21 August 2014

In today’s column I highlight a couple of aspects of our reading programs, and particularly those that promote the enjoyment of reading through the celebration of Book Week and participation in Book Fairs and Book Club, as well as touch on the school’s performance in NAPLAN this year.

Book Week
Congratulations to all the students, and staff, who took part in the annual Book Week assembly dressed as their favourite book character. As you can see from the photos above the participation was excellent and the creative costumes outstanding! It is good to celebrate reading in this way and the assembly was again a highlight of the school year. Don’t forget that our Book Fair starts on Friday and runs through next week.

NAPLAN Results
Students in Year 3, 5 and 7 have now received their individual NAPLAN Reports. Congratulations to all our students for their best efforts in the test that were completed in May. It should be remembered these are a single point in time tests and are only one aspect of the range of assessment tasks students complete. Your child’s teacher will have a comprehensive range of information that informs teaching and learning programs, and ultimately school reports.

At the school level we have performed at or above state and national levels again in 2014 in all areas covered by the tests, with Year 3 Writing and Year 5 Reading strengths. Almost 50% of our Year 5 students are in the upper two NAPLAN bands in reading, 15% higher than Australian result! The school level data also indicates strong performance in the percentages of our students in reaching National Minimum Standards - at Year 7 100% in Reading, Spelling and Numeracy.

BOOK CLUB
Students will shortly receive the next Scholastic Book Club catalogue. To save time and double handling of money it would be greatly appreciated if you could please use their credit card facility, or a cheque payable to Scholastic, rather than sending in cash, when purchasing books.

David Turner
Principal
From the DP
Support for parents/carers

Education Queensland is currently promoting different ways that parents can support their children with both schoolwork and homework. How To Help Children is a free parent education website with a wide range of resources. Resources target a range of ages, from toddlers to 13 year olds, and include different topics such as homework, numeracy, literacy and building social skills. The How To Help Children website has over 300 videos covering reading skills, improving spelling, punctuation and grammar, writing skills, fractions, number facts, science experiments, project presentation and building confidence, to name just a few. The site is set up as a virtual classroom where:

- your child can work independently
- parents/carers can work with their child
- parents/carers can learn how to tutor their children.

It is a site worth taking a moment to have a look at — www.howtohelpchildren.com

Lost property

Over the past five weeks, large amounts of lost property have accumulated in the office, particularly jumpers. It is unfortunate that most of the items are unable to be returned to students as they are unnamed. If your child has lost an item, please ask them to check in lost property. Please remember to clearly label all items — jumpers, hats, lunchboxes and drink bottles.

Libby Bond
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Be Responsible
Responsible Ronnie says:
Hand your homework in on time

Chappy News

We have some pressing needs in our school community at the moment that we would greatly appreciate your help. If you are able to assist with any of the items below please see Kylie Gall in the tuckshop or go to the chappy room.

- freezer meals (please clearly list ingredients on top)
- lunchbox items (i.e. fruit, muesli bars, crackers, etc)
- jars of vegemite/jam/honey, etc
- non-perishable grocery items

KRAVE KIDS SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY CLUB
30 Sep - 2 Oct

Get your brochure at the office or chappy notice board

LAST BBQ/DISCO FOR THE YEAR – Fri 12 Sep!!

THIS WEEKS PARENTING TIP!
The Language of Co-operation
10 simple language techniques you can use to invite co-operation from your kids. See what works for you.

- Describe the problem, - “the living room is messy.”
- Describe the problem PLUS+ “the living room needs to be cleaned up before dinner.”
- State the rule or the practice, e.g. “We clean one lot of toys away before getting another lot out.”
- Describe what you feel, e.g. “I don’t like it when your toys are on the floor all day as I feel like everything is a mess.”
- Put it in writing, e.g. “Dear Jeremy, please clean me up before dinner. I will feel much better if I can see some daylight. Regards, The carpet.”
- Tell them what you will do, e.g. “I will listen to you when you have calmed down.”
- Choices, e.g. “You can stay inside if you are quiet. If you want to be noisy you can go outside.”
- The broken record, e.g. Parent, “It’s time to clean your teeth.” Child, “But I don’t want to.” Parent, “It’s time to clean your teeth.”

Continue... (helps to look away – no eye contact).
- When...then, e.g. “When you have done the chores you can turn the TV on.”
- The invitation, e.g. “Can you help me out by clearing the table after dinner?”

Read more on this topic by Michael Grose — parentingsideasclub.com.au

Chappy Kylie

From the Library

Our school Bookfair starts this Friday 22 August. Students should already have received a catalogue which features a small selection of the many books that will be available at the fair. The fair will be open in the Library Tables room from 8am—9am and 3pm - 3:30pm daily, between Friday 22 August and Tuesday 2 September. Everyone that makes a purchase goes into the draw to win a $10 Book Voucher! We look forward to seeing you there!

From the Office

Trivia Night!

Don’t forget to book your table for this year’s Trivia Night.

Trivia Night is on Saturday 13 September in the School Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Make a table of 6—10 or book as an individual, couple or small group (we will fit you onto a table.)

Tickets are $15 per head, great prizes, raffles and games. Bar at cheap prices.

Quiz Master Phil Langley returns. The best night of the year!

Book now, phone Bald Hills State School on 3261 1554

Music Notes

A huge thank you to the families who supported our Pie/Lamington Drive. We raised $1537.40 for the Music program at Bald Hills SS. What a wonderful result! Many of our school instruments are nearing retirement age after over 35 years of continual service and we are presently working on a replacement program for the

Flyers home this week
flutes and clarinets. This will enable us to begin this process. Thank you. Mrs Wood is out of hospital, recovering well and hopes to be back at school soon. Senior Choir practice will be on this Thursday morning 7:30am.

P&C News

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS — there are still 20 books outstanding. If you do not intend on buying your copy please return it to the office this week.

BOOKFAIR starts this week. If anyone can help out in the library please see Sharon Blake.

Have a great week.

Tanya May
President

Tuckshop News

Hope everyone has a great week. If anyone would like to do some fresh baking to sell at Tuckshop please come and see Kylie.

Thanks Kylie and Mel

ROSTER
MON 25 August - Anthea A
TUES 26 August - Lembe L
WED 27 August - Shelly, Sharon H, Tracy
THURS 28 August - Donna V, Bec R
FRI 29 August - Alicia, Zita, Leanne H, Kay H

Uniform Shop News

Hours: Wednesday 8am—10am and Friday 2:15pm—3:15pm

PE News

Bramble Bay Athletics was held on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 August. Bald Hills finished 12th out of 24 schools in the Bramble Bay district. I would like to thank all the students who participated over the two days of competition. We had 2 students who have managed to qualify for the Bramble Bay Athletics team to represent the district at the Met North Athletics Carnival. Migao L came 4th in the 12yrs shot put and Jasmin L came 1st in the 11yrs high jump. Also the performance of the school’s relay teams was impressive. All but 1 of the school’s 6 teams qualified for the finals. Of these the 10yrs girls (Isabella S, Emily L, Kortni R & Braelyn C) finished 4th and the 11yrs boy (Noah H, Liam W, Bryce B & Brayden W) finished 3rd. Well done to all.

Community News

Saturday 13th September 2014
11am – 2pm
Endeavour Street Parklands, Deception Bay (near the library)

FREE
Jumping Castle – Entertainment
Arts and Crafts – Face Painting and much, much more...

Celebrating 100 Years
AMBROSE STATE SCHOOL

1914-2014
Including the closed schools of Bracken and Region
Saturday, 30th August 2014

Registrations from 9am
Time Capsule
Tree Planting
Official Opening 1pm
Market Stalls
Magic Roulette
Food Stalls
Charity Auction
Souvenirs
Displays & Entertainment
All Day

CENTENNIAL BOOK SALES $3.50 over 250 pages of the district’s history

Bald Hills Lawnton Lions
CRICKET CLUB SIGN ON

Hey Boys and Girls aged 6 - 16yrs!
Come and join The Lions at our Sign On for an exciting season of cricket. Sign On will be from 10am – 2pm at the Pine Rivers Park Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st August and then on Saturday 6th September at Canterbury Park, Feuerriegel Road, Bald Hills (our home ground). A free sausage sizzle and drink will be provided to all players. For more details contact The Lions on 0497 799 533 or check our website at www.thelions.org.au

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ALL DOCUMENTS/FORMS REFERRED TO IN THIS NEWSLETTER CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM http://www.baldhillss.eq.edu.au.

You will need to follow this path: SUPPORT AND RESOURCES/FORMS AND DOCUMENTS/DOCUMENTS.