2 February 2017

Dear Parents

Team Bald Hills

Being a part of a team is not only socially beneficial but maximizes what can be achieved. On assembly this week, we spoke about wearing our school uniform. This gives students a sense of belonging and pride and what it means to be a part of ‘Team Bald Hills’. We also gave our swimming squad Bald Hills swimming caps to reinforce and promote this sense of team. I am keen to continue this promotion of Team Bald Hills in many aspects of our school culture. Each of us has a key role to play. Each member of any team needs to know and understand their roles and responsibilities and be accountable to their team. Students show they are a part of Team Bald Hills from how they present themselves in their full uniform, how they conduct themselves within the school and in the community. Representing your team to reflect the values and expectations of the team is very important. I would like to thank the students and parents for working together to ensure that all students were in the full school uniform. It was such a beautiful, proud display on assembly of how we have all worked together on this.

Bookwork Procedures

WOW!!

Can I congratulate your children on their positive attitude towards our new Bookwork expectations. I have visited the majority of classes and have been thrilled by the standard of improvement already. Thank you for getting behind the new booklists as students having the correct equipment goes a long way to ensuring the implementation of these expectations is successful. Later in the year we are looking forward to displaying some of the student’s bookwork on assembly. I am sure many of you have seen the lift in your child’s efforts and the pride that comes with it.

Parent Information Evenings

Next Tuesday we will have our parent information nights. Please note these sessions are intended for parents, as the students have already met their teacher.

Times:

Session 1 – 3.00 – 4.00pm
Session 2 – 5.00 – 6.00pm

Please note the teachers repeat the session as it allows an opportunity for parents to attend more than session and also for parents to work around other commitments.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher and to open up the communication channels. This is also a chance to get to know your child’s teacher and understand your child’s learning pathway ahead. We know strong communication between home and school is an essential ingredient for student success. The stronger the partnership, the better we can collaboratively respond to the needs of our students.

If you are unable to make the parent information evenings please contact your child’s class teacher to obtain relevant information.

Student Leader Investiture Ceremony

We will be holding our 2017 School Leaders’ Investiture Ceremony on Wednesday 15 February at 9am in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and congratulate our student leaders as we induct them into their leadership roles for this year. Parents and carers are welcome to join us on this special occasion.

School Photos

Our school photographs will be taken on Wednesday 22 February. More information will be sent home shortly.

All the best

Glen Robertson

Principal
From the Deputy

The value of reading
As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, reading will be a continued to be a focus in all Prep to Year 6 classrooms this year. Reading is one element of literacy, along with viewing, writing, designing, speaking and listening. To continue to support our students with reading success, the school has created an additional teaching and coaching position in reading. Mrs Sonya Kerrigan has taken up this position and is now working alongside teachers and students in classrooms to support reading. I am sure that the community would agree with me about the importance of reading and value of any additional support that we can provide for our teachers and students in continuing to develop reading skills across the school. Reading is a vital skill in ensuring that your child has the best chance to succeed in their school and everyday life.

As I said last week, parents and schools need to work together to give each child the best chance of success. There are many things that you can do at home to encourage a love of reading beyond the readers that come home from school. One such strategy is to continually model reading behaviours at home. It is important to read together with your child. Here are some of my reading tips and ideas:

- take turns to read sections of a favourite story, read to your child or listen to your child read regularly. Even older children love to take turns to read paragraphs of stories. In fact, many children miss being read to as they grow older.
- discuss favourite authors with your child and what you and your child like about their stories, and what makes their characters interesting, adventurous or perhaps humorous.
- encourage your child to read a variety of different text types such as magazines novels, newspapers, comics, websites, bus/train timetables, instructions or recipes. It is important that children are able to read and comprehend a wide variety of different texts, not just fictional stories.

When you model reading behaviours at home, you model a love of reading. When you share a love of reading with your child, you support them to develop a vital lifelong skill.

Regards
Libby Bond – Deputy Principal

Office News

Messages to Students
If you need to get a message to your Student, please call the office no later than 2.00pm.

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. This is then given to the teacher.

Parents - 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

Payments and Forms - Please send money with completed permission slips/forms to the office. Money and forms are to be placed in the envelope provided and clearly marked with your Students Name and Class and item being paid for.

Absences
Please contact the office via email or phone if your child is absent from school.
Email: admin@baldhills.eq.edu.au or phone the office before 9:30am on 3261 1554

Thank you for your assistance

Turrwan Circle News

Hi to all of our school’s new and returning families!
We, the Turrwan Circle, are the Indigenous reference group at Bald Hills State School. Our solid group is made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff and local community members; all of whom have an interest in honouring the pursuit of empowerment and excellence for our students.

This year commemorates 50 years since the 1967 referendum in this country: when non-Indigenous citizens voted in overwhelming favour (97%) of giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people citizenship rights, the right to vote and the right to be counted in the national census.

In this semi - centennial year of the 1967 Referendum, the senior students of our school will be the first ever at Bald Hills State School to have Aboriginal artwork incorporated into their Year 6 shirts. The side panels of the shirts will display a concentric circles design, which is representative of community, meeting places and the cyclical nature of all living things. The circles also represent the significance of yarning circles in education. We hope our year 6 students will wear their shirts with pride!

In other important news, we have locked in Turrwan Circle meeting times for 2017. This year we’ll get together on the second Wednesday of every month at 4:30pm in the BHSS library (before the P&C meetings each month). Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday the 15th February at 4:30pm in the Library’s “Tables Room”. We hope to see you there!

And watch out in future newsletters as we share a variety of traditional words from some of the local languages of south east Queensland! (If you’re keen to explore some words on your own, download the Yugambeh Museum’s free Yugambeh Language App!!)

CHELSEA ROLFE - (of the Nughii and Noonucul people of Minjirribah) on behalf of the BHSS TURRWAN CIRCLE

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Student Of The Week

Classroom News

Music Notes
Kickstart programs
ALL children starting an instrument this year have the opportunity to attend a one-day ‘mini’ camp with teachers specific to that instrument. These are held at other schools and parents are asked to transport their child to and from these schools. It is a great way for the children to commence their Instrumental adventure. If you haven’t already returned the necessary form, please do so immediately.

Music Camp
This is NEXT week - can you believe it! This
is the largest group of children to attend and we are all looking forward to it. There was an extra note sent out today, (Thursday) with 2 requests - please check that child has brought it home.  

Instrumental Program  
All children using a school instrument will receive paper work which MUST be completed and returned. If this is not completed your child will not be able to take the instrument home. Please return this quickly.

Junior Choir for Years 2 & 3  
This will again be held at 2.15pm Fridays but will NOT commence until Week 4 - after Music Camp.

Marion Wood—Music Teacher  

Sport News  

Congratulations to Tia 3R, Celine 3P, Eloise and Sophie 4B, Florence 4W, Haydn and SC, Brooke and Cattrell 5S, Allysse and Harrison 6K, Jettlin and Eddie 6C for being selected to represent Bald Hills State School at the Bramble Bay District Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday 10 February 2017. The venue for this carnival will be Lawnton Aquatic Centre. The following students also qualified for the BHSS representative swimming team, however due to the clash with Music Camp are unable to attend. Diesel 5C, Caitlyn 6C, Lacey 5B and Blake 6C. Bald Hills State School wishes our swimmers the best of luck! Yours in sport

Kylie Innes - HPE Teacher  

Chappy News  

CHAPPY NOTICE BOARD  
This is located just outside my office. Many of our local churches provide great programs for families including play groups, brigades, kids clubs, youth groups, parenting courses and support services. They also regularly support the Chaplaincy program here at BHSS providing many volunteers that you may see throughout the year. See me for more information or brochures can be found on the noticeboard.  

HOLIDAY CAMPS  
SU QLD offers fantastic holiday camps over all school holiday breaks. The Easter camp form is now available on the Chappy Notice Board. Gents Ignition and Mapleton Adventure are two of many that are suitable for students in Years 5-6.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS/SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
Donations of second hand uniforms or school supplies are greatly appreciated all throughout the year to assist us when these needs arise. A purple uniform bin is located outside the Chappy room.

HAMPERS OF HOPE BASKETS/ MEALS ASSISTANCE  
Non-perishable grocery items and home cooked meals or baking are small ways we as a school community can assist each other when significant needs in families arise. Freezer space is available in the Chappy Room and yellow collection bins are located at the Chappy Room and Tuckshop.

CHAPPY SUPPORT CREW  
is an email group of parents in our school who may be able to assist with fundraising events, baking, hamper making and any other Chaplaincy help that is needed throughout the year. We would love to grow this volunteer pool.

The Chaplaincy Program is here to support all students, staff and families. Please don’t hesitate to come and have a chat or email me on kcono0@eq.edu.au

CHAPPY KYLIE  
MON - WED & every 2ND THURS

P & C News  

A letter will be going out to the eldest child this week and attached to the letter are nomination forms for executive positions, also membership forms. Please take a moment to read and fill forms out.

The Tuckshop will be selling fruit and vegetable boxes for a cost of $21 or $31. The boxes come directly from Town and Country, which is situated at the Rocklea Markets. So needless to say the boxes are very well priced and of great quality. Orders must be placed with money by 9am Monday morning and will be available for pick up on Wednesday afternoon from tuckshop.

AGM Meeting 15 February 7pm in Library

THANK YOU

P & C Executive Team

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

Tuckshop News  

**TUCKSHOP IS OPEN EVERYDAY**

8.15am - 1.30pm.

Over this term we will be revising our menu. At the moment the only change is iced coffee is no longer available.

Roster  

6 February - Mel M & Vicki J  
7 February - Penny C  
8 February - Kat M, Stacie G, Vicki P, Linsey W  
9 February - Donna V, Peta B, Joy Bells  
10 February - Zita J, Leanne H, Mel B

Uniform Shop  

**Hours of Operation**  
Wednesday - 8.00 am - 10.00 am  
Friday—2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Important Dates  

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**All Documents/Forms**  

You will need to follow this path:  

2017 ONLINE PLAYER Registrations NOW Open
2017 SEASON AGE GROUPS
Little Devils (3-5yrs)
U6 • U17 Juniors • U13, U15 & U18 (Girls)
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Registration fee includes: Player Fees & Insurance;
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