28 March 2013

Easter Bonnet Parade

Our annual Easter Bonnet Parade was held Wednesday. This is always a special event on the school calendar and included the drawing of the P&C raffle. The major prize of four nights at Sea World Resort, valued at over $2000, was also drawn at this assembly! Thanks to all the families who support this raffle, and for all the effort put into the making of the Easter bonnets.

Interschool Sport

Congratulations to Lucas B (U12), and Eamonn McB, Keegan V and Migao L (U11) for being selected in the Bramble Bay Rugby League side. Paige T has made the second Bramble Bay team following her membership in the swimming team. Paige will also represent the district in hockey! Emma H has also been selected the U11 Netball side! Congratulations to all our Bramble Bay representatives.

The end of Term 1 also brings the first half of the summer sports competition to a close. Students from year 5, 6 and 7 have been playing cricket, softball / T-ball, or touch against other schools in the Bramble Bay district, although one Friday (or two rounds) was lost due to wet weather. These summer sports recommence in Term 4. Thanks to the many parents who have assisted in coaching and organising teams over the last few weeks.

In week 6 of Term 2 students have the opportunity to compete in the winter sports competition. This year we are hoping to field teams in rugby league (for the first time in a number of years), soccer and netball. The winter competition will again be run each fortnight on a Friday with teams playing two games on the day. Three rounds will be played in Term 2 and three rounds in Term 3.

Don’t forget that our annual cross country event is being held on Friday 26 April. Mrs Hughes, our Physical Education teacher, has commenced training the students but history indicates that to be competitive, especially at Bramble Bay trials, students will need to be doing their own training.

Have a great break!

I wish all an enjoyable Easter Break. It has been a short term, but it seems still a very busy one. We have some important events early next term including the school ANZAC Day service on 22 April, the second Monday of the term. In week three parent/teacher interviews are also scheduled. School recommences on 15 Monday as there is no longer a student free day at the start of Term 2.

Camp Australia Holiday Program

Enclosed with the newsletter is some information about Camp Australia’s Holiday program. I am pleased to advise that these holidays the Late Booking Fees will only apply on bookings made on the day. Parents are welcome to make online bookings up until the night before free of any late fee.

Regards,
David Turner,
Principal
From the DP
It has been a short, but busy term of learning in classrooms and I am sure that all students are looking forward to their holiday break. However, learning doesn’t stop at the classroom door nor at the end of a school term — learning and practising skills continue across many other environments.

Think about reading, for example. Reading is an essential skill in enabling students to become independent and successful life-long learners and to actively participate in work and society. Reading is also a skill that is not limited to the learning area of English. Students need to be able to read effectively in maths in order to understand mathematical concepts and complete mathematical word problems. They also need to be able to decode and activate knowledge of content and read area-specific vocabulary in science and history. Put simply, ‘... if you don’t know content you will have a difficult time understanding the texts, and if you don’t understand the texts you are unlikely to learn content.’ Lee & Spratley (2010).

So encourage your child to spend some time reading over the school holidays. Students could read books, magazines, or online information. They could read to themselves; they could read the grocery list to you in the supermarket or they could read aloud to younger brothers and sisters. All of these build and practise reading skills.

Thank you to all who have made my first term here at Bald Hills State School an easy transition and I wish you and your family a safe and joyous holiday break — and remember to READ!

Regards Libby

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Responsible Behaviour News
SWPBS: Be Responsible in the Playground
PREP PARADE
Collectable card and ice-block reward were handed to 12 Prep students on Prep Parade last week.

Students have collected their ice block from the tuckshop last Friday. Congratulations!

Safety Sam says:
Have a safe and happy holiday!
See you in Term 2.

From Mrs Bird and the SWPBS Team.

Thank You from the Support Room!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Support-a-Reader tutors for a job well done this term. Also, thank you to all our parent volunteers. Your commitment and dedication to the students of Bald Hills is very much appreciated. Particular thanks must go to Margaret H who continues to devote hours of her time each week to support the students at the school.

To all our hard working teacher aides and trainee teacher aides, thank you very much for your help and support. You always go that one step further and it makes such a difference.

This term we had six 4th Year QUT students at the school completing the Service-Learning Partnership course. Many thanks to David, Olivia, Amanda, Terasa, Ben and Todd for volunteering your time at our school.

Have a happy, safe and relaxing Easter break. See you in 2nd term.

Regards,
Jinty Bird, STLaN
Support Teacher: Literacy & Numeracy

Sport News
Cross Country Carnival

When: Friday 26 April
Where: Senior Oval
Time: Years 4-7 Cross Country 8:55am-10:55am
Prep-Year 3 Fun Run 11:35am-12:45pm

Absence Notification
Just a reminder for term 2; please inform the office if your child is away by either emailing this information to absence@baldhillss.eq.edu.au or by leaving a message on 3261 1554 before 8:00am. If you wish to inform your child’s teacher then please cc the office into this message on the above email address. Report cards will be issued in term 2 and unexplained absence days will be recorded on the report card so, your co-operation will be appreciated.

Music News
New Choir Name

Thank you to all those people who put in names for this competition - 37 names all told. As of the start of Term 2 The Competition Choir will be called ‘The Bald Hills Young Voices’. Congratulations to Milly R for this name.

P&C News

If you have not returned your raffle tickets we still need to have them all accounted for, so please return tickets ASAP. Thank you to those who have returned tickets, this has been a very successful raffle.

Volunteers
All volunteers will go into a draw at the end of the year to win a book pack or $100.

The P&C are asking all families to at least give 1 hour per term (4 hours a year) to help with activities to help raise money.
for air conditioners and other improvement sof the school.

Upcoming Events

Anzac Day 25 April
Mothers Day Stall 9 May
Backyard Bonanza 26 May
Bingo Night TBA
Talent Night 20 June

Once again if you have any Ideas or suggestion for the P&C please don’t hesitate to call or email me.

Have a great Break and see you next term.

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Uniform Shop News

Size 8, 10 and 12 dresses are back in stock. There are limited numbers of these but if you have previously put your name down for one, it has been reserved for you. Also, size 14 sports polo shirts are back in stock and size 14 boys formal shirts should be available again after the Easter break.

Happy Easter
Helen Muller
Uniform Convenor

Tuckshop News

Eftpos is now available in the tuckshop. We have a minimum of $10 purchase and anything under that amount will incur a 5% fee. Wishing everyone a happy & relaxing Easter Break.

April Roster

Mon 15 — Alicia S, Judy J
Tues 16 — Skye
Wed 17 — Sarah S, Tanya M
Thurs 18 — Mel B
Friday 19 — Lee-Ann G, Amy W
Kylie Gall, Helen and the Tuckshop Team

Letters home this week
Camp Australia Holiday Club
Easter holiday skating flyers

Community News

This class is a great opportunity for kids aged 6 to 9 years to learn craft skills and engage in social activities in a creative environment!
This class will help children learn:

- Creative skills
- Designing
- Cut and Pastung skills
- Social environment

WHERE: Undurba State School Community Hall, Ogg Rd, Murrumba Downs
WHEN: Thursdays 4 April and 11 April 2013
TIME: 10:00am—12:00pm
COST: $5.00
Payment must be made to confirm your booking.

Ross’ On Court Tennis – Tennis coaching here at Bald Hills State School. Ross is now taking ANY new enrolment for his term 2 coaching classes. Open to all from Prep to 7, before/after school. Phone Ross on 3264 3976 to enrol.

Important Dates

Friday 29 March
Good Friday
Monday 1 April
Easter Monday
2 April to 14 April 2013
School Holidays
Monday 15 April 2013
First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 16 April 2013
Breakfast Club

Thursday 18 April 2013
Prep Assembly 2:30pm hall
Monday 22 April 2013
ANZAC Day Ceremony in the hall
Tuesday 16 April 2013
Breakfast Club
Thursday 25 April 2013
ANZAC Day
Friday 26 April
Cross Country Carnival
Friday 10 May
String Soiree
Sunday 26 May
Backyard Bonanza
Tuesday 11 - Friday 14 June
Honours Music Camp
Thursday 20 June
Talent Night
Monday 15 July
Year 3/4BR, 4S, 4B & 4H Bike Education in Hall
Tuesday 16 July
4S—PCYC Redcliffe
Thursday 18 July
4/5H—PCYC Redcliffe
Tuesday 23 July
3/4BR—PCYC Redcliffe
Thursday 25 July
4B—PCYC Redcliffe

Monday 22 – Thursday 25 July
Bramble Bay Schools Music Festival
Sunday 8 September
Sandgate School’s Choir Clash
Monday 9– Wednesday 11 September
District Beginners Music Camp
Thursday 28 November
Music Showcase