22 August 2013

School Fete
This year a major event for the school is our biennial fete to be held on Saturday 19th October. This is a major fundraiser for the P&C Association, which means the funds will ultimately benefit the students of Bald Hills State School. Already this year the P&C have upgraded the tuckshop, and have plans to further progress the air conditioning of classrooms. The school also has plans to improve our playground facilities.

As in previous years each class will run a fete stall and teachers are already deciding what activity to do this year. These stalls are staffed by a roster of volunteers from the class running them and in the near future you will receive a request to give a little of your time on fete day to assist. “Many hands make light work,” and your time will make a significant difference for our school.

Chaplaincy Disco Success
Thanks for your support of the Chaplaincy disco on Friday night. It was another great success raising money for our program. A special thanks to our Chappy, Miss Leanne, Graham Wray, the Youth Paster from Bracken Ridge Baptist Church, and the many volunteers from the Bald Hills Presbyterian Church who assisted during the night.

Upcoming Special School Activities
This week students enjoyed an Artslink performance in the hall. Please read Ms Bond’s column inside the newsletter for detail, but it was a great success and the school is looking at booking one of these performances each term from this point forward. I must recognise Carolyn Borrows, our Year 4 teacher, for arranging these performances.

On Sunday Frau Langer will oversee a team of Year 6 and 7 students at the annual German poetry competition conducted at the University of Queensland. Bald Hills has a proud history of representation and achievement at this event and it is an excellent opportunity for our students to showcase their German speaking skills.

Monday sees two Bald Hills teams compete at the Maths Team Challenge at Brighton State School. They have been preparing, under the guidance of our Head of Curriculum Ms Jedras, for a number of weeks now and inform me they are looking forward to the competition.

I’d like to wish our students and staff all the best for these competitions on Sunday and Monday.

David Turner,
Principal
From the DP
Artslink Queensland — The Box

This week students had the opportunity to attend The Box, an Artslink Queensland production and our students laughed along with clowns Ben and Beatrice.

How much fun can two clowns have with two hats and a green squeaky horn.....but wait there’s more — our clowns aren’t ordinary clowns, they are Box Movers. Ben and Beatrice take us on a hilarious journey of side-splitting laughs as they attempt to move the box. However, before you can move a box, you need to find a box. So box hunting they go through comical scenes and students yelling out “there’s the box” and “it’s behind you”. Finally the box is located, but the question remains, “Who found the box?” Was it Ben or Beatrice?

Once the box has been found (of course it says “Do not open the box”) the clowns decide that they need to follow instructions on how to move the box. The instructions say to move the box onto the “X”. But how do you move the box onto the X? Perhaps the X could come to the box? Possibly a rope will help……but not if you don’t tie it to the box!!

But our students still want to know what is in the box. “Open the box” comes frequent calls from the Preps and Year 1 students. So Ben the clown finally opens the box! What’s inside? Ben says that it looks interesting in there and hops into the box. The box comes alive — the box is hungry, thirsty and bored. Soon Beatrice clown realises that Ben is in the box and has been playing a funny trick.

Our clowns decide that playing in the box is oh so much fun and as the box turns into an elevator it all goes wrong. How will Ben clown get out of the elevator? Survive the sharks and alligators? Avoid the police? Tolerate the stinky sock?

However, our clowns are box movers and they still need to move the box. So Ben gives it another go. Oops!! Ben breaks the box. How do our clowns re-build the box? No rebuilding here. Our clowns decide it is much more fun to play with the box. They build a train, a robot, an elephant.....however, enough silliness, back to work. Ben and Beatrice rebuild the box and the box is moved into the right place.

Not just Box Movers........our clever clowns are also Box Makers!

Thanks to Zach (aka Ben Clown) and Sarah (aka Beatrice Clown) for reminding us how much fun it is to play with a box.

Libby Bond

Positive Behaviour Support Program

This week students have been learning about how to be responsible — and your homework in on time.

Responsible
Ronnie says:
BE RESPONSIBLE:
1) Be responsible and return your homework completed and on time.
2) Ensure all notes are taken home and given to your parents.
3) Make sure library books are kept safe and returned before the due date.
4) Return all notes and money on time.

Athletics News

Congratulations to the Bald Hills State School age champions for 2013:


Congratulations also to the following students who have qualified to compete in the Metropolitan North Regional Track and Field Championships: Georgia H (100m, 200m, long jump and high jump), Maxine P (high jump), Hayley S (high jump), Lucas B (800m and high jump), Keegan V (shot put and discus). These students will be representing Bramble Bay and competing against other districts in Metropolitan North. Well done and good luck!

Emma Hughes, PE Teacher

Book Fair and Character Dress-Up Reminder

Book Fair; library; Friday 23 August - Thursday 29 August. Hundreds of books for sale! Open from 8:15am-8:50am, 2:55pm-3:45pm and lunchtime for students with money.

Character Dress-Up Day; 28 August. For a gold coin donation for the library, come dressed as your favourite book character! Let’s celebrate books and reading!

Year One - Student Cards

Student Cards sent home to our Year 1 parents, please return to the teachers by Friday 23 August, 2013. Amended and signed or if no amendments please returned signed.
Music News
Northside District Junior Music Camp
A number of children in their second year of strings OR first year of band will be attending this camp from Monday 9 September to Wednesday 11 September.
Children attending are: Olivia H, Thomas H, Samantha S, Jayden W, Ellynn B, Emily L, Portia C, Connor B-C, Alice R, Xander C, Sophie S, Paige T, Aidan S, Lily H, Emily C, Chloe L, Max W & Ella W. I’m sure they will have a great time.

Junior Choir
The Junior Choir will be performing on parade Wednesday 28 August. This group doesn’t always get a lot of performances and it was thought it would be nice to give them a chance to present some of the songs they have been working on. Hope some of you will be able to attend this parade.

Marion Wood, Music Teacher

Prep News
The Prep Information Evening encouraged parents to register for the Prep Pre-Prep Program starting Thursday 29 August from 2pm—3pm. Please contact the office if you still need to register and also arrange your compulsory Prep interview scheduled 24 and 25 October 2013.

Prep enrolments for 2014 are still welcomed. Contact the office to collect an enrolment application.

3A News
The 3A school photo booklet can be exchanged once your copy has been handed into the office.

Tuckshop News
Have a fantastic week...

August Roster
Mon 26 Linda S
Tues 27 Tracy B & Linda S
Wed 28 Lisa H & Tania M
Thurs 29 Mel B & help needed

P&C News
Fete News
There are just over 8 weeks to go until Fete Day 2013 is here! Please read the Fete insert for all information.

This week we are asking for donations of cans of soft drinks, 1.25L bottles of soft drinks, new stuffed toys and dry baking ingredients. ALL items can be taken to the Tuckshop.

Father’s Day
Don’t forget it’s Dad’s special day in just over a week! On Friday 30 August there will be a Father’s Day Stall outside the Tuckshop where your children can purchase items between 50 cents and $5. If you can spare an hour to help run this special event please put down your name on the roster at the Tuckshop OR email pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au.

Camp Australia
Camp Australia have introduced new staff and children’s faces. We welcome them all to the centre. We would also like to remind all parents and carers to check with Angela that your enrolment form is up to date, such as emergency contacts and medical needs. These items are extremely important for the safety and wellbeing of your child whilst in our care. We would also like to remind parents and carers to notify Angela or Camp Australia of your child’s absences. This saves time and worry. We hope you all enjoyed your ekka week last week!! Don’t forget that Holiday club programs are out and you can book in now. From all the staff at Bald Hills Camp Australia :)

Flyers home this week
Breast Cancer Charity Ride Colouring in Competition via enewsletter to be returned Wednesday 28 August at 9am to school office.

Important Dates
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, 9am-12:30pm
Early Days Workshop—Year 1 History—Hall
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 — gold coin donation
School Banking & Assembly SWPBS Swap Shop
Thursday 29 August
Pre-Prep Program 2-3pm L Block
Father’s Day Stall
Friday 30 August
Trevena Glen Farm PT & PA
Tuesday 3 September
Prep-Year 3 Athletics day
Breakfast Club 8am - 8:45am under Admin
Thursday 5 September
Pre-Prep Program 2-3pm L Block
Friday 6 September
Year 4 Sparks Program—Library
World Teacher Aide Day
Sunday 8 September
Sandgate School’s Choir Clash
Monday 9 September
District Junior Beginners Music Camp Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 10 September
Parent Teacher Interviews
District Junior Beginners Music Camp
Breakfast Club 8am - 8:45am under Admin
Wednesday 11 September
Parent Teacher Interviews
District Junior Beginners Music Camp P&C Meeting 7pm Library
Thursday 12 September
Pre-Prep Program 2-3pm L Block