18 April 2013

Our School’s participation in ANZAC Ceremonies

Next week the school will commemorate ANZAC Day by holding its service in the hall on Monday morning starting at 9:30am. This is a significant event in the school’s calendar and members of the school community are invited to attend. Further information is included in the newsletter today, including a request for family photographs that will add the personal connection to the contributions, and sacrifices, made by service men and women with connections to our school.

In addition the school leaders, Chaplain and I will attend the School’s Ceremony at ANZAC Square on Tuesday morning. We will be travelling by train into the city for the 10:30 ceremony. As the school leaders will be representing our community, full formal uniform, including hat, is mandatory.

Students are also invited to participate in the Bald Hills march and service on Thursday—ANZAC Day. This is an opportunity for us to not only remember alongside members of the wider community, but also demonstrate to the community the younger generation’s commitment to the ANZAC legacy. It would be great to have the majority of our students attend and participate. Again school uniform is expected.

Coming Events

In addition to ANZAC commemorations we also have some other special events in the school’s calendar in Term 2. On Friday 26 the Cross Country Carnival will be held, along with the Prep—Year 3 Fun Run. Students in Year 4-7 will complete their events in the morning session, with Prep to Year 3 from 11:35.

We also have our annual Talent night scheduled for late in the term. It is advanced notice but given the high quality of performances last year the extra time to rehearse might be beneficial.

Community Café commences again next Wednesday following assembly. We will be watching a short video on Flipped Learning and the Khan Academy, and discussing how these innovations might impact on schooling as we know it. We are currently finalising the topics for the Year, but for parents of students in Year 3,5 and 7 Community Café on May 1 will look at the NAPLAN Test and how you might support your child in preparing for these tests.

Regards,
David Turner,
Principal
**From the DP**

Across this term, I thought that I would take the opportunity to use the DP’s column to focus on each of the learning areas — the aims of the learning areas and what students learn about. This week I will start with the learning area of English.

English is a learning area of the new Australian Curriculum. In this learning area students learn to listen to, read, view, speak, write, create and reflect on spoken, written and multimodal texts. There is also a focus on appreciating and using the English language to entertain, persuade and convey ideas.

The Australian Curriculum: English has as emphasis on the study of literature. Literature includes a broad range of forms such as novels, poetry, short stories and plays, and multimodal texts such as film, and a variety of non-fiction. This focus on literature occurs from Prep. So, all students in every year level study literature in the learning area of English as well as creating their own texts. The Australian Curriculum: English has a greater focus on literature than what we have seen in the past Queensland curriculum documents for English.

The English curriculum is organised into three interrelated strands — Language, Literature and Literacy. These strands are taught together, and not in isolation. For example, a student can not analyse an extract from a story (Literature) if they can not read the story extract and use the English language to create a response for the analysis (Language and Literacy).

The focus of each strand is:

- **Language** — knowing about the English language
- **Literature** — understanding, appreciating, responding to, analysing and creating literature
- **Literacy** — expanding the repertoire of English usage

As I am sure you would agree the study of English is central to the learning and development of all students. It helps to create confident communicators and imaginative thinkers. Skills in English are life-long skills that all students as adults will continue to use.

Next week we will take a look at the learning area of Mathematics and what students learn about in maths.

Regards, Libby Bond

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**Habits of Mind**

Remaining open to Continuous Learning

Intelligent people are in a continuous learning mode. People with this habit are always striving for improvement, always growing, always learning, always modifying and improving themselves!

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**School Anzac Day Ceremony in Hall**

This years School Anzac service will be held in the hall at 9:30am on Monday 22 April 2013. As this is a special event I invite Parents, Caregivers and Grandparents to attend.

This year we will once again have a table of remembrance set up in the hall.

This table is for students to display a photo of a current or past serving member of the Defence Force from their family.

Students are welcome to display a photo on the day, but it must be protected in a frame. Senior students will collect the photos from classes and bring them to the hall. No students will be permitted in the hall before school.

Your child MUST collect the photos after the service, they cannot be left in the hall. The Star Newspaper may attend our service, they cannot be left in the hall. The Star Newspaper may attend our service.

This is a wonderful way to honour your family and encourage you to participate. Please remember to wear your school uniform and community members are welcome to lay a wreath at this service.

**Miss Leanne, Chaplain**

**Anzac Day Community March**

Once again, Bald Hills State School will participate in the Anzac Day March on Thursday 25 April 2013. Student are to assemble at John Stewart Park, Gympie Road, Bald Hills at 9:00am followed by a service at the Memorial Hall, Gympie Road, Bald Hills. Please feel welcome to join us for a free sausage sizzle provided by the Bald Hills SS P&C.

**Miss Leanne, Chaplain**

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**Sport News**

Cross Country Carnival

Friday 26 April

The Cross Country Carnival is coming up soon and, once again, children are permitted to wear a plain t-shirt in the colour of their house (Attunga -red, Murrumba-yellow, Wyampa-green) on the day of the Cross Country. They can wear the school sport shorts/skorts with their coloured t-shirt. If not, children are asked to wear full sports uniform.

The 4-7 Cross Country Carnival will start on the Senior Oval at 8:55am and finish at around 10:55am. There are a few spots around the course that need to be filled by volunteers. If any parents are able to assist with the 4-7 Cross Country it would be greatly appreciated. Could you please see me or leave a message at the office if you are able to help out.

This year, the Preps-Year 3’s will participate in a Fun Run starting at 11:35am and finishing at around 12:35pm.

**Emma Hughes (P.E. Teacher)**

**School Photo Day**

We will be photographing your school on Tuesday 30 April 2013.

You will receive a Flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

**Students are to bring envelopes on Photo Day, Tuesday 30 April 2013.**
We have an automated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school. Please collect a “family order envelope” from your school & return it to the office.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography.

**Responsible Behaviour News**

**Be Responsible**

*Responsible Ronnie says:*

**Keep our school neat and tidy.**

- Sit in designated eating areas only with your class group.
- Put all rubbish in the bin at the end of the eating time.
- Pack up lunchboxes and place in class basket.
- Raise your hand before leaving to play.
- Ask permission to go to the toilets during eating time.
- Use the toilets appropriately.
- Store personal belongings in the correct location, i.e. bags in bag rack.

**Forestry News**

There will be a Prep planting day in the Forestry on Sunday 21 April at 2pm.

Preppies and their parents will be given the opportunity to plant a tree in the Forestry.

Please wear a hat, closed in shoes and mossie repellent.

Parents and their Preppies usually share afternoon tea at the picnic tables on the banks of the lagoon. Please bring along a plate to share.

If you are attending please send a RSVP to lbren26@eq.edu.au. This helps us know how many plants to purchase.

Thanks. Mrs Brennan

**Book Club News**

**Issue 3 Scholastic book club orders close WEDNESDAY 1 May.** All future book club orders will also need to be submitted by a Wednesday rather than a Friday, to allow sufficient time to process the orders and bank all money collected. Please contact Chris Strijland or Kerry Webber in the library for further information or help.

**P&C News**

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers – 7 April to 9 June.

Earn one sticker for each $10 you spend either in store or online. If you have not received any stickers you can take them to the customer service desk next time you are in store. Collect a sticker sheet from Woolworths or bring your stickers in and simply leave them in the box at the tuckshop.

Ask your friends, family and co-workers to give their stickers to our school or they can drop them in our box at Woolworths Strathpine. We will keep you up to date with how we are going.

PLUS if you would like JESSICA MAUBOY to visit our school, along with other stars from TV’s The Voice, visit [www.woolworths.com.au](http://www.woolworths.com.au) and in 100 words or less write about why we should win!

**Mothers’ Day Stall**

Wednesday 9 May all day—students shop by class and there is nothing over $5.

2nd chance purchases will be conducted Thursday morning, 10 May.

**Entertainment Books**

The P&C are selling this year’s Entertainment Book. The book is selling for $65 and the school gets $15 for every book sold. The book has over $15 000 worth of valuable offers. So if you would like to order your book please see the Kylie in the tuckshop.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Year 7 Bunnings BBQ** 24 April
- **Anzac Day/BBQ** 25 April
- **Mothers Day Stall** 9 May
- **Backyard Bonanza** 26 May

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**Tuckshop News**

**April Roster**

- **Mon 22** — Mel M
- **Tues 23** — help needed
- **Wed 24** — Tania M, Lisa h
- **Thurs 25** — CLOSED
- **Friday 26** — Zita, Trish H & Mel B

Kylie Gall, Helen and the Tuckshop Team

**Important Dates**

- **Sunday 21 April**
  Prep Planting Day 2:00pm
- **Monday 22 April**
  ANZAC Day Ceremony in the hall 9:30am
- **Tuesday 23 April**
  Breakfast Club
- **Wednesday 24 April**
  Year 7 Bunnings BBQ
- **Thursday 25 April**
  ANZAC Day March
- **Friday 26 April**
  Cross Country Carnival
- **Tuesday 30 April**
  School Photo Day
- **Thursday 9 May**
  Mothers’ Day Stall
- **Friday 10 May**
  QLD Youth Music Awards 6:00pm

**Naplan Testing**

- **14, 15 & 16 May**
- **Friday 17 May**
  String Soiree
- **Friday 24 May**

**Letters home this week**

- School Photo order forms