24 April 2013

Congratulations Mr Robertson!

Mr Glen Robertson, who was appointed to the position of Deputy Principal at Bald Hills State School before taking on the role of Acting Principal at Bardon State School at the start of this year, has won that job on a permanent basis. I’d like to thank Glen for his contribution to our school and congratulate him on this promotion. In the months ahead a decision will be made on the vacancy created at our school following Glen’s move to Bardon.

ANZAC Day Ceremonies

Monday’s ANZAC Ceremony at school was a special opportunity for our school community to remember the contributions, and sacrifices, made by thousands of Australians who served our country since that first ANZAC day almost a hundred years ago. Thanks to the student leaders for the outstanding job you did, to the choir and to our Chaplain, Miss Leanne for the organisation and leadership over this event. Thanks also to the special guests and members of our community who attended.

It was also an opportunity for our students to learn about our history through the contribution of the light horse association, Army jeeps Historical association and Corporal Ferguson and Corporal Snow, current serving members of the Army.

The next opportunity for the students to participate in ANZAC ceremonies is tomorrow in the Bald Hills march and ceremony. It is my hope we can show the community our commitment to this important day through a large number of students attending.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week the teachers have put aside time to meet with parents and caregivers about the academic progress of their child so far this year. These meetings are an important part of our feedback to students and parents prior to the written reports that will be sent home at the end of this term. It is important to note that the introduction of the Australian Curriculum has “raised the bar” and it is likely that some students will find it a challenge to maintain A and B grades against national standards. Having the opportunity to provide feedback and direction, and advice of where additional effort is required, may be that bit extra information that means the high grade is achieved.

Regards,

David Turner,
Principal
From the DP

As I mentioned last week, I will be taking the opportunity this term 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. Last week I focused on the learning area of English. This week we will look at the learning area of Mathematics.

Just like the learning area of English, maths is also a learning area of the new Australian Curriculum. This curriculum provides students with essential mathematical skills and knowledge in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. These three areas form the content strands of the maths curriculum.

In Number and Algebra, students apply number sense and strategies for counting and representing numbers. They explore the magnitude and properties of numbers and use strategies for computation as well as understanding the connections between operations (+, −, x, ÷). Students are also taught to recognise patterns, equivalence and solve equations.

In Measurement and Geometry, students build understanding of size, shape, relative position and movement of two-dimensional figures and three-dimensional objects. They also make meaningful measurements of quantities, choosing appropriate metric units of measurement.

In Statistics and Probability, students recognise and analyse data and draw inferences. They represent, summarise and interpret data. Students also learn to assess the likelihood and assign probabilities using experimental and theoretical approaches.

However, what is as equally important as these content strands are the four proficiency strands of the maths curriculum — Understanding, Fluency, Problem Solving and Reasoning. The proficiency strands describe how content is explored and developed by students. That is, the thinking and doing of mathematics. Students need not just to be able to calculate an answer to a mathematical question, but they also need to be able to explain their thinking and reasoning — for example, what strategy did they use, why did they select that strategy, was it the best strategy to use, and so on.

So like English, maths learning provides life-long skills for students. It not only develops the numeracy capabilities that all students will need in their personal work and life, but it also provides the fundamentals on which mathematical specialties and professional applications of maths are built.

Next week we will take a look at the learning area of Science and what students are learning about in each year level.

Regards, Libby Bond

Sport News

Cross Country Carnival
Friday 26 April

The Cross Country Carnival is this Friday 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 Prep-3 Year 3s will participate in a Fun Run starting at 11:35am and finishing at around 12:35pm.

Bramble Bay Achievements

Last term a number of students qualified for Bramble Bay teams to compete at Metropolitan North Trials. At the Bramble Bay Hockey Trials, Jordan D and Paige T were selected for the girls team. For Bramble Bay Rugby League, Eamonn M, Keegan V and Migao L were selected for the U11s team and Lucas B was selected for the U12s team. For Bramble Bay Netball, Emma H was selected for the U11s team. All of these students have shown a high level of sporting ability and should be congratulated for their efforts. Well done!

Emma Hughes (P.E. Teacher)

Cross Country/Fun Run

Chips (from $1) and drinks (up to $2) will be available for purchase on the oval from 9:00am—12.35pm.

School Photo Day

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

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 office. Please collect a “family order envelope” from the office & 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 A Learner

Learner Lenny says:

Participate cooperatively in individual and group activities.

- Take turns.
- Be a good listener.
- Put your hand up to speak.
- Respect the opinions and ideas of others.
- Encourage and support others.

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Forestry News
Last Sunday 40 Prep families planted a tree in the Forestry. The weather was beautiful and the mossies not too bad. Prickly Paperbarks, Banksias and Lomandras were planted to provide habitat to the birds and animals that live in and visit the Forestry. These plants do not mind wet feet as the area they were planted in floods after heavy rain.

The Prep-pies were very busy and had a lot of work to do in order to plant their tree. Firstly they had to fill the hole with water crystals, then they had to take their plant out and put it in the hole with some potting mix, after this the plant had to be protected with a tree bag and three stakes, and finally the plant was given a drink of water.

After all this hard work, the Prep-pies and their parents had a lovely afternoon tea at the picnic tables under the Hoop Pines.

Thanks to all families and teachers who attended.

Thanks. Mrs Brennan

Spell-a-thon News

IMPORTANT NEWS!! Our literacy committee is busy organising a Spell-a-thon fundraiser for this term. The funds raised from this event will be used to purchase vital literacy resources. Students will be given differentiated spelling lists for each year level. These spelling lists and sponsor forms will be distributed this week so that the children can start learning their spelling for homework and collecting as many sponsors as possible. Sponsor forms need to be filled in and returned to class teachers in week 4.

Sponsorship money needs to be collected and returned to school only after testing in week 9. However, donation money can be sent to school immediately. Thank you for supporting this important fund-raising event.

P&C News

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.

School Fete
This year is FETE YEAR! The most fun day of 2013 will be on Saturday 19 October, so write that in your calender. There will be rides including Lassertag, tea cup ride and the ferris wheel. You will get the chance to dunk some teachers and local personalities in the dunking machine (so start practising your aim now!). Sideshow Alley is sure to give you a buzz with its games and prizes. You could find something wonderful in the Trash and Treasure section! Also, there will be cent auctions, sports memorabilia, LOTS of entertainment, the Beer Tent plus LOTS more to see and do. We will shortly be sending out requests for items that you can donate towards this very special day, these include things such as soft drinks, potato chips, chocolates and your Trash and Treasure. We thank you in advance for your continued support of Bald Hills State School.

Important Dates

Friday 26 April
Cross Country Carnival

Tuesday 30 April
Chaplaincy Breakfast
School Photo Day

Tuesday 7 May
Chaplaincy Breakfast

Thursday 9 May
Mothers’ Day Stall

Friday 10 May
Qld Youth Music Awards 6:00pm at Churchie, East Brisbane

Tuesday 14 May
Chaplaincy Breakfast

Naplan Testing
14, 15 & 16 May

Friday 17 May
String Soiree

Friday 24 May
Winer Sport begins—round 1

Sunday 26 May
Backyard Bonanza

McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge at 1:00pm

Wednesday 29 May
Bald Hills Young Voices—QYMA—The Gap SHS at 6:30pm

Friday 7 June
Interschool Sport—round 2

Chaplaincy Disco