Dear Parents

NEW SMS MESSAGING SYSTEM

The new SMS Messaging System is now in full operation at our school. Any student who is absent and the school has not been notified (either through a phone call to the absence line or in person by a parent/caregiver) will automatically be sent an SMS requesting parents to advise the school of the absence. If you do receive an SMS, please respond to the SMS immediately if possible. Our first priority is student safety and we would appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that we are aware of the whereabouts of every student. Students who arrive after 8:50am are required to attend the office and receive a late slip for recording in the teachers’ roll documents.

2017 CLASSES

Today I am providing information about the class formation process. Later in the term we will start to prepare for the start of the 2017 school year. Together with the class and specialist teachers, the leadership team take into account all relevant pieces of information when forming class lists. The underlying philosophy of this process is about organising classes in a way that best sets students up to be successful in an inclusive way. We endeavour to place each student in the most conducive learning environment and to do this we have a thorough and detailed class placement process.

Your child’s current teacher will have input into this decision making process and I am confident that they are very aware of the specific needs of every individual child when making these decisions.

Parents who wish to provide additional information for consideration for class placements are encouraged to email the office at admin@baldhillss.eq.edu.au before 9.00am, Wednesday 9 November. Parents only need to send an email if you have exceptional or specific information to be included for consideration. We are not able to accept information after this date.

Please be aware that the information that is emailed will be shared with our teachers as they play a central role in this process. While all information will be taken into account, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be met. We will consider issues that relate to the social, emotional or academic needs of your child within the context of the year level. It will come as no surprise that parents are NOT able to select or request a specific teacher. This can be counter—productive if we take this approach. If we organise classes based around the students having a specific teacher we can place our students in a challenging situation if their teacher at any stage during the 2017 school year ceases to work on that class. On average this happens to two to three classes across the school each year.

We will have our students almost all placed into classes before we allocate teachers to year levels. A reminder that our staffing is not finalised until the second week of the new school year. Our focus is on creating classes that are conducive to learning taking into account friendship groups and specific academic needs. We will email 2017 classes at the end of the school year as this gives us the best opportunity to accurately predict the 2017 class structure and numbers.

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 compulsory 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;

Get excited for NEW CLASSES!
From the Deputy

Rule of the week
Our focus rule for this week is to Be Responsible with Responsible Ronnie and line up quietly. Teachers will be reviewing this rule over the next week and reminding students of the following expectations:

- Respect the personal space of others.
- Keep hands and feet to yourself.
- Keep noise to a minimum.
- Walk quietly on veranda’s especially during class time.
- Stay off veranda’s before school, during morning tea and lunch unless you have permission.

Thank you to parents for supporting our whole school Positive Behaviour for Learning.

Bookweek Parade
Thank you to the parents and caregivers who supported our students by organizing costumes for yesterday’s Bookweek parade. The students looked great and there were some very creative outfits. All students who came dressed up should have received a raffle ticket to go in the prize draw for some books from our Bookfair. Remember that the Bookfair is still on so don’t forget to drop in before or after school to purchase some lovely new books!

Kindergarten Visits
As part of our prep transition program our local kindergartens have been invited to visit the school over the next few weeks, leading up to the end of the year. We would like to thank Bald Hills Kindergarten and Preschool for bringing a group of kindy students along to our Bookweek parade yesterday. The children did a marvellous job of sitting with the preps at the front of the assembly, and they even came in costume! We look forward to lots more visits over the next few weeks.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

Every day, teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people. World Teacher Appreciation Day is celebrated in Australia on the last Friday of October. This year World Teachers’ Day will be celebrated in Queensland on Friday 28 October. Saying ‘Thank You’ is so important, easy to do and means so much to the person on the receiving end. If you would like to make your thank you a little more creative here’s some inspiration – thanks to Pinterest – on how you can say ‘thank you’ to the teachers at Bald Hills State School on their special day.


Cheers
Glen Robertson, Principal

Classroom News

German Day
German Day is fast approaching and we will be celebrating it on Wednesday 26 October starting at 1.30 pm. As a special treat for the children, we have engaged the services of the Edelweiss Performers who will provide an authentic German experience for the children. Other activities will include German singing and dancing and competitions such as sausage eating and lemonade drinking. Parents and caregivers are more than welcome to take part in our celebration.

Jacqueline Baptist-Lange

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

Music Notes

Instrumental Program 2017
The Instrumental teachers have just commenced their testing for inclusion of children for next year. This is being done over the next few weeks as both Mr James and Miss Moore are continuing their normal classes as well as testing. You will be notified this year.

Showcase - 23 November, 7.00pm
Can you help? We need help in a couple of ways:

1. We will need some parents to assist with collecting admission fees, cooking, selling food etc. Please contact Miss Wood (mwood57@eq.edu.au) if you are able to help in any way.

2. We would appreciate items to be donated for the raffle - if you’re unsure of what, please contact Miss Wood. Showcase is our End of Year concert with every one in strings, band or choir.
performing. Letters will be forwarded to all members of these groups in the coming weeks.

Christmas Service - Wednesday 30 November - 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
The Book fair is now in full swing with eager, and excited children and parents combing the displays to see what is on offer. The fair runs until 26 November, with doors closing at 3.30pm, sharp on that day. We have a "wish list" at the fair for parents who would like to buy certain books for the library.

Grade 5A had a local author, Jenny Woolsey come to speak in their library lesson last week. As a former teacher, her books are for upper primary school children, and she has written a couple of books. She plans to talk to the other Grade 5 classes in the next couple of weeks.

Happy reading!

Mrs Josephine Bacayo – Teacher/Librarian

Forestry News

Last Wednesday, students in our Forestry group helped plant some Grevillia Robyn Gordon. These plants were put in one of the few sunny places in the Forestry. We hope that they will provide some food and shelter to the native birds that visit the Forestry. Brown and Scarlet honey eaters are often heard in the Forestry, so we are keen to see more of them. Caitlin, one of our school leaders was a great help to the younger students who were planting.

Thanks so much,
Louise Brennan

P & C News

If any parent bought school uniforms last Wednesday from the uniform shop for $116, could you please contact the uniform shop or P&C.

Thank you.
Sharon Cox - President

Tuckshop News

Roster
Monday 24 October—Mel M
Tuesday 25 October—Lisa W
Wednesday 26 October—Tania Mc, Sharon H
Thursday 27 October—Donna V, Joy, Peta
Friday 28 October—Leanne H, Alicia S, Mel B
New MONY Bubble Gum Iceblocks 60c

Community News

Uniform Shop

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

Important Dates

Friday 21 October Swimming Yrs 4—6
Wednesday 26 October German Day
Friday 28 October Swimming Years 4 - 6
Monday 31 October Swimming Years 1—3
Friday 4 November Tuckshop Red Day Yr 4 — 6 - Intraschool Sport

Monday 7 November Swimming Years 1—3
Wednesday 9 November P & C Meeting 7.00 pm
Monday 14 November Swimming Years 1—3
Friday 18 November Yr 4 — 6 - Intraschool Sport

Monday 21 November Swimming Years 1—3

Wednesday 23 November 2016 Musical Showcase
Prep Excursion—A Frosty Christmas Performance

Thursday 24 November Swimming Carnival Yrs 4 — 6
Friday 25 November Yr 4 — 6 Intraschool Sport

Monday 28 November Swimming Yrs 1-3
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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