Celebrating Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Paige T who is the first Bald Hills State School student to be selected in a Bramble Bay District team this year! Paige competed at the District Swimming Carnival on Friday 15 February and competed as a member of the squad at the Met North Regional Carnival yesterday.

Congratulations also to Siobhan T and Liec M who have been selected in the District U12 Basketball teams. Selection trials were held last Tuesday and Siobhan and Liec will train with their respective teams leading up to representing Bramble Bay at the regional carnival on 18 March.

Regular attendance is important.

Every day at school is important! Students who miss school are disadvantaged in terms of the educational outcomes they achieve. The more time they miss from school the greater the disadvantage. Five weeks into the school year we already have a small number of students who have missed five days or more of school. Of course there are legitimate reasons for being away, and an ill child should not be at school, but losing a week at this time of the year does impact on a student’s confidence and creates gaps in their knowledge.

This year we have set a school target of 96% student attendance. Currently we are tracking at about 95%. To express this in a different way, we currently have about 30 students absent on any given day.

NAPLAN Dates

If you have a student in Year 3, 5 or 7 you will already be aware that this year they will complete the NAPLAN tests. Teachers have already started work on preparing students for these tests, in particular to identify areas we can focus on in classrooms in the coming weeks to allow them every opportunity to demonstrate what they know and can do in the test environment. Please add to your calendar Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May as the dates NAPLAN will be conducted this year to avoid clashes and ensure your child can fully participate in the tests.

Wet Weather forces further delays

The continuing wet weather has again brought a change in the commencement of interschool sport. Sport will now get underway on Friday 8 March with round 2 and 3 the following Fridays. Weather permitting, we will get the three rounds in prior to the Easter break.

Support our Upcoming Special Events!

This Friday the P&C are holding a movie night, due to the wet it is likely to be in the hall. Details are in the newsletter.

Friday 15 March is the Chaplaincy Disco. There will be food from 5pm with the Prep to Year 3 students enjoying their disco between 6:00 - 7:30pm. The Year 4-7 students will then have their time on the dance floor between 7:30 and 9:00pm. This will be a fancy dress event!

Regards,
David Turner—Principal
From the DP

Effective problem solvers think before they act. They make sure they know what the task is in front of them, and set goals, devise action plans and work on the solution. They also withhold making immediate value judgements about an idea before fully understanding it.

Often students blurt out the first answer that comes to mind, start work before they have considered the problem or fully understand it, rather than considering alternatives and consequences of several possible directions they could take.

This week we are looking at Managing Impulsivity in classes and will recognise students who display this Habit of Mind on next week’s assembly.

Responsibe Behaviour News

This week students have been learning about being a learner—focusing on starting the day with all equipment ready.

Learner Lenny says:

Be A Learner:

Have all your equipment ready to start the day.

1. Be organised each day.
2. Have two sharp pencils and an eraser.
3. Have any other equipment that you need i.e. colouring pencils, glue, scissors ready.
4. Use the correct equipment only i.e. plain pencil cases, erasers and sharpeners.
5. Keep your tidy box neat and organised.

It is extremely important that the children arrive for these times & ready to commence (music stands/chairs/instruments etc set up).

Fundraising

Funky Hair Friday

Come along and support the Leukaemia Foundation on Friday 15 March to raise funds for their annual fundraiser. Gold coin donation to get some funky hair or come prepared and donate towards the cause. Make your way to the SAILS outside the tuckshop by 8:00am.

Music News

Rehearsals for the following groups are:

Concert Band – Wednesday – 7:45am
Choir – Thursday – 7:45am
String Ensemble – Friday 7:45am
String Chamber Group – Monday 1:05pm

Sports News

Well done Paige T, Emma H, Richard M, Mitchell W, and Codey T for their tremendous effort when competing in the Bramble Bay Swimming Carnival, which was held on Friday 15 February. These students represented the school exceptionally well by showing excellent effort and behaviour throughout the day. Congratulations to Paige T who went on to compete in the Metropolitan North Swimming Competition.

Emma Hughes, P.E. Teacher
would be greatly appreciated this week.

March Roster
Mon 4 — Christine B & Helen
Tues 5 — Tenielle H
Wed 6 — Natalie P & Tanya
Thurs 7 — Mel B & Cheryl B
Friday 8 — Sue G, Zita J & Katrina

Thank You P&C!
A very special thank you to ALL of the wonderful ladies who have given their time and generosity to the Parr family over the past few weeks. You have helped make a difficult time bearable. Your generosity is amazing. A very heartfelt thank you from the Parr’s to you. Felicity

Position Vacant
Schools Officer — permanent full-time position, 38 hours per week required for Bald Hills State School, 2156 Gympie Road, Bald Hills.

Application package & role description to be collected from school office. Applications close at 3:00pm Wednesday 20 March 2013.

Important Dates
Friday 1 March 2013
Movie Night—Junior Oval—food 5:30pm and movie 7:00pm
Schools Clean Up Day
NO INTERSCHOOL SPORT TODAY
Wednesday 6 March
Assembly, Student Banking
Thursday 7 March
Swimming—Years 2, 4 & 6
Friday 8 March
Round 1 Interschool Sport Years 5-7, 11:00am and return to school 2:30pm
Tuesday 12 March
Year 5 History money due $10.70 by 9:00am in the office
Wednesday 13 March
P & C Meeting, Starting 7:00pm

P&C News
Up coming Events
MOVIE NIGHT IS ON!!!!
Movie - "Madagascar 3"
When - Friday 1 March 2013
Where - Junior Oval at School
What to Bring - Picnic rug/chairs
Admission - Gold coin donation per child (Adults Free)
There will be food available for purchase on the night.
We will have a BBQ sausage sizzle, drinks and chips, as well as a popcorn machine, snow-cones and a candy bar (all available from 5:30pm).
So come along and bring your family/friends/neighbours for a fun-filled Movie Night.
Movie will commence at 7:00pm.
Rain, hail or shine, the MOVIE will be ON!!! If it is raining, please make your way to the hall with your blanket etc and join the evening.
Volunteers
We are hoping to find volunteers amongst our school community that are willing to give up at least 1 hour a term to help with the many tasks that ensure the smooth running of P&C fundraising activities.
Whilst juggling personal jobs and a family life, our human resources are stretched extremely thin. We count on parents/caregivers to help out each term. If you enjoy helping children and want to make a difference in the school community, then you can contribute.
You can volunteers in the tuckshop, the uniform shop, or even place your name on a roster for an “Up Coming Events” (all rosters will be in the tuckshop). So ‘Seize the Day and Seize the Opportunity’ to help our children.
Brenden McIlennon
P&C President
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Uniform Shop
2nd Hand uniforms are now being accepted, however we are no longer taking tracksuit pants or plain green and red jumpers due to an abundance of stock. Don’t forget to pick up an order form from the office if you are unable to attend Thursday or Friday from 8:30am—9:00am.

Tuckshop News
Don’t forget children can now purchase first and second breaks; chips, drinks and ice blocks. Donations of sweet chilli sauce and self raising flour plus jatz

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools — ICAS
ICAS is a highly regarded international assessment competition for schools in English, Mathematics, Science and Computer Skills. The assessment competitions also offer the opportunity of recognition and reward for students who participate. Participating students receive an individual diagnostic report and a certificate to recognise their achievement.

Students from Year 3 to Year 7 are eligible to enter. Competition dates and entry fees are as follows:

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If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the above competitions an application and payment form will be available from the school office from Monday 4 March 2013. Applications and payment must be returned to the school office by Friday 29 March 2013.