8 August 2013

Information Evening
Tonight we will hold an information session about our 2014 prep program. This will be in the hall commencing at 6:00pm. I have already accepted approximately 60 prep enrolments for 2014. Our school’s Enrolment Management Plan limits prep enrolments to four classes, approximately 90 students. I encourage anyone residing outside of catchment wishing to secure a prep place for next year to complete an enrolment application as soon as possible.

Research implications from brain science
Earlier this week I had the privilege of attending the ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) conference. The theme for this year’s conference was “How the Brain Works - What lessons are there for teaching?” It is an exciting time for the teaching profession as advances in a range of research areas shed more light onto “what works”, and “why it works”, in achieving better learning outcomes for students.

Next Monday evening our teachers will meet into the evening as we work to finalise our pedagogical, or teaching, framework. One thing I am committed to is paying attention to the research community to ensure Bald Hills State School sets a course for the future that best serves our students.

Parking in the Memorial Hall car park
Our hall, and the memorial hall next door to the school, are unitised by a range of community groups throughout the week. When the school holds a function in our hall-music nights, chaplaincy discos and the like, it usually coincides with groups utilising the Memorial Hall. As respectful neighbour I would ask all members of the school community to not park in the Memorial Hall car park so to not interrupt groups meeting there.

Also, please be aware that a phone call has been received from the Memorial Hall Management Committee and parents are reminded that parking in this area is not permitted.

David Turner,
Principal
From the DP

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

I am pleased to be able to write once again about our students’ success in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Last term eleven Bald Hills students participated in the ICAS Science Competition and the results of this competition have now been received by the school.

The following students are to be congratulated for their participation in the competition:

- From Year 3: Henry R and Fletcher D
- From Year 4: Lisa-Marie S, Attalia L and Elise B
- From Year 5: Aiden B, Luke H and Priscilla S
- From Year 6: Rachel V
- From Year 7: Phoeinia L and Siobhan T

Particular mention goes to Henry, Attalia and Elise who received credits in their year level competitions and to Priscilla who received a distinction for scoring in the top 5% of results in the Year 5 competition.

The English competition took place last week and Mathematics competition will occur on Tuesday 13 August.

Lost property

Large amounts of lost property have accumulated over the last couple of weeks. The lost property bins have been cleared of all named items and have been returned to students. Unfortunately a good half of the lost property in the tubs is unnamed.

Please remember to clearly label all items with your child’s name (or family name if it is a shared family item), so we are able to return items. There are large numbers of students with drink bottles, lunch boxes, hats and jumpers that are not named and some students with others’ property. Please check name tags to ensure that your child has picked up the correct jumper or hat and return any property that has been mixed up.

Lost property has also been relocated to the office to enable a daily check of lost property and return of named items via the class teacher.

Libby Bond

Positive Behaviour Support Program

This week students have been learning about how to be a learner — strive to do your best at all times.

Learner Lenny says:

BE A LEARNER:

1) Start work promptly.
2) Stay focused on the task.
3) Complete all tasks.
4) Take pride in your work.
5) Ask questions and seek help when needed.

Years 4-7 Athletics Carnival

Well done to all students who participated in the Athletics Carnival last Tuesday. Thank you to all staff who helped out on the day and to the parent volunteers for giving their time. Due to the ordering of trophies and Ekka week, the medallion winners and age champions will be announced at assembly in week 7.

Congratulations to the following students who broke records on the day for various events: Lucas B (12yrs boys 800m), Kiahane B (12yrs girls 80m sprint), and Georgia H (13yrs girls high jump, long jump and shot put).

Emma Hughes—PE teacher

Book Character dress-up Day

The annual book character dress-up day will be assembly day Wednesday 28 August. The gold coin required to come out of school uniform will go towards purchasing new books for the library. Come dressed as your favourite book character with props if you like. Have a fun day talking about book characters and enjoying some time at the Book Fair in the Library. All proceeds from the Book Week book fair also go towards upgrading our library collection. Remember the book fair runs from 23-29 August before and after school and at lunch time for children with money to spend. Any questions see Chris Strijland, Teacher Librarian or Kerry Webber, Library Aide in the library.

Music News

Instrumental Music students are reminded that the music levy is due into the office.

Marion Wood, Music Teacher

Spell-a-thon

Money is due into the office.

Tuckshop News

We are having an Ekka special red food day on Tuesday 13 August 2013. Please refer to flyer.

August Roster

Mon 12 Alicia S & Judy J
Wed 14 CLOSED
Thurs 15 Mel B & help needed
Friday 16 Lee—Ann G & help needed x 2

Kylie Gall, Helen and the Tuckshop Team

P&C News

Fete Donations

This week we are seeking donations of cans of soft drinks (please no generic brands). You can take these to the Tuckshop. You can also still bring in your craft and stuffed toys. Thank you very much for all the generous donations already coming in!

Call out for anyone who can make delicious jams, marmalades or chutney that we can sell at our Bake Stall. Please call your friendly Bake Stall coordinator, Alicia Stinchcombe 0400 535 270.
**ArtsLink News**

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

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**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

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**School Banking**

Please ensure that deposit slips are completed in full - students name, account number and amount of deposit. Once a student has individually collected a total of 10 tokens they can 'cash in their tokens' for a reward. All you need to do is return the 10 tokens along with a note stating your child’s name, class and which reward they would like to receive. Rewards to choose from are: Money Box (Spen, Addy, Pat, Cred or Pru - please choose one), wallet, handball, knuckles game, torch and just released a calculator.

**Prep News**

Reminder to Prep parents that Prep assembly is Thursday 15 August at 2:40pm in the school hall. All welcome.

**Public Holiday**

Show Day (Ekka holiday) is next Wednesday. All students are required to attend school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Camp Australia**

Camp Australia staff would like to congratulate the following children for Star of the Week: Jacob P and Kyden S. Good work guys, keep up the great work!!!

Also you might be noticing changes around the centre. We, as the staff, hope that they create a positive outlook for your children. We are open for any suggestions or feedback. Please don’t forget to update your enrolment forms with Angela either. This is important for us to know current details regarding the wellbeing of your child.

Thank you from the Bald Hills OSHC team

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**Important Dates**

**Monday 12 August**
Bramble Bay Track and Field at McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge

**Tuesday 13 August**
Mathematics ICAS Competition  
Breakfast Club 8am - 8:45am under Admin
Bramble Bay Track and Field at McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge
Auskick Program on Senior Oval 3:20-4:20pm

**Wednesday 14 August**
Show Day Public Holiday

**Thursday 15 August**
Prep Assembly 2:40pm
ArtsLinks money due 9am

**Friday 16 August**
Chaplaincy Disco  
Prep—Year 3, 6:00-7.30pm  
Year 4 -Year 7, 7.45-9.00pm

**Tuesday 20 August**
Auskick Program on Senior Oval 3:20-4:20pm  
Breakfast Club 8am - 8:45am under Admin

**Wednesday 21 August**
School Banking & Parade  
P&C Meeting 7pm in Library

**Friday 23 August**
Prep Farm money due 9am

**Sunday 25 August**
Goethe Verse Speaking Competition

**Monday 26 — Friday 30 August**
Children’s Book Week in Library

**Monday 26 August**
Mathematics Tournament at Brighton SS selected Year 5-7

**Tuesday 27 August**
Breakfast Club 8am - 8:45am under Admin
Auskick Program on Senior Oval 3:20-4:20pm

**Wednesday 28 August**
Book Week dress up on assembly — coin donation

**Thursday 29 August**
Pre-Prep Program 2-3pm L Block

**Tuesday 3 September**
Prep-Year 3 Athletics day

**Thursday 5 September**

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**Flyers home this week**
Tuckshop Ekka Meal Deal