admire Dr. Suess for his brilliant writing technique, it is his level of persistence that draws me to his personal story.

A few weeks ago on assembly I briefly told students about Dr. Suess' personal journey and the high levels of persistence that he showed to get his first story published. It might seem amazing today that no publishing house wanted to publish his stories; however, his first children's story, *"And To Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street,"* was rejected 27 times before finding a publisher! Without his high levels of persistence, his books may never have been published.

It is important for us to emphasise and teach our children to persist when things get difficult and challenging. One way of doing this is to tell our children stories of people who faced challenges and did not give up, and through persistence achieved their goals.

Reminding your child about the story of Dr. Suess if they are struggling with their reading is a great persistence story to tell as it relates to reading and books. Perhaps read a Dr. Suess story together first and then talk to your child about how Dr. Suess didn't give up when he got knock backs and things got tough – that he kept trying, he kept persisting, and that we all need to have persistence.

Persistence really is an important life skill, and it is a skill that will help your child throughout their school years. So start actively talking about persistence with your child if you don't already. Encourage them to always keep trying and not to give up at the first sign of trickiness – persist like Dr. Suess!

Regards

Libby Bond – Deputy Principal

Office News

Facebook - Bald Hills SS has a Facebook page. For extra information on classroom activities and photos please visit and LIKE our page.

Medication -

If your child requires medication at school, please complete the medical form at the office.

Banking -

Banking is to be handed **to the Teacher** on Wednesday Morning - Banking Day. Not handed to the Office Staff.

School Photos

Reminder that school photos will be taken next Wednesday 22 February. Sibling photos will be taken at 8.00am.

All envelopes **MUST** be returned on the day.

Late Slips

Please advise your student that they **MUST** come to the office for a late slip if they arrive after the bell at 8:45am and are late for class. This is then given to the teacher, otherwise you will receive a text advising you of their absence.

Absences

Please contact the office via email or phone if your child is absent from school.

Email: **admin@baldhillss.eq.edu.au** or phone the office before 9:30am on **3261 1554**

Student Pick-up -

Please organise pick up procedure with your student/s before dropping off in the morning.

- Where to wait if you're not on time - in the office
- Who will be picking up and where
- After School Activities/Care

Thank you for your assistance

Music News

Big start to the year!

We've had another big start to the year with instruments handed out, Kickstart days for ALL beginners and our Annual Music Camp all in the first 3 weeks.

Music Camp 2017

Music Camp this year was an excellent start to a year of great music. Camp started on Wednesday with a fun team work exercise, Lego building competition, as well as pan pipe making and playing competition. Thursday was a full-on day as we started rehearsals, activities and folder organisation. Our last day was Friday and it was just as full on as Thursday. We would like to thank the dedicated team of teachers; Ms Wood, Mr. James, Miss Moore, Mr Taylor, Chappy Kylie and Miss Grant who gave up their time to be with

us. Thank you to Mrs Innes who came out to be our spotter when we went swimming. We look forward to 2017's Music program here at Bald Hills State School.

Ella M and Matthew L (Music Captains)

Rehearsals have commenced.

Now that camp is done and dusted for another year, we are now back to weekly (early) rehearsals. It's difficult for everyone to get back into the swing! The times for all groups are:-

- String Ensemble – Tuesday 7.40am**
- Band – Wednesday 7.40am**
- Young Voices – Thursday 7.30am**
- Junior Choir – Friday 2.15pm (schooltime)**

Marion Wood—Music Teacher

Library News

Welcome to Book Club 2017

The first issue of Scholastic Book Club has been sent home. Please note, that there is one catalogue for all ages. Ordering is done online through:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP as credit card payments are the only payment method available for our School.

When ordering on line, scroll down to find your students class. All classes are listed for eg; PH, 1L etc.

The school receives Scholastic Rewards of 20% for orders placed. We are then able to purchase new books for our Library.

Kerry Webber (Book Club Convenor)

Sport News

Congratulations to Haydn 5C and Jettlin 6C for being selected in the Bramble Bay District Swim Team and compete at the Metropolitan North Swimming Championships. This is being conducted at the Lawnton Aquatic Pool next Tuesday 21 February. Haydn qualified for the 10-12 years 200m freestyle and Jettlin qualified for the 12 Years 50m backstroke. Well done to the rest of the Bald Hills State School representative team who competed last week at the Bramble Bay Swimming Carnival. There were a few personal best's achieved and several students narrowly missed out on selection. Thank you to Amanda M for managing the team, and the parents who cheered on the students.

We wish Haydn and Jettlin good luck next week with their events.

In Year 4-6 PE the students have been acquiring new cricket skills and playing diamond cricket. Most of the lessons have been conducted in the hall during this very hot January/February. Students please remember to stay hydrated and drink water in each break. We have one more week of cricket before we start cross country training in preparation for our Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 30 March.

Yours in sport
Kylie Innes—HPE Teacher

Chappy News

One of the best parts of my job as Chappy is being able to pass on kindness and generosity from our school community to different families each week who are having a particularly difficult time. Thank you so much to the many families that help in this way. After a very busy end to 2016 our Hamper Cupboard is looking a bit sparse. If you can help us to kick start the year again with some non-perishable grocery items like cereal, biscuits, meal kits, rice, pasta, jams, toiletries or a meal that can be frozen that would be fantastic. Yellow hamper donation bins are located at the Chappy room and tuckshop. Here is an email we received this week..

'Dear Chappy Kylie and BHSS, Sometimes Thanks is just not enough, our family would like to thank you for the lovely hamper and meal. It is appreciated beyond belief and I'm so grateful to Chappy Kylie and the school for your support towards our family during our sad time.'

DISCO DATE CLAIMER!!!

HARMONY DAY & CRAZY HAIR DISCO

FRIDAY 10TH MARCH
BBQ from 6pm
DISCO fun 6.45pm – 8pm

All families are welcome to join us for our first Chaplaincy Fundraiser this year. Our disco will coincide with Harmony Day celebrations state-wide which celebrate our Multicultural Community as well as the right for every child to feel safe and valued at school. Children can wear Crazy Hair Creations and dress or accessorize in the Harmony Day colour -ORANGE.

Every child entry receives a **FREE** lucky door ticket!

Great prizes to give away!

Tickets can be purchased at the door \$6 per child or \$15 for 3 or more children. **HELP NEEDED!! We are looking for local businesses or families that could assist with prizes, sponsorship, baking for cake stall, setting up or assistance on the night. We would love to hear from you!**

CHAPPY KYLIE
kcono0@eq.edu.au



MON -WED & every 2ND THURS

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP IS OPEN EVERYDAY
8.15am - 1.30pm

Sushi Day Tuesday 21 February 2017
(Normal tuckshop foods will be available)

Sushi Day order forms are available from the tuckshop.

Money and completed order forms are to be returned to the tuckshop **no later** than Monday 20 February. Late orders will not be accepted.

Roster

- Monday 20 February** - Mel M, Sarah S
- Tuesday 21 February** - Treena FS, Jo D
- Wednesday 22 February** - Kat M, Stacie G, Vicki P, Lindsey W
- Thursday 23 February** - Donna V, Joy Bells, Peta B, Lauren C
- Friday 24 February** - Zita J, Mel B, Leanne H, Susan

Uniform Shop

Hours of Operation

Wednesday - 8.00 am - 10.00 am
Friday—2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Important Dates

Wednesday 22 February	School Photos
Tuesday 28 February	Aspley SHS Arts Day – Year 6
Wednesday 8 March	P&C Meeting
Friday 10 March	Intra School Sport Years 4 - 6 Chappy Disco

ALL DOCUMENTS/FORMS REFERRED TO IN THIS NEWSLETTER CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM <http://www.baldhillss.eq.edu.au>.

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

Community News

Bald Hills State School Tennis Coaching

Ross' On Court Tennis

Enrol now for Tennis Coaching
Commencing week 2 Term 1

Ross will contact all parent to confirm days and times of lessons.

Open to all ages from Prep to Year 6.
To enrol phone Ross on 3264 3976

LAWNTON GIRL GUIDES – CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

Gumnuts, Brownies, Guides, Ranger Guides, Leaders past and present, Support Group Members, are all invited to join us in celebrating Lawnton Girl Guides 50th Anniversary

Sunday 19th Feb 2017
2pm - 4 pm

Lawnton Guide Hut Nightingale Drive Lawnton

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