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Australia’s future is not in its mines, it is in its minds.

The above was a comment made on Tuesday by an international expert on reforming schools and school system. Professor Andy Hargreaves visited Brisbane and presented a workshop for teachers, principals and academics. A small team of teachers from Bald Hills participated in this workshop and the ideas discussed will further support the school’s improvement agenda.

The point of the comment is related to the importance of an educated population and not the natural resources a country may have. So many economic, social and welfare indicators are correlated to education levels of a nation’s population. In schools a large percentage of the differences in student performance is attributed to the quality of teaching, and Professor Hargreaves spoke extensively about what can be done to improve teaching in a school.

The quality of teaching has many elements and at Bald Hills we have some clear strengths. We have an experienced teaching staff and a culture that values teachers working in teams. The teaching staff are implementing an evidence based teaching framework, not because of any shortfall in current practice, but to ensure we are focusing on what we know makes the biggest difference for student learning. Professor Hargreaves spoke about this as being the "Professional Capital" of a school.

We also have a community willing to support the school, and the work of the teaching staff, in a variety of ways, be it fundraising through the P&C, volunteering in classrooms, through assisting with the chaplaincy program or coming along to school events to support our students. The Professor noted that these activities were about developing a school’s "social capital", perhaps simply the community spirit and connections between members of staff, parents and the wider community.

The investment in the minds of our students is the future of our nation, and we will be continuing to raise the professional and social capital necessary to ensure our students can contribute positively to that future!

David Turner,
Principal
From the DP

At assembly last week Mr Turner reminded all students about being in correct school uniform. Mr Turner reminded students specifically about wearing a green or red fleecy jacket (preferably with the school insignia) and that shoes should be black or white.

Further to these reminders, I would like to go through some other uniform information.

Jewellery
- Earrings should be one pair of studs or sleepers only.
- Students are not to wear necklaces, anklets, bracelets or rings. The only exception is if the item is of religious, personal significance or is a medical alert bracelet. If this exception is the case, then a request in writing needs to be made to the Principal.
- Students are not to wear arm bands/wrist bands, unless they are within a week of a particular school sanctioned event (e.g. a Remembrance Day Band).

Hair and other accessories
- Hair longer than collar length must be neat and tidy with school colour scrunchies (red or dark green).
- Make-up, nail polish and coloured hair is inappropriate for school.
- Extreme hairstyles are inappropriate for school.

Footwear
- Shoes are to be black or white. Shoe-laces should be black or white, the same colour as the shoes.

Sports uniforms
- Sports uniforms are only to be worn on the days in which students participate in Physical Education lessons or have sport.

It is always great to see our students wearing their uniform with pride and with this having a sense of belonging. Wearing our school uniform correctly promotes a positive image of the school to the local community and demonstrates the high expectations that we have of our students.

For further information about our uniform please refer to the Bald Hills State School Uniform and Appearance Policy. Please see the attached policy or hard copies are available from the school office.

Libby Bond

Positive Behaviour Support Program

This week students have been learning about how to be Respectful – focusing on following teacher directions.

Respect Rosie says:

BE RESPECTFUL:
- Follow teacher directions.
- 1) Listen when others are speaking.
- 2) Put your hand up to speak.
- 3) Wait patiently for your turn.
- 4) Use appropriate language.
- 5) Use good manners.
- 6) Use good eye contact.
- 7) Take responsibility for your actions.
- 8) Accept consequences without complaining or arguing.

Bike Education

There are minor changes for our visit to Redcliffe PCYC. The dates etc are:
26 July (Friday) 4B (Borrows)

Ella Blakey

Book Fair Coming Soon!

The annual Book Week Book Fair held in the library will open Friday, 23 August. It will run until Thursday, 29 August. Hundreds of books are for sale with a generous commission for the school library. It’s lots of fun to just come in and browse as well. The fair will be open from 8:15am-8:50am and 2:55pm-3:45pm. The book fair is from Scholastic so prices are similar to Book Club prices. Hope to see you all there!

Chris Strijland, Teacher Librarian

Prep News

Bald Hills State School celebrating 100 days of Prep celebration.

The children are from left to right: Declan P, Nicole J, Ally M, Kelly A - all from Prep T.

Chaplaincy News

Super Hero’s Disco

The next Chaplaincy Disco is on Friday 16 August. The theme will be SUPER HEROES. You do not have to come in costume but if you always wanted to be a Super Hero, this is your chance. There will be a variety of games played throughout the night and an award for the best Super Hero parent who comes in costume.

Glow jewellery will be on sale along with hot food and refreshments from 5 pm. Prep - 3 start 6pm - 7:30pm, 4-7 from 7:45-9pm. Students must be supervised by an adult.

Cost is $5 entry for school aged Bald Hills State School students, parents free.

If there are any parents who would like to volunteer on the evening I would love to hear from you, my email is lshac9@eq.edu.au

I would like to sell some home bake on the evening, so if there is anyone who would like to donate some cupcakes or slices I would be very grateful.

Kind Regards

Miss Leanne
**Found Property**

An envelope was found in the car park and handed into the office last Friday morning. It contains various paperwork, if you think this is your paperwork, please see the school office staff.

**P&C News**

Bramble Bay Music Festival – 25 July. We are in need of volunteers for this event. A roster is now up on the P&C notice board.

Date change: Father’s Day Stall is now Friday 30 August.

Fete – 19 October – in the next couple of weeks there will be a letter requesting different donations for the fete but right now we are looking for stuffed toys eg: teddy bears that you might donate. (There will be a box outside the tuckshop).

Thanks, Brenden McClennan
P&C President
0412405462

**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 ordinary the ordinary can become and how funny we all are at heart.

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

**Ross' On Court Tennis**

Tennis Coaching here at Bald Hills School. Ross is now taking all new enrolments for his tennis coaching classes for Term 3.

**Flyers home this week**

Auskick flyers, Uniform & Appearance Policy

**Bald Hills OSHC**

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Angela Chambers and I will be the new coordinator at Bald Hills.

I hope to endeavour to learn more about each and every child who attends the service, along with getting to know you the carers. Please also feel free to introduce yourself and inform me of any specific requirements or circumstances of your child whilst in my care.

Here’s to an exciting adventure ahead.

Angela 🎀

**Memorial Hall**

A phone call has been received from the Memorial Hall Management Committee and parents are reminded that parking in this area is not permitted.

**Important Dates**

- **Friday 26 July**
  Interschool Sport (Winter) - Round 5 [weather permitting]
- **Monday 29 July**
  English ICAS Competition
- **Tuesday 30 July**
  Years 4-7 Athletics Carnival
  Breakfast Club 8am - 8:45am under Admin
  Auskick Program on Senior Oval
  3:20-4:20pm
- **Wednesday 31 July —Friday 2 August**
  Year 5/6 Camp —Mapleton
  Auskick Program on Senior Oval
  3:20-4:20pm
  Breakfast Club 8am - 8:45am under Admin