11 July 2013

NAIDOC Week

This week our nation celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC originally stood for the “National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee” but today is celebrated across the country in many ways and recognised simply as NAIDOC Week.

At Bald Hills State School we yesterday had a special performance on assembly by Aboriginal performer Darren Williams. Darren works with QUT but has performed around Australia. Darren then stayed and worked with students over the day demonstrating the didgeridoo, dance and talking about the culture of the first Australians.

Teaching and Learning Audit

Last term Education Queensland undertook a Teaching and Learning Audit in the school. The results will shortly be on our website but we are encouraged by the valuable feedback given to the school, and particularly to the teachers, on our approach to learning and teaching. In summary, across the eight domains of the audit, the school achieved six highs, a medium-high and a high-outstanding.

The audit also demonstrated improvements over the results achieved in the last audit conducted in 2010. Importantly we have also been provided with recommendations that will inform further developmental work in our school in the years ahead.

Prep Enrolments Open

Bald Hills State School is now taking enrolments for 2014. Already this week we have more than filled the first prep class. Our Enrolment Management Plan limits intake in prep to four classes and I expect interests from students from out of our catchment to be high again this year. Please assist our planning, and if you are out of catchment ensure you secure a place, by enrolling as soon as possible.

Emailing of Newsletters

About a third of our families now receive the weekly newsletter via email. There are advantages in subscribing to this service including it not getting lost, and the saving of paper! It also frees up resources within the school that can be redirected to other areas. Please subscribe by going to https://baldhillss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx.

David Turner,
Principal
From the DP
Welcome back and I trust that all students and families had a restful break. I also hope that all students have arrived back at school full of energy and ready to learn. Part of being ready to learn is being on time for class — arriving to school on time and being ready in the class line after morning tea and lunch.

At the end of last term some students were starting to be late back to class at the end of morning tea and lunch. Students have been reminded about the bell routine and the importance of being on time for learning. At the end of each break there are two bells. On the first bell students are to stop playing, get a drink and go to the toilet if required and be in their class line by the second bell. Following this routine means that all students can get back to their classrooms and on with their learning in a timely and efficient manner. This may seem like a small issue, but every moment counts to ensure that all students are learning and achieving at their best.

These reminders work together with the school behaviour focus for this week. In class students are completing learning activities associated with our Learner Lenny tree mascot. The focus has been “Be a Learner” — Learner Lenny says: “Attend school every day and be on time for class”.

Research tells us that every moment in effective teaching instruction is important for students’ learning outcomes. Students can support their learning by being on time for class. Parents can support their child’s learning by ensuring that their child attends school every day on time and by making appointments where possible outside of school hours. When an appointment does occur during school hours don’t forget that students can be picked up from school for the appointment and returned back to school after the appointment to reduce the amount of learning missed.

Positive Behaviour Support Program
This week students have been learning about how to be a learner—focusing on the following teacher directions.

Learner Lenny says:
Attend school every day and be on time for class.

Before school:
1. Stay under admin block until the bell at 8:25 then go to the quad area.
2. No footballs or large balls are to be used on the quad grassed area. No running games on the quad.
3. Go to the toilet before the first bell.
4. Stop play at the 8:40 bell and GO DIRECTLY TO CLASS.

Morning Tea and Lunch:
1. Stop play on the first bell.
2. Go to the toilet and have a drink.
3. Line up quietly with your class.
4. Be ready by the 2nd bell.

Spell-a-thon Update
Please could all outstanding Spell-a-thon sponsor money or donation money be returned to school immediately. We would like to determine which class has raised the most money and organise their pizza party reward. The funds raised will be used to purchase much needed literacy resources. Thank you very much for your support.

The Literacy Committee

Together if we all focus on ensuring that students receive the maximum amount of learning time, we are all in turn focusing on improving achievements and outcomes for students. Regards,

Libby Bond

Book Club News
Issue 5, July book club orders are due in the special book club tin in the office by 9:00am Wednesday, 24 July. Please contact Chris Strijland or Kerry Webber in the library for help. An order was placed in the June Clearance sale with no name or grade given. If your child has not received their order, please see library staff.

Chris Strijland

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To subscribe to the newsletter please follow the link https://baldhills.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. If you subscribe to our e-newsletter you won’t receive a paper copy.

ArtsLink News
The Box
On 19 August, Artslink Queensland and Backbone Youth Arts will present The Box at our school.

The Box brings red nose clown, slapstick and physical comedy into one hilarious show about two clowns and a seemingly mundane box. Students can expect a whole lot of chaos, comic creativity and fantastic situations that show how extraordinary the ordinary can become and how funny we all are at heart.

SHOW: The Box
DATE: 19 August
COST: $6 per student

Bike Education
There are minor changes for our visit to Redcliffe PCYC. The dates etc are:
16 July (Tuesday) 4S
18 July (Thursday) 4B
23 July (Tuesday) 3/4BR
25 July (Thursday 4/S (Scott)

Ella Blakey

COST: $6 per student
**Chaplaincy News**

Welcome back from your holidays; hope you all feel rested and ready for another term. On the holidays I was lucky enough to be a leader at the Bracken Ridge Baptist Church, who hosted an amazing Children’s holiday club called KRAVE. Pastor Graham is the coordinator and host of this amazing event. I have to say I was stunned with the variety of games and activities available and I lost count of the amount of students from Bald Hills who attended.

The annual Scripture Union Winter Mapleton camp also took place in the break and we had a number of students from our school attend. As usual the feedback has been very positive. I hear it was very cold and a few teeth could be heard chattering at times.

**My Friends For Life group is just finishing up and a new one about to begin.** Thank you girls for your attendance and valuable input to our group. You are all very special indeed.

The Bracken Ridge Baptist Church hosts a KRAVE afterschool program every Thursday 3:30pm-5pm. If you are interested you can contact the Bracken Ridge Church on 32615045 for more information. They also host a Youth group every Friday called ENGAGE for students in years 7-12 from 7pm-9:30pm.

If there are any parents or community members who wish to join me for prayer in my room every Monday from 2:30-3pm you are most welcome. Skye Mclean and her family have requested I pass on their sincere thanks to all staff, students and families who have assisted her during this difficult time.

If anyone wishes to make an appointment with me I would love to see you, please either email me on lshac9@eq.edu.au or by leaving a message at the office. Pastoral Care and family support forms are also available from the office.  

**Miss Leanne**

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**Music News**

**Talent Night - June 20**

What a night! I hope those of you who attended enjoyed the performances.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and a huge thank you to all those people working behind the scenes (it would not have run as smoothly without you). I’d also like to thank the teachers not just for their item on the night but also the support they have given by allowing the children to use their rooms for rehearsing during breaks. The local businesses were wonderful supporting this by donating prizes for the raffle. We raised approximately $2000 to go towards the Music Camp 2014. Well done!

For those who don’t know - the winners were:- Vocal Solo section - Jasmine S, Instrumental section - Anna-Rose McG, Dance section - Jasmine T, Large Group section - Yr. 7 Mob, Small Vocal Group section - Yr. 7 Trio (Georgia, Jasmine S & Siohabn) & Overall Winner - Jasmine S. Congratulations to all.

**Bramble Bay Schools Music Festival (BBSMF) - Week 3**

Apologies for the lateness in getting the letters out last term. Due to this, the return date has been extended to **9.00am Thursday July 18.** Please ensure that the form & money have been returned to the office by this date - particularly those children attending the band days.

Throughout the days leading up to the concert, each section has rehearsals with the children from other schools in preparation for the final concert. The **Concert** is to be held at **Bald Hills State School Hall on Thursday July 25 commencing at 7.00pm.** This is a wonderful experience for the children performing in large ensembles, so please encourage them to attend.

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**Tuckshop News**

Please note that in the coming weeks we will be revising the menu. Some prices will be increased and gluten Friendly options are going to be added. We will be selling raffle tickets this term to try and raise some funds to purchase a dishwasher. The prize will be one of two beautiful hand painted pictures kindly donated by a beautiful grandmother at our school.

**July Roster**

- Mon 15 — Alicia & Judy
- Tues 16 — Tracy & Linda
- Wed 17 — Tanya

**Important Dates**

- **Friday 12 July**
  - P&C Bingo Night 7:00pm in hall
  - Interschool School (Winter) Round 4 [weather permitting]

- **Monday 15 July**
  - Year 3/4BR, 4S, 4B & 4H Bike Education in Hall

- **Tuesday 16 July**
  - 4S—PCYC Redcliffe

Breakfast Club 8am - 8:45am under

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**Advancedlife Photography**

Envelopes are available at the school office to order school group photos of Band, School Captains, Student Leaders and Strings. These photos can be viewed from the parent entrance in the office.

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**Flyers home this week**

**Term 3 Parent Calendar**

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**P&C News**

**Bingo Night (12 July)**

BHSS P&C will be holding a BINGO Night on Friday 12th July.

$20 pre-paid combo pack [Inc 10 page book, dauber & FREE drink] – must be paid prior to the night. Books available on the night for $20 for a 10 page book, daubers from $2

Prizes: 2 Major, 8 minor and more. EFTPOS available on the night.

Have fun while helping raise much needed funds for our school.

Email pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au or phone 0427 725 116 to organise pre-paid combos.

BYO snacks but Pizza, snacks and alcoholic drinks available on the night. **Strictly 18+ only.**

*Thanks, Brenden*
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