17 November 2016

Dear Parents

FINISHING THE YEAR THE RIGHT WAY

It is that time of year where we remind students that we need to finish the year strongly. It is important not to “pull up stumps” too early. We still have three weeks to go, which is equivalent to 8.5% of the school year. It is said when times are tough that reputations are truly made. The analogy of finishing the year like it is a running race is a great way for students to easily relate to this concept. It is important that they give 100% until they are across the finish line and not to stop or slow down a few meters short. As always, we will maintain our high expectations of student effort and behaviour, every day.

The school is buzzing with activity and ringing of student accomplishments. It is that time of the year when students have the opportunity to demonstrate and apply their skills, knowledge and deep understandings. Even though we can see the holidays on the horizon, it is the most important time of the year as students complete culminating learning activities that connect their learning and experiences from the academic year. Essentially, it is a time for our students to show us how far they have come and the academic distance they have travelled.

We all started the year with energy and vigor. We were rejuvenated by the break and were ready to put all of our energies into being as effective as we possibly could. The old adage ‘beginners are many, finishers are few’ is worth remembering.

We don’t just want to finish the year, we want to finish strong.

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2017

Our process for school captains continues. Tomorrow is the last day for Senior badge forms to be handed in for those students applying for specific leadership roles. A panel from the staff will then shortlist students for the School Captain roles. The shortlisted students will then deliver speeches and the staff and students will conduct a vote. To date we have had 47 students receive their Senior badges. This indicates a very strong cohort of students in Year 5.

YEAR 6 CAMP

A great time was had by all. The students really enjoyed the fun activities, the food and they learnt a lot from the instructors who took them for several sessions. Our students also equipped themselves very well in regards to their conduct. The activities enjoyed included paddle boarding, sailing, boxfit, the disco and Sea World but to name a few. Thankyou to the year six teachers for all the planning and time given to allow this experience for our students celebrating the end of their primary school life. Due to the quality and success of the camp, bookings have been made for next year.

CLASSES 2017

The process of putting classes together for 2017 is well on the way. Thank you to those parents who made a request for classes during the allocated timeframe. The requests that came in were few in number and parents were respectful and understanding of the difficulty of this process. To further assist the school with 2017 classes it is essential that we know who is leaving Bald Hills so we have accurate numbers. If your child is not returning in 2017
please contact the office.

DOG RESTRICTIONS – REMINDER

Dogs in School Grounds
Concerns have been expressed to the office regarding parents bringing dogs onto the school premise. Education Queensland advises that dogs can only be brought onto the premise with the Principal’s permission. Permission is only given to assistance dogs that are necessary for those with disabilities and for preorganised demonstrations (performances) or a Show and Tell for a class. In the circumstances of a performance or Show and Tell, strict supervision of the dog is necessary. As a fellow dog owner, I enjoy seeing the relationships built between children and their pets. However it is necessary that we abide by our community regulations. Thanks for your understanding with this matter.

Cheers

Glen Robertson, Principal

From the Deputy

Rule of the Week

Our focus rule for this week is to be Respectful with Respectful Rosie and use good manners in all areas of the school. Teachers will be explicitly teaching the following expectations:

- At the office, in the library, in the hall and on assembly.
- Say please and thank you.
- Wait your turn.
- Listen when others are speaking.
- Sit still on assembly.
- Be a good audience.
- Clap and respond in an appropriate, sensible way.
- Use the computers appropriately.

Thank-you to parents and caregivers for encouraging students to follow this rule.

Christmas Cards and Treats

As we head towards the Christmas season we would like to request that some guidelines are followed regarding the sharing of cards and treats between class mates. If your child has a bundle of cards and gifts/treats that they would like to hand to class mates then it would be appreciated if these could be kept with the teacher for the day so that they can be handed out at the end of the day.

This helps to alleviate any morning distractions within the classroom and reduces the amount of envelope rubbish that accumulates around the school. Please also remember that candy canes are high sugar foods that are not in line with the school’s healthy foods policy.

Sharon Blake – Deputy Principal

Student of the Week

Haylee 1K Brianna 1K
Ella 1L Cameron 1L
Sharni 1M Thomas 1M
Joseph 1W Mia 1W
Amelia 3D Cooper 3D
Jaedene 3R Nicole 3R
Riley 2/3P Elise 2/3P
Elissa 2/3T Safari 2/3T
Zachary 5A Milliana 5A
Joshua 5C Toby 5C
Harry 5D Emma 5D
Ben 5S Ashley 5S

Classroom News

Music Notes

String Timetable up-date
An up-dated String Timetable was delivered to ALL Students in the String Program last Monday. Please check for any changes and remind your Student/s of the changes each week.

Instruments Program 2017
Testing has been completed and the teachers are in the process of sending letters of acceptance and/or non-acceptance out. Congratulations to those who have been accepted. Those who have missed out this year, please don’t forget you can reapply next year.

Showcase - NEXT Wednesday
This is an opportunity for those families who will be joining the Instrumental Music Program in 2017 to come and see what the current Students are able to do. All the Students in the program, including those who only began playing this year, will be performing. The performing groups are:- Beginner Strings, Junior Strings, String Ensemble, Concert Band, Junior Choir & Young Voices Choir. The evening’s performances will commence at 7.00pm in the School Hall. Admission fees are:- $5.00 per family of 4 and $2.00 per single entry.

There will be a sausage sizzle available from 5.30pm along with drinks. There will also be some pencil case packs (pencil case + glue + note book + ruler + colours) for sale @ $5.00 per pack and of course a raffle.

Help Needed
I have had a few parents indicate they are able to help at Showcase but more help is still needed. Please contact Miss Wood if you are able to assist in any way including donating raffle prizes.

Young Voices Rehearsal after Showcase
There WILL be rehearsal for Young Voices next Thursday, however, it will begin at 8.00am as we will need to rehearse for the Christmas Service.

Christmas Service
This will be on Wednesday November 30 and the following groups will be performing at this function:- String Ensemble, Concert Band, Young Voices Choir AND Junior Choir. All groups will be required to wear checked FORMAL uniform.

Music Camp 2017
Letters and invoices for this have been sent to families. Please inform the school if your child will NO longer be attending.

Marion Wood—Music Teacher

Library News

Teachers have received lists of Students in their classes who have overdue loans. PLEASE NOTE- Friday 25 November is when all books need to be returned to the library. If your child is going to another school next year, please ensure that books are returned to the library thank you.

Jenny Woolsey, former teacher turned author recently talked to the Grade 5 classes. Jenny’s books “Ride High Pineapple” and ‘Brockwell Brave” are available as e-books, and in paper back. These are available through Amazon.com and on ebay.com.au. See her facebook page [Jenny Woolsey-author] or www.jennywoolsey.com for more details. She had received good feedback and interest from the students.

Happy reading!

Mrs Josephine Bacayo – Teacher/Librarian
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Yours in sport

Kylie Innes—HPE Teacher

Chappy News

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Sport News

All Students have been participating in racquet and ball skills in PE. It has been great to see an improvement in skills over the last four weeks. Each class has been transitioning through a range of skills progression leading into rallies and a modified game. This week table tennis was introduced as a rotation to all of the students. Sportsmanship skills remain at the forefront of PE lessons and have been tested a few times with the heat this week.

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P & C News

We are coming to the end of another amazing year for Bald Hills State School and the P & C.

With all the fundraising, I am pleased to announce that we have $15000 for about 25 new computers for the computer lab. So give yourselves a huge pat on the back for the tireless effort that this amazing P & C and Volunteers do for our school. A huge thank you to everyone who helped sell tickets and helped out with our Mothers Day and Fathers day stalls as well as our Pie Drive. Thank you also to our 150th Committee and countless Volunteers, without you, all these goals would be impossible to achieve. The P & C Committee would like to wish Parents, Teachers and Students a safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Tuckshop News

Roster

Monday 21 November - Mel M
Tuesday 22 November - Sharon C
Wednesday 23 November - Karen J, Tania Mc
Thursday 24 November - Donna, Joy, Peta
Friday 24 November— Mel B, Leanne

Uniform Shop

Wednesday - 8 am - 10 am
Friday - 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

End of Year Uniform Sales

Wednesday 7 December - 8 am - 10 am
Thursday 8 December - 8 am - 10 am
Friday 9 December - 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm
Saturday 10 December - 9 am - 1 pm

2017 Uniform Sales

Thursday 19 January - 9 am - 1 pm
Friday 20 January - 9 am - 1 pm
Saturday 21 January - 9 am - 1 pm

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