22 May 2014

**Every Day Counts—Aiming for a 96% attendance rate**

We will shortly send out letters requesting parents and caregivers to advise the school the reasons for a student’s absence if an explanation was not received at the time of the absence. Your response to the letter allows us to maintain correct school attendance records.

There is a clear connection between a student’s attendance and his or her performance. Not only does every day count, but every hour, indeed every minute, can be crucial. Students who regularly arrive late can be disadvantaged because they miss an important orientation phase of a lesson, don’t know the connection to something previously learned or just feel stressed about coming in late.

Teachers mark the roll in the first five minutes of the day so they can get started with teaching. Any student that is not present for the marking of the roll has to report to the office so they can be marked present. This procedure means their late arrival does not interrupt the learning of others, but it does result in the loss of more of their learning time.

Likewise, leaving school early also impacts on learning. All of the school day is important. Please help your son or daughter by ensuring they are on time each day, ready to learn, and are present for the full day.

When a student is away, advising the office about the absence, and the reasons, also assists in us keeping accurate records at school.

**Electronic Newsletter to be introduced!**

The school is moving towards the introduction of electronic newsletters. This will reduce our environmental footprint, save time which will be directed to learning programs, and hopefully improve communication between school and home. E-newsletters will become the usual way of communicating to the school community in early term 3. If we do not have your email address at the school please contact the office to update your record.
Help us help you....
On occasions office staff have been asked to pass on phone messages to students. While these usually do get to the students, there have been occasions when the message did not get to the student before the end of the school day. You can assist us in passing on phone messages to students by;

a) only asking office staff to do this in genuine cases of emergency,
b) allowing sufficient time for the message to get to classes.

Office may have to check specialist timetables, or track down a class working away from their room, to pass on messages. Asking for a message to be passed on just before the end of the day may result in the message not getting through to the students.

For safety reasons, please reinforce that if a student has not been picked up by the sounding of the 3:15 bell, they must report to the office. We can then supervise the student and ensure they are safe, but also make contact with home, or if they missed a message pass it on to them at that point.

Parents and caregivers can also greatly assist the office by returning forms and money for events by the due date. The school often has to confirm numbers, book buses and arrange activities based on returned forms. Having accurate, and timely, information to organise activities greatly assists in ensuring smooth organisation of events. Having to change bookings is inefficient and can impact on the effective operations in the schools office, and the event.

David Turner
Principal

From the DP
Interschool sport — Round 1

Interschool sport commences this week with Round 1 of games being played on Friday 23 May. For those parents and car- ers who would like to go along and watch the games, the venues are as follows:

- Netball — Taigum State School
- Soccer — Curlew Park
- League — Sandgate District High School

There are still a small number of students who are yet to pay for interschool sport. The payment is a contribution to the cost of chartering buses.

Unfortunately, students who have not paid, or have not made payment arrange- ments with the office, will not be allowed to travel on the bus and will remain here at school.

School Wide Positive Behaviour

As part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour program a Swap Shop was held this week. It was great to see so many Bald Hills students exchanging their sets of collectable tree cards for a range of different prizes.

The next Swap Shop will be held on Wednesday 11 June (Week 8) so students have another 3 weeks to collect as many cards as they can by following our four school rules.

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Learn Lenny says:
Strive to do your best at all times

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From the Office
LOST PROPERTY

We have a lot of lost property items at the office. Please come and check the items to see if any of them belong to your child.

REPORT CARDS

Student Report cards are due out at the end of this term. Please notify the office if a second parent who doesn't reside with the child requires a copy of the report card.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2014

Photo envelopes were given out to students on Wednesday 14 May 2014. Please return these envelopes to your class teacher before Monday 2 June 2014 or bring on photo day.

Students are reminded to wear full formal school uniform on photo day.

Family/sibling photo envelopes can be collected from the office prior to photo day.

Chappy News

DAYS AVAILABLE – Mon Tues Wed

BREAKFAST CLUB — TUESDAY 8AM CHAPPY CHILL OUT ZONE – TUES LUNCH (YRS1-3)

KRAVE KIDS CLUB – WED LUNCH (YRS 3-7)

Look out for our “CHANGE FOR CHAPLAIN- CY” money boxes which are being launched as part of our Chaplaincy Week Celebrations. Each family will be given a red money box that can be filled with small change. When your box is full it can be returned to the school office and ex- changed for a MCDONALDS CERTIFICATE (thanks Rod, Bracken Ridge McDonalds!) and voucher for each child in your family.

The money raised from our Change for Chaplaincy project will fund valuable re- sources and programs specifically used to assist children and families in our school.

Chaplaincy Week is being celebrated by over 500 Chaplains employed by SU QLD in State Schools all over Queensland this week. Chaplains are available to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to students, parents and staff where needed.
SU QLD’s vision is to see each child and young person connected and supported in community, serving others, and experiencing fullness of life.

Chappy Kylie

**Music Notes**

**BYB14 - Sunday 25 May**
At 12.35pm the Concert Band will be performing at this community function held in McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge. As the band is only fairly small, it is extremely important that all the members attend. It is also a good run through for Fanfare the next day. Hope to see you there.

**Fanfare - Monday 26 May**
The Concert Band is participating in the Departmental function on Monday 26 May. Good Luck! I’m sure you will perform well.

**QYMA - Thursday 29 May**
The Young Voices Choir will be performing in QYMA on Thursday 29 May at The Gap State High School commencing at 6.30pm. Please remember there is an entry fee of $10.00 per adult for this event (payable at the door). Good Luck to this group as well.

**Returning Notices**
It is extremely important that notices be returned so that lists can be produced of those children participating. Even if your child is unable to attend, PLEASE return the form.

**Instrumental/Choir Levies**
There are a large number of families who have not paid this fee. The amounts are:-
- Young Voices Choir - $10.00
- OWN Instrument and PERCUSSION - $35.00
- SCHOOL Instrument - $80.00.

I’m sure this has been an oversight! Please make the required payment as soon as possible as this money is need to purchase music etc.

**P & C News**
If anyone works for a company that does grants for schools please let us know. We are always looking for different ideas to raise money for the school.

STATE OF ORIGIN day is Wednesday 28 May. Children can wear maroon or blue and bring a gold coin donation. Children not wanting to wear these colours MUST wear school uniform. It is NOT a free dress day.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are due back on 29 May. A personalised notice went out this week. If you have brought a book or sent the book back please disregard this notice. All books and money need to be returned to the office. Thank you to all who have done so, so far.

FUN RUN money should be back by now. The date has been extended until Monday 26 May as we have a lot outstanding. Any money needs to be put in the P&C box at the Tuckshop.

BOOKCLUB was due back last Friday. The next issue will be out next week and is due back on 6 June.

If you are around the Tuckshop please stop and see if Kylie needs a hand. She has two fractured ribs so could use all available help.

Have a great week.
Tanya May — President

**Tuckshop News**
Thank you to everyone who was involved with helping out with everything last week. We were very busy. If you have any time to spare we would love to meet you. Pop in and say hello.

Thanks Kylie and Mel

**Uniform Shop News**
Hours - Wednesday 8am - 10am and Friday 2:15 - 3:15pm

**Community News**
C&K Bald Hills Community Kindergarten will be open for viewing on Saturday 24 May 2014 between 10am and 12 midday. Waiting list application forms will be available on the day or you can add to the online waiting list at [http://www.candk.asn.au/baldhills](http://www.candk.asn.au/baldhills)

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