9 May 2013

**Education week**
This week is State Education week. We have included student contributions in the newsletter to showcase some of the work being done at Bald Hills State School. Yesterday Dr Barry Shaw presented at our Community Café, the history of Bald Hills and the school. It has a proud history of state education, and Bald Hills State School has been contributing to this community since 1866. Also, Under 8s celebrations is usually held in May, Bald Hills State School have decided to postpone this event until later in the term. Watch for more information.

**Preparing for NAPLAN**
By the time our next newsletter is out students in Year 3, 5 and 7 will have completed the annual tests for numeracy and literacy. The will be conducted next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and, at this stage of preparation, there are four things students should do to ensure they are ready to go.

1) Remember it is just one test! There are no prizes, or penalties. We want all students to just do their best on the day, answer every question and be confident the teachers have them ready to go.

2) The research is clear about the benefits to learning and a good diet. Students should always have a healthy breakfast. Having a good, sustaining breakfast will ensure the brain has the nutrients needs to think through the questions being asked.

3) It sounds obvious, but get a good nights sleep!

4) Be on time and ready. All tests will start at 9:00am. Please be at school with enough time to go to the toilet, have a drink and be ready to enter the room when the bell goes.

Regards,

David Turner,
Principal
From the DP

With Mr Barry Shaw talking about the history of Bald Hills at our community café this week, it seems appropriate to look at the learning area of History and the importance of including history in our curriculum.

History is one of learning areas of the new Australian Curriculum and is being implemented in all Queensland schools this year. History is an engaging and interesting curriculum in which students from Prep to Year 7 learn about historical knowledge and understanding and the use of historical skills.

Students explore historical events and people by using processes of historical inquiry as such asking historical questions, researching, and analysing and using sources. They investigate these events and sources by asking questions and examining aspects such as continuity and change, cause and effect, significance, perspectives and empathy.

The History Australian Curriculum gives a focus for learning that all teachers must follow. In Prep to Year 2 students build awareness of family history and community history:

- Preps learn about personal and family histories
- Year 1s investigate present and past family life
- Year 2s examine the past in the present, that is, they examine the remains of the past and consider why it should be preserved today

In Year 3 to Year 6 students investigate local and national history by using a range of sources:

- Year 3s examine the historical features and diversity of community and remembrance
- Year 4s investigate European exploration and colonisation in Australia
- Year 5s explore the Australian Colonies
- Year 6s examine the development of Australia as a nation

In Year 7 students move on investigate the ancient world using depth studies. There are three depth studies completed during the year. The depth studies that our Year 7 students are engaging with this year are:

- Investigating the ancient past and how archaeologists work
- Ancient Egypt
- Ancient China

The first year of implementing the Australian Curriculum: history has run very smoothly here at Bald Hills with both students and teachers enjoying the topics and the rich sources. It is important that students build an understanding and appreciation of the past and the forces that have shaped our society today and it has been great to see students across the semester engaging in historical discussions and investigations that have sparked their imagination and curiosity.

Libby Bond

Positive Behaviour Support Program

BeSafe

Safety Sam says:

Play Safely

1) Use ‘soft touch’ only for all games. Eg tiggy, touch football (no tackling)
2) Follow the rules of the game.
3) Problem solve any issues.
4) Be responsible for all sports’ equipment.
5) Play in designated areas only.
6) Demonstrate good sportsmanship.

Music News

District Honours Music Camp

Congratulations to the following children:- Pheonicia L, Jasmine S, Anna-Rose McG, Marco S, Lara M & Clare R on being selected to attend Honours Music Camp. We have another 4 children on the waiting list if others are unable to attend.

QYMA - Jnr Choir

Just a quick reminder that the Junior Choir will be performing in QYMA tomorrow night (Friday) at Morris Hall, Churche, Oakland Parade, East Brisbane. Please remember to bring the kazoos!

Marion Wood, Music Teacher

Prep News

Cooper H. and Paul U. from Prep W writing Mother’s Day invitations

Piper B, D’Koda B and Tyler G. doing some number matching in Prep T

Year 2 Writing News

2R—Guess Whose Mother??

My Mum

My Mum is called Colleen. Her hair is blonde and short. Her eyes are blue. She likes to wear dresses and she will be special to me always.

My mum works at Strathpine and is the Manager. Mummy likes to go to the movies. My Mum’s favourite colour is blue. She likes to play tennis with me and she hardly gets time for holidays.

My Mum is very special to me. She will always be remembered for being a very good Mum to me and my sister.
My Mum
My Mum's hair is black. I think her favourite thing is washing the dishes because it's her job.

My Mum's favourite colour is pink. Mum helps me make my bionicles. I love my Mum very much.

My Mum
My Mum’s name is Sarah. My Mum’s hair colour is black. My Mum is special because when I fall over she gives me kisses!

My Mum looks after my brother. My Mums favourite things are eating crab and seafood.

My Mum takes me to the park and to the movies. My Mums favourite colour is blue.

Have a Happy Mother’s Day.

My Mum
My Mum’s name is Amanda. Her eyes are brown and she likes red clothes. Mum likes to do lots of things. She likes to go camping with the family.

We sleep in a caravan when we go camping. We go to Burrumba Deer Park. It is lots of fun to play in the playground. There is a creek and we collect wood for the fire.

Mum also likes to watch TV and to make our beds. My Mum is very special, because she loves me and my brother.

She does special things for me. When it’s my birthday she cooks my favourite dinner – Yellow Pasta!

I love my Mum very much!

Year 4 Science News
This term in Science we have been learning about what the Earth is made up of and how it changes over time. We have learnt about rocks, soil, weathering and erosion. In this photo we are conducting an investigation looking at identifying different types of soil. It has been so exciting and fun to learn about!

Emily Collins, Liam Hargreaves, Michael Hungerford and Chloe Leyden.

Spell-a-thon News
The children have all been busy filling their sponsor forms with as many sponsors as possible for their Spellathon words. Please could all sponsor forms be returned this week or asap to class teachers. Donation money can be sent to the office as soon as it is received.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: There are prizes for classes and individuals collecting the most money – so please, get behind us and support this fundraiser!!

Tuckshop News
Thank you to everyone for their patience while our oven has been broken.

I would also like to say thank you all of my wonderful volunteers, parents & staff for their concern & support last week.

Again, we always welcome donations. This week we are in need of beetroot, self raising flour, sugar and plastic cutlery.

May Roster
Mon 13 — Alicia S, Judy J
Tues 14 — Penny C
Wed 15 — Sarah S, Tanya M
Thurs 16 — Mel B & Suzy
Friday 17 — Lee-Ann G, Amy & Debbie

Kylie Gall, Helen and the Tuckshop Team

Uniform News
If you are unable to make Thursday or 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 Convenor

P&C News
Mother’s Day Stall
Mother’s Day Stall was today 9 May.

If your child missed buying a mother’s day gift they still have a 2nd chance to purchase tomorrow, Friday morning (in front of the tuckshop).

The coordinator for this event is Leanne Horton.

Backyard Bonanza (Sunday 26 May)
This year we will be doing a Hot Chip stand and at present looking for volunteers for this event. The rosters will be up at the tuckshop on Friday morning.

Set up time: 6:30am – 9:00am
Event Time: 10:30am-2:30pm
Venue: McPherson Park, Denham Street, Bracken Ridge.

The coordinator for this event is Brenden McClennan (0412 405 462)

Bingo Night
– 12 July
Brenden McClennan
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Important Dates
Friday 10 May
Qld Youth Music Awards 6:00pm at Churchie, Oakland Parade, East Brisbane

Tuesday 14 May
Chaplaincy Breakfast

Naplan Testing
14, 15 & 16 May

Friday 17 May
String Soiree 6:00pm Hall

Friday 24 May
Winter Sport begins—round 1

Sunday 26 May
Backyard Bonanza
McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge at 1:00pm String Ensemble performing Stage One at 1:55pm

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

Flyers home this week
BHSS Fete 2013 flyer