2 May 2013

Skateboards
We have a number of older students riding skateboards to school each day. I don’t feel this is an appropriate mode of transport to get to and from school, especially without appropriate protective clothing, and would prefer skateboarding was left for recreational activity on the weekend. However, most concerning have been a number of reports I have received in recent days about near misses with cars as a result of skylarking. The traffic around the school is a problem at peak times and accidents can easily happen, as evidenced by the one in front of the school on Tuesday morning. I again remind students to consider their safety and commute to and from school with care. I certainly expect skateboards to be walked into the school grounds, brought to the office for storage during the school day, and for students to behave responsibly in regard to adhering to the road rules.

Schools Officer (Groundsman)
Over the last few weeks we have been undertaking a recruitment and selection process for the position of school groundsman. On Monday a new groundsman will commence duties at Bald Hills State School. I’d like to thank Mr Greg Walls for his great contribution to the school since Mr Colin John retired last year. It is a big job, and Greg has shown commitment to the school and community and I would like to wish him all the very best for his future endeavours.

The new groundsman is Mr Danny Papa. Danny has extensive experience working in grounds and facilities roles in Queensland and the Northern Territory, and a range on qualifications and experience that will be an asset to our school. Welcome Mr Papa!

New “Seniors” to be Inducted
I am pleased to advise that we will be inducting nine new “Seniors” on assembly next week. These year seven students did not apply through our process last year, but have met the criteria and will provide valuable additional student leadership for our school.

Regards,
David Turner,
Principal
From the DP
As I visited classrooms last week it was great to see our students enthusiastically engaged in science learning. Year 1 students were learning about the properties of materials and looking at their observable features. Year 3 students were using play dough and skewers to create representations of our spinning Earth. They were learning about the Earth’s rotation on its axis and how this causes regular changes, including night and day.

Science is another of the Australian Curriculum learning areas. In Science, students have the opportunity to develop understanding of scientific concepts and processes and how scientific knowledge has contributed to our culture and society, and its application in our everyday lives.

The science curriculum has three interrelated strands – Science Understanding, Science as a Human Endeavour and Science Inquiry Skills.

The Science Understanding strand comprises four sub-strands – Biological sciences, Chemical sciences, Earth and space sciences and Physical sciences. These sub-strands are of course not new and most of us probably studied these same areas of science when we were at school. However, what is possibly different from when we were in primary school learning about science, is that students in primary school today have a greater focus on the ways of working scientifically. Students learn how to plan and conduct fair scientific tests. They learn how to make scientific predictions and hypotheses which are then tested and scientific conclusions drawn based on evidence.

The Science as a Human Endeavour strand is a newer focus in the science curriculum area, and many of us would’ve have learnt about this strand when we were at school. In this strand students learn how science knowledge and the application of science affect peoples’ lives. Students also learn about how science can be used to inform decision making processes and actions in society and in our daily lives.

So as I move around the school and see our students discovering and learning about science, in turn I also see students that are becoming more scientifically literate. “Scientific literacy” is an important skill, of which the wider benefits are well established. Students that are scientifically literate are able to investigate the natural world and changes made to it through human activity.

Next week we will take a look at the learning area of History. Libby Bond

Cross Country
Firstly thank you to the staff and Year 7 students for their help at the Cross Country Carnival/Run last Friday.


Well done to the above students!

Emma Hughes, P.E. Teacher

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.

C&K Bald Hills News
C&K Bald Hills Community Kindergarten would like to invite 2012 kindy graduates to a reunion and gelato afternoon.

Group A Tuesday 7th May 2013
Group B Wednesday 8th May 2013

Responsibility

Music Dates for Term 2
QYMA - Junior Choir
Junior Choir will be competing in QYMA on Friday 10 May at Morris Hall Churchie, East Brisbane. My apologies for the mix up with the venue in the letter.

String Soiree
This is a relaxed performance opportunity for all the children learning a stringed instrument. This will be held in the school hall on Friday May 17. More details to come....

Backyard Bonanza
The String Ensemble will be performing at this function on Sunday May
26. Backyard Bonanza is organised on behalf of Brisbane City Council for this area & will be held in McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge. The String Ensemble will be performing at 1.55pm so if you have nothing to do, please come & support the group.

QYMA - Young Voices
Young Voices will be performing at QYMA on Wednesday May 29 at The Gap State High School.

Talent Night
Mark it in your diaries! Thursday June 20. We have had some wonderful performances over the years... who will it be this year? If you can dance, sing, play an instrument, tell good jokes, do magic, crack whips anything........ come and try out. The try-out will commence in Week 6 (May 20). If you haven't put your name down, please add it to the list on the Music Notice Board outside the Music Room.

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.

Uniform shop News
If you are unable to make Thursday and Friday from 8:30am to 9:00am please grab an order form from the office and return it with payment to the “P&C mailbox” and your order will be processed and delivered to your child’s class.

Thank you
Helen Muller, Uniform Convener

Tuckshop News
Thank you to everyone for their patience while our oven has been broken. We are in need of donations of beetroot and self raising flour.

May Roster
Mon 29 — Mel M
Tues 30 — Tracy B & Linda S
Wed 1 — Anthea A & Kerrin H
Thurs 2 — Mel B & Alicia S
Friday 3 — Sue G, Zita J & Helen J
Kylie Gall, Helen and the Tuckshop Team

P&C News
Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers
Keep bringing in your stickers from Woolies for our school to purchase lots of new educational materials! If you have missed out on stickers, take your receipt to the customer service desk and ask them for your stickers. Ask your family, friends and work colleagues for their stickers and drop them off in the box at the Tuckshop or straight into our box at Woolies Strathpine.

Tally as at Friday 26 April is 620! If you want JESSICA MAUBOY to visit our school with some of the stars from TV's The Voice, remember to go to www.woolworths.com.au and in 100 words or less explain why we should win this amazing prize!

UP & COMING EVENT
Mothers Day Stall
Thursday 9 May all day
students shop by class
Nothing over $5
2nd chance purchases:
Friday 10 May morning

If you would like to help on these days please put your name down on the roster at the tuckshop.

Backyard Bonanza—Sunday 26 May
Bingo Night—Friday 12 July

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Community News

Getting Ready for School
mothersbabyhub@bensoc.org.au
07 3205 6860
www.facebook.com/motherbabyhub
429 Gympie Road, Strathpine (behind Southern X-Ray & Westpac). A Talk with Judy Herman. Choosing a school & preparing your child for prep. Friday 3 May 2013, 9.30am to 10.30am.

Important Dates

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
Winter 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
Tuesday 11 - Friday 14 June
Honours Music Camp
Thursday 20 June

Flyers home this week
Backyard Bonanza Flyer
Prep — FREE Soccer Lesson
Year 5–7—Wavell SHS Info
Year 5–7—Sandgate SHS Info