



BALD HILLS

State School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This week we had our parent teacher interviews for Term 1, and I thank those parents who took the opportunity to accept the teachers' invitation to join them to gain a snap shot of how their child is travelling at this point in time in a 12 month course of study. Obviously our focus is on their progress in literacy and numeracy, their learning behaviours as well as their general behaviour and application to work.

The relationship and engagement you have with the teacher and with learning is also a signal of potential success for your child. The Education Queensland **Parent and Community Engagement Framework** states.... *"The research tells us that the most meaningful partnerships are those where schools, parents, students and the community work together to focus on student learning. Parent and community engagement that is focused on student learning can deliver powerful outcomes."*

At Bald Hills State School we are indeed fortunate to have many of the features that build such outcomes. On a daily basis as I walk around the school and through the classrooms I see plenty of parent involvement and interest in many aspects of school life.

YEAR 3 AND 5 NAPLAN DATE CLAIMER

Tuesday 9 May – Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 10 May – Reading

Thursday 11 May – Numeracy

PICKUP ZONE

At Bald Hills State School, all parents, students and teachers have a common goal—to make sure that students can travel to and from school in the safest possible way.

To ensure that drop off and pick up times at Bald Hills State School are as orderly and stress free as possible please ensure the correct use of the 2 minute zone on Ana Street is observed.

Parents, for the safety of our young people and the smooth operation of our Pick Up Zone, please remember this is a no parking area. Please do not park in the no standing zones outside the school gates or areas indicated by the yellow lines and please observe the 40km speed limit in the school zone.

Disabled Parking

Please be aware that we currently have a couple of parents who require the use of the Disabled Parking Bays in the parent carpark. It would be appreciated if these bays are not used by any parents unless they have a disabled parking identification label.

OUR STUDENT LEADERS SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE

An email I received about the positive behaviour of our Student Leaders representing our school.

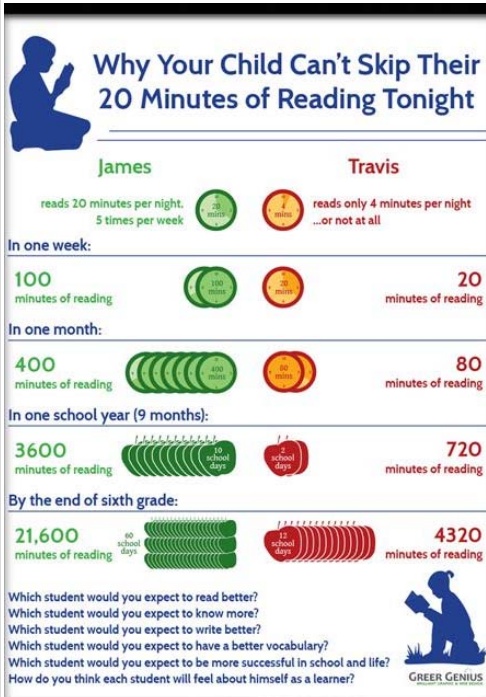
"Today I was on my standard commute to work when a group of students from your school boarded the train. Whilst they were full of chatter and excitement for the journey they were undertaking, they listened and followed the instructions of their teacher without any obvious signs of attitude. They were all respectful of other commuters and each other. Near the end of my journey I had the pleasure of speaking to two of the students, who informed me they were on their way to a leadership day at Southbank. These students are a credit to your school and their families. Well done Bald Hills State School for an excellent choice in your leadership group and possible future leaders in the broader community."

Received from a Citizen of our community.

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



READING MILEAGE



All the best

Glen Robertson—Principal

From the Deputy

National Young Leaders Day

Each year Halogen Australia offers an exciting day of experiences for young leaders across the nation. The Queensland National Young Leaders Day this year was held on Monday 13 March in the Great Hall at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, and as we do each year, we offered our student captains an opportunity to attend this event along with 3000 other students from across the state. Students had a great day of experiences. The themes for the day were "Imagination" and "Together we can". The day commenced with the CEO of Halogen Australia, Samantha Skinner, leading students through a leadership activity in which they had to reflect upon their own core values and what leadership meant to them. This was then followed by a wonderful line up of speakers, including:

- Jade Hameister – Young Explorer: Jade is 15 years old and has already skied to the North Pole and trekked to the base camp of Mt Everest; and is about to embark on a ski trip to the South Pole. If Jade makes it to the South Pole, she will be the first woman to achieve this. Jade spoke about her adventures and about rational and irrational fear.
- Danielle Prince – Rio Olympian & Australia's Top Rhythmic Gymnast: Danielle spoke about her journey to

make it to the Olympics and about commitment and being the best that you can be.

- Inspector Corey Allen – Former Officer in Charge, Brisbane City. Inspector Allen spoke about the problem of homelessness and how front line police worked in partnership with the homeless and support agencies to change the way police approached and dealt with the homeless and how this created a positive change for the homeless and the police.
- Robbie Miller – Musician & Triple J Unearthed NIMA Winner 2013: Robbie is a proud Aboriginal man who after he completed his university music degree decided to work with charity organisations and now also works with and mentors young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians. Robbie is an amazing song writer and musician and also performed for students.

The event was hosted by Scotty from Prank Patrol (Scott Tweedie). Thankfully, there were no pranks and no ninjas; though I think that many of the students were hoping that perhaps some ninjas might jump out at the end of the event, but alas, no – there were no pranks or ninjas, just a great day of inspiring stories.



Tall Tree Celebration

Our Term 1 Tall Tree Celebration will occur on the last day of term – Friday 31 March 2017. The celebration will be a "Make Your Own Sundae" event. Tall Tree students will attend in Year level groups at either morning tea or lunch to make and eat their sundaes. An alternative option will be provided for any Tall Tree student with dietary requirements. Congratulations in advance to all of our Tall Trees.

Regards

Libby Bond – Deputy Principal

Students of the Week

Tanja	1/2V	Faiyaz	1/2V
Hemi	1K	Jesse	1K
Lucas	1L	Anna	1L
Yvonne	1P	Sienna	1P
Celine	3P	Neaux	3P
Charlie	3R	Ellen	3R
Fionn	3T	Lucy	3T
Rioz	5B	Georgia	5B
Zakariyya	5C	Aidan	5C
Lainey	5S	Ethan	5S

Forestry News

Here are Jayden and Asha, our Sustainability Captains learning about the different plants in the Forestry and their particular attributes. Watch out for this dynamic duo who will soon be teaching others about the wonderful plants in the Forestry.



Regards

Louise Brennan

Chappy News

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Music News

Northside Music Camps for both Band and Strings

These camps are organised by the District Music Co-ordinators and are held in other venues.

Notes regarding the Band Blitz and Strings camp have been sent to ALL children who commenced learning a BAND instrument this year or are in their 2nd year of learning a STRING instrument. Although the camp is not until June the notes and money need to be forwarded to the school by 28 April (after the holidays). It would be appreciated if these were returned earlier rather than leaving them to the last minute as NO late forms/money can be accepted.

Young Voices Performance on Assembly

Young Voices Choir performed two songs on Assembly this week - Toe Tappin' Music & Obwisana - both of which were commenced on camp a few weeks ago. I hope all those who attended enjoyed their performance.



Marion Woods—Music Teacher

Turrwan Circle News

Today – the 16th of March – is **National Close The Gap Day**.

What is Close The Gap?

Equal access to healthcare is a basic human right, and in Australia, we expect it. So what if we told you that you can expect to live almost 20 years less than your next-door neighbour? You wouldn't accept it. No-one should.

But in reality, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can expect to live up to 10 – 17 years less than non-Indigenous Australians.

The United Nations Report, [The State of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#) (2009) indicated Australia and Nepal have the **world's worst life expectancy gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people**.

Working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is one of the critical success factors.

With continued support from the public, we can ensure the Australian Government continues to work with Indigenous communities, recommit additional funding and invest in real partnerships.



(Oxfam, 2017: Close the Gap)

It scares me to think that our Aboriginal men, in particular, are **only expected to live to 60 years**.

- Indigenous Australians are 10 times more likely to be diagnosed with kidney disease.
- We're also three times more likely to develop diabetes.
- Indigenous people are 64 times more likely than non-Indigenous people to have rheumatic heart disease, and eight times more likely to be hospitalized because of it.
- Indigenous people are 60% more likely than non-Indigenous people to die from cancer.

Other Turrwan Circle Information:

- There are a couple of Solid Pathways excursions coming up. The first one is a Q&A with Dr Karl next Friday!

- The Turrwan Circle Reading Group (with St Paul's students on Tuesday afternoons) will start again in Term 2. It will run across Terms 2 and 3, with a Homework Group running in Term 4.
- We're currently working on applying for the state Reconciliation Awards (which we were finalists in last year). We'll keep you posted on how we go...
- Because of the school holidays, the next Turrwan Circle meeting will be: Wednesday 10th May at 4:30pm in the BHSS Library.

Language Trivia Question:

Can you name the body part: pinang (Pinang is a Kabi Kabi and Wakka Wakka word. It is also pronounced "binang" by both Wakka Wakka and Jandai language speakers).

Check in the next newsletter for the answer!

In pursuit of excellence and Empowerment

CHELSEA ROLFE (on behalf of the BHSS Turrwan Circle)

Important Dates

Monday 13—Friday 17 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 17 March	Years 4 - 6 Intra - school Sport
Monday 20 March - Wednesday 22 March	Year 5 Camp - Mapleton
Wednesday 22 March	Prep K & Prep W Excursion - Walkabout Creek
Thursday 23 March	Prep B & Prep H Excursion - Walkabout Creek
Friday 24 March	SEP Official Opening Years 4 - 6 Intra - school Sport
Tuesday 28 March	Years 3/4E, 4A, 4B, 4W - Kumbartcho Excursion
Wednesday 29 March	Easter Bonnet Parade - School Assembly

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

P & C News

Not long to go now for both our Colour Fun Run and Easter raffle. For your chance to be in the draw for our amazing prizes, all Easter raffle tickets are to be returned to the tuckshop sold or unsold by the 24 March. We would like to thank all the parents who have returned Easter raffle tickets to date.

Congratulations to our treasurer Melinda and her husband Paul on the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter Ava Grace Murphy who arrived into the world on 14 March 2017. Mum and bub doing well.

Thank you
P&C Executive Team

Tuckshop News

Last day of sushi for the term is Tuesday 21 March

Roster

Monday 20 March - Vicki,
Tuesday 21 March- Treena FS, Jo D
Wednesday 22 March - Vicki P, Stacey G
Thursday 23 March - Donna V, Joy Bells, Peta B
Friday 24 March - Leanne, Zita J, Mel B, Lauren C

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