6 June 2013

Building Resilience - Being Strong

Last Monday our Year 3, 4 and 5 students took part in a cartooning workshop to support our student welfare programs. The workshop; run by cartoonist “Joffa,” covered topics that included building resilience, self-confidence and speaking up in situations where someone else needs support. The feedback from students about the session was a great deal of fun, and with important messages too. I have engaged “Joffa” to work in the school again, with the students in Year 6 and 7 classes next Thursday.

On assembly yesterday we continued reinforcing this important message with a special appearance of Zoe, a vivacious puppet with an important message about bullying. I think Zoe has left a lasting impression and the students, especially the younger ones, really did enjoy the show.

“Tall Trees” Celebrations

In the last week of semester will recognise the students who have consistently demonstrated excellence in their behaviour choices. Throughout the semester we have acknowledged good behaviour choices with “tree credits,” playground tokens and lucky draws, and our swap shop where students can swap their collectable cards for other collectables. The “Tall Trees” are all the students who make a positive contribution to the school by being responsible, respectful, safe and a learner and the end of semester celebration is our opportunity to recognise this contribution and say “well done”.

Data on Instructional Practice

Over the semester the teachers at Bald Hills State School have been implementing a new teaching framework in the school. The framework, called Classroom Instruction that Works, focuses on instructional strategies that are proven to make a difference to student learning. We have also been using an observational tool that captures information about the use of these strategies and, at a staff meeting this week, used this data to look at ways to further strengthen their use.

Community Café

Due to other commitments in the school we have only one more Community Café this term. In the last week of term Psychologist Linda Male will talk about grief, loss and the Seasons Program we have been conducting in the school this term. Please come along to this informative session and join others for a coffee and morning tea.

Regards,

David Turner,
Principal
From the DP
This week let’s take a look at the learning area of languages. Many of you may know this learning area by the name of Languages other than English (LOTE). The name of this learning area was changed with the introduction of the QCAR Framework several years ago; however, the intent of the learning remains the same.

The Languages curriculum is not written as a year level curriculum. Students study by stages of learning depending on their previous language ability. There are three stages of learning — Beginner stage, Elementary stage and Lower intermediate stage.

It is a Queensland government requirement that students study a language in Years 6, 7 and 8. From Year 9 students can elect to continue to study a language. Here at Bald Hills State School students are given the opportunity from Year 5 to learn German.

When studying German, as you would expect, students learn to read, write, speak and listen in German. But the Languages curriculum does not stop here. An important component of the course is intercultural competence and language awareness. Students therefore learn about German cultural practices. They are asked to notice and compare similarities and differences between their own language and cultural practices to that of German languages and cultural practices.

As part of the study of cultural practices, students across Year 5 to 7 take part in Oktoberfest activities in Term 4. Students have already been talking to me about how they are looking forward to our Bald Hills Oktoberfest later in the year. It will be my first Oktoberfest at Bald Hills and I am looking forward to seeing our students involved in German cultural activities.

Regards, Libby Bond

Positive Behaviour Support Program

BeSafe

Safety Sam says:
Use the Forestry safely.
1) Follow directions.
2) Listen at all times.
3) Walk carefully.
4) Stay on the paths.
5) Use all equipment correctly.
6) Work in pairs or teams.
All students must be accompanied by an adult when in the Forestry.

Newsletter Subscription

To subscribe to the newsletter please follow the link [https://baldhillss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx] to the Bald Hills State School website and click on e-newsletter signup under subscribe to our e-newsletter in orange. Fill in information needed and each Thursday the newsletter will be emailed to the address provided.

Music News

QYMA – BH Young Voices
Last Wednesday evening this group competed against 6 other choirs in the competition. Although we didn’t make it into the finals, the children performed very well gaining a Silver Award. It was so pleasing to see the majority of members at this function. Thank you to everyone; parents for transporting students and to students for their performance. Also, thank you Naomi Grant (past student) for accompanying.

Talent Night – June 20
This is fast approaching! The finalists have been selected – congratulations to everyone who has made it through. To those who missed this year, please remember there’s always next year. Come along and see what talent we have.

Marion Wood, Music Teacher

Book Club News

The special Book Club July Clearance Sale issue orders are due 19 June. Please place orders in the special book club orders tin in the office. Please note the items ordered will not arrive until after the holidays. Please see Mrs. Strijland or Mrs. Webber in the library for any help needed.

Tuckshop News

Thank you to our amazing volunteers for all that you do & to the fantastic families who donate items, we are forever grateful.

The oven in the Tuckshop has now been fixed.

June Roster
Mon 10  — CLOSED Public Holiday
Tues 11  — Shaniga C
Wed 12  — Anthea A & Kerrin H
Thurs 13  — Mel B & Alicia S
Friday 14 — Sue G, Zita J & Help Needed

Kylie Gall, Helen and the Tuckshop Team

Uniform Shop 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” at the tuckshop and your order will be processed and delivered to your child’s class.

Helen Muller, Uniform Convenor

P&C News

Bingo Night (12 July)
This will be the next event and organisation of this event is well underway and more information will be available soon. Leanne Horton is the coordinator for this event.

Bramble Bay Music Concert (25 July)
The P&C will be doing the food for this event and helpers will be needed so if you are available to help, please mark it in your diary and on the roster that will be available soon.
The P&C now have a new notice board under A block, this is where rosters will be put up and any other forms of communication will be found.

Entertainment books can be bought
from the tuckshop only $65. (Last year’s book has expired).

**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 approximately 12000.

Next General P&C Meeting 12 June at 7:00pm.
EFTPOS is available at the Tuckshop.
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**Community News**
C&K Bald Hills Community Kindergarten is holding a photographic fundraising day on Sunday 16 June 2013. For $20 you will receive an option of a A3 pencil sketch of your family or a 10X13” family portrait plus key ring plus wallet sized portrait. For more information about the offer and to book a photographic session please email baldhills@candk.asn.au.

**Government House open day**
Her Excellency, Ms Penelope Wensley, AC, Governor of Queensland, and Mr Stuart McCosker invite you to Government House on Saturday 8 June from 10:00am to 3:00pm in celebration of Queensland Day.
Entry is free and there will be a variety of activities including:
- A community fair of Queensland volunteer and community organisations
- Food to purchase or bring your own picnic
- Musical entertainment
- Tours of the house and grounds

Government House is at 168 Fernberg Road, Paddington. See www.govhouse.qld.gov.au for details.

**Social media**

![Facebook](https://example.com)
For Facebook
It is Queensland Week! Find events and activities happening near you and join in the fun.


![Twitter](https://example.com)
For Twitter
It is Qld Week! Find events & activities happening near you & join in the fun.


**Government steps up to support children starting school**
Families with children starting school can now access Step Up Into Education — new online resources to better prepare and support young children make the transition to school.

The program was developed to help make the experience for these children a positive one. It is based on research that shows a positive start to school can lead to better learning outcomes.

For more information visit the website: www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/

**Important Dates**

**Monday 10 June**
Public Holiday

**Honours Music Camp**
11—14 June Craigslea SHS & SS

**Monday 18– Friday 21 June**
Report Cards issued this week

**Wednesday 19 June**
St Helena Is. History Excursion Year 4B, S & 3/4BR, 4H
SWPBS Swap Shop

**Thursday 20 June**
Under Eights Day!
Talent Night 6:30pm in hall

**Friday 21 June**
Interschool Sport—round 3
End of Term 2

**School Holidays**
22 June—7 July

**Monday 8 July**
Term 3 commencement
Accepting Prep enrolment for 2014

**Friday 12 July**
P&C Bingo Night 7:00pm in hall

**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

**Monday 22—Friday 26 July**
Bramble Bay Schools Music Festival—School Hall

**Tuesday 23 July**
3/4BR—PCYC Redcliffe

**Thursday 25 July**
4B—PCYC Redcliffe

**Tuesday 30 July**
Years 4-7 Athletics Carnival

**Wednesday 31 July—Friday 2 August**
Year 5/6 Camp—Mapleton

**Tuesday 13 August**
Mathematics ICAS test

**Wednesday 14 August**
Brisbane Exhibition Public Holiday

**Sunday 25 August**
Goethe Verse Speaking Competition

**Sunday 8 September**
Sandgate School’s Choir Clash

**Monday 9—Wednesday 11 September**
District Beginners Music Camp

**Thursday 28 November**
Music Showcase

**For Facebook**

**For Twitter**

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