



# BALD HILLS

## State School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

### HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ EFFECTIVELY

#### Quick questionnaire

Children should all be able to read by the time they are six years old. Y/N

Reading is a simple process based on one skill alone. Y/N

Children only improve if you hear them read. Y/N

Parent/home involvement is a small part of learning to read. Y/N

Successful assistance to be based on really good books. Y/N

A child's reading should be fully developed by age of twelve. Y/N

Anyone can teach a child to read. Y/N

It is best if you select your child's reading material. Y/N

We should compare the child's ability with other members of the family or class. Y/N

Children should be made to do their reading or homework the way their parents did (methods and techniques). Y/N

If you answer "No" to all these statements you have obviously had experience in helping children and have given the matter a great deal of thought. If you answered "Yes" you are not necessarily wrong, but, the statements involve complexities that can not be easily dismissed.

Now that you are interested and prepared to argue on some of the answers, tune in next week and become more "aware" of the ways you can help us help your children.

### REFLECTING ON YOUR ATTENDANCE PATTERNS

Queensland state schooling data, including our school data, indicates that:

- **the recommended attendance range is between 95 and 100% attendance rate. Over a 12 year period a student who attends 92% of the time will have lost almost 1 year of school contact.**

- strong links have been established between attendance in one year and student achievement in the same year and in the future

- every extra day attended increases a student's likelihood of achieving at a higher level and reaching higher post schooling outcomes

- past attendance is the best predictor of future attendance particularly after the student enters secondary schooling

- early establishment of good attendance behaviour is likely to have lasting benefits for students on average

- conversely, we can use attendance information to predict students who may be at risk of falling behind

- primary schools: Year 1 students who attended less than 85% of the time were more likely to repeat this attendance pattern at Year 2 and Year 3 and more likely to perform poorly on their Year 3 NAPLAN tests

- a sample of over 36000 Queensland State secondary students: those who attended less than 80% of the time in Junior Secondary were more than twice as likely not to complete Year 12 and over 8 times more likely not to be OP eligible

- Mondays and Fridays and days adjacent to public holidays are more likely to be absented by students. We need to help students understand the value of continuous schooling and to minimise the impact of family events on learning is critically important for a student's academic success

- students not present in school are more likely to miss critical learning building blocks and are, as a result, less likely to feel a sense of mastery over the curriculum and their own learning

### GUIDING CHILDREN'S CONFLICT RESOLUTION

From time to time students have difficulty with their friendships. As parents we want our children to be happy and have friends to play with. When our child comes home upset about issues relating to relationships at school, parents often wonder how to deal with the situation.



Bald Hills State School P&C Association meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. (All parents are invited to attend) Email: pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au  
Tuckshop: Morning Tea & Lunch Orders Phone 3261 4551 | Uniform Shop: Wednesday - 8:00 to 10:00am - Friday - 2:30 to 3:30pm

The following is from the website titled 'Kids Matter' <http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/about-friendship/resolving-conflict/resolving-conflict-suggestions-families>

There may be some useful hints for you or it may reaffirm that you are on the right track when dealing with the complexity of our children's mental and social wellbeing. Relationship skills are important to a child's future success as an adult as well as their day-to-day life. As we grow up we need to know how to make and maintain friendships, resolve conflict, make decisions and solve problems to get along in the world. With positive and effective guidance from families, children can develop these life skills and experience good mental health and wellbeing. Positive friendships are important for children's mental health, as they provide a means of support and help to develop their social and emotional skills. To have good friends, children need good friendship skills - like being able to communicate, cooperate, and manage feelings. Children need adults to help manage their friendships and improve these important skills. Conflict with others is a normal part of life for children because they all have different needs and preferences. Problems often arise because children don't have the skills to avoid or resolve conflict alone. Adults can help children to share needs, listen to each other, and come up with ideas to resolve conflict.



**Cheers**  
**Glen Robertson, Principal**

## From the DP

### Rule of the Week

Our focus rule for this week is to Be Responsible with Responsible Ronnie and hand in your homework on time. Teachers will be giving reminders about this focus over the next week and will be expecting the following:

- Students hand in homework completed and on time
- All notes are taken home and given to parents
- Library books are kept safe and returned before the due date
- All excursion permission notes and payments are returned on time

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge draws to a close this Friday 26 August. **All forms need to be handed to teachers by Friday 2 September** to ensure that students receive

a participation certificate. **No late forms will be accepted.** Certificates will be handed out in November. Classes that have had students read a combined total of 150 books will also receive a certificate to display in their rooms. We thank all parents who have spent time encouraging and facilitating their children to complete this challenge over the last few months!

### Club Day

Thank-you to the students who came dressed in their club uniforms yesterday. The event was a huge success, raising \$488.30 for the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee to use towards funding our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. A list of local clubs that students are participating in will be listed in next week's newsletter.

**Sharon Blake – Deputy Principal**

## Student of the Week

1K	Maynard	1K	Karlie
1L	Ella	1L	Miley
1M	Summer	1M	Isabella
1W	Troy	1W	Cohen
3D	Aatahua	3D	Alyssa
3R	Lachlan	3R	Shaye
2/3P	Jessica	2/3P	James
2/3T	Noah	2/3T	Haden
5A	Oliver	5A	Grace
5C	Ariel	5C	Xander
5D	Riley	5D	Kobi
5S	Ben	5S	Harley

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Let's Spell

By Mrs Bird's Spelling Group – Ashlee R, Caitlyn J, Rayden K, Ben S & Charlie G.

#### Did you know?

The collective nouns for these animals are:

- A murder of crows - A tower of giraffes
- A mob of emus—A zeal of zebras
- A swarm of bees—A colony of ants
- A gaggle of geese—A pride of lions.

#### Olympic Champions!

#### Did you know?

**Caitlyn J** can recite the months of the year backwards in 4 seconds! Olympic Gold!

**Ben S** can spell 'antidisestablishmentarianism'. Olympic Gold! **Ashlee R** can recite all the States of America in alphabetical order in under 2 minutes. Olympic Gold!

## Music Notes

As part of the Music curriculum, an **African drummer** from Ghana will be visiting the school to give the students an insight into his culture and music on **Tuesday 13**

**September 2016**. This is a small peak into another culture for the children. **This performance is available to all the year levels and will be presented in the school Hall during school time lasting approximately 50 minutes.**

### Instrumental Program in 2017

Information is being sent to ALL children in Years 2, 3 & 4 regarding the selection of children into the Instrumental Program in 2017. If you wish your child to be considered, please complete the attached form and return it to the office by the end of this Term - 16 September. There will be a Parent Information Night on Monday 10 October commencing at 7.00pm in the Music Room. The Instrumental teachers will outline the program at this time. Put the date in your diary!

### Young Voices Choir

Information regarding joining Young Voice in 2017 will be sent to those children who have indicated they would like to join the group next year. Young Voices is open to children in Years 4, 5 & 6 next year. If your child wishes to join and has not received a letter by next week, please contact Miss Wood so that a copy can be forwarded to you.

### 150th Celebrations - 10 September

The following groups will be performing on this day: - Junior Choir, Concert Band, String Ensemble and current Young Voices Choir. Times for these performances will be published shortly.

**Marion Wood—Music Teacher**

## Library News

Thank you for the donations of cardboard rolls that we have received over the last week. Parents, just a reminder about the return of library books! Please, it would greatly help us for you to take note of when your child has library day as often the children forget to return their books. Also please encourage your child to make a special place to keep their book/s at home so that they can be easily found. Finally Book Club orders are due back on Monday. **A school badge was lost from the Library last week, and it is of sentimental value to its owner. It was quite old with blue and red colouring, and on it was a cross with Latin words around it. If found please hand it in to the library, thank you.**

Happy Reading.

**Josephine Bacayo—Librarian**

## PE News

Prep to Year 2s have been playing polo hockey games. They have been learning the importance of sportsmanship, as well as learning new skills. Year 3 to Year 6 have been playing netball games. This has proven to be a challenge for some as they are not used to playing stationary games. The rule "stepping" is a concept that is now being grasped by all. As with the younger year level the focus has been on participation and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Parker 6K for being selected in the Metropolitan North Track and Field team to compete at the Queensland Track and Field Championships at QSAC in October. Parker came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 11 Year Boys shot put and finished a commendable 8<sup>th</sup> in 11 Year Boys High Jump achieving a personal best of 130cm. We wish parker the best with this preparation for the state championship.



Yours in sport

**Kylie Innes—HPE teacher**

## Forestry News

We had a lot of students keen to plant Lomandras in readiness for the 150th celebrations and to help control erosion on the slopes of the Forestry.



**Louise Brennan**

## Chappy News

The Chaplaincy Program will be looking after the Devonshire Tea stand at the 'Back to Bald Hills' Fair on Saturday 10 September. We are looking for scone bakers as well as some wonderful volunteers on the day. Devonshire Tea Sign Up [www.volunteersignup.org/4D93J](http://www.volunteersignup.org/4D93J) There have been a number of families asking about KRAVE HOLIDAY CLUB! September 27-29! Yes it's back and I'm really looking forward to being part of this fabulous local kid's holiday program again. Over 50 Bald Hills State School students attended last year along with many other students from local schools. For more information about any of the above contact Kylie - [kcono0@eq.edu.au](mailto:kcono0@eq.edu.au)

**Chappy Kylie**



## P & C News

Our annual Father's Day stall will be held on Thursday 1 September. Items range in price from 50c to \$5. Students will visit the stall with their class throughout the day. Prep students should bring their money in a named envelope or ziplock bag and hand in to the teacher for safe keeping. Items for sale for Dad/Pop/Grandad include photo frames, mugs, water bottles, caps, wash bags, pens, key rings, stress balls, lanyards, car air fresheners and much more. We will operate the stall after school if there are any items left for sale. There is a volunteer roster on the wall outside tuckshop. If you can spare an hour or more we would love to see you there!

**P&C Executive**

## Tuckshop News

Island way sorbets are still available for \$2.50. Ice blocks are priced from 50c-\$2.50. The new Finding Dory ice blocks are extremely popular right now and are selling for \$2.00ea

**Roster**

**Monday 29 August** - Mel M

**Tuesday 30 August** - Lisa W

**Wednesday 31 August**- Vicki P, Kat M, Stacie G

**Thursday 1 September** - Donna V, Peta B,, Joy Bells

**Friday 2 September** - Mel B, Leanne H, Alicia S

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Many hands make a great event! See below for areas where we are looking for volunteers. All rosters are available from the links below.

Prep—Snack Bar & Healthy Food Canteen

[www.volunteersignup.org/CEL43](http://www.volunteersignup.org/CEL43)

**Year 1**—Cake Stall

[www.volunteersignup.org/A8YJB](http://www.volunteersignup.org/A8YJB)

**Year 2**—Junior Oval Drink Stall

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**Year 3**—Memorabilia

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**Year 4**—Raffles

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**Year 5**—Bar

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**Year 6**—Car Parking (senior oval)

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**First Aid** [www.volunteersignup.org/TB4FL](http://www.volunteersignup.org/TB4FL)

**Pack-up Crew**

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**Cleaning Crew**

[www.volunteersignup.org/YRPQT](http://www.volunteersignup.org/YRPQT)

**Setup Crew**

[www.volunteersignup.org/XP87W](http://www.volunteersignup.org/XP87W)

**Devonshire Tea**

[www.volunteersignup.org/4D93J](http://www.volunteersignup.org/4D93J)

**Past Student and Staff Sign-in**

[www.volunteersignup.org/33797](http://www.volunteersignup.org/33797)

More information about the plans for the Back to Bald Hills Fair can be found on the school website, in the Community Section.

## Community News Kindergarten



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No profit will be made by Bald Hills Kindy as this is solely an opportunity for the community to participate in valuable training. Participants will be responsible for paying the trainer directly on the night.

**Kind regards**

**Trish Hassum**

## Important Dates

<b>Friday 26 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interschool Sport</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 29 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Footsteps Year 1 - 3</li> <li>Prep History Incursion</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 30 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prep Stay and Play 3</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 2 September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interschool Sport</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 5 September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Footsteps Year 1—3</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 7— Friday 9 September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northside Honours Music Camp</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 9 September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interschool Sport</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday 10 September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>150th Anniversary</li> </ul>

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You will need to follow this path: [SUPPORT AND RESOURCES/FORMS AND DOCUMENTS/DOCUMENTS](http://www.baldhillss.eq.edu.au/SUPPORT_AND_RESOURCES/FORMS_AND_DOCUMENTS/DOCUMENTS).

**KRAVE** 2016  
 Holiday Club  
**Cost**  
 \$15 - 1 day  
 \$40 - 3 days  
**Who**  
 Kids in Prep - Year 6  
**When**  
 27th - 29th September  
 9am - 3pm  
**Where**  
 Bracken Ridge Baptist Church  
 47 Norris Road

To secure your place fill out the registration form found at [www.krave.org.au](http://www.krave.org.au) and return it via email to [kraveholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:kraveholidayclub@gmail.com) and for more information call 3201 5045

Zillmere Festival

Saturday 28 August - 10am - 5pm

Zillmere Station cul-de-sac

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 Sunday mornings - 9:00 - 10:00am  
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28 August, 4th and 11th September 2016

**Where:**  
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**How Much:**  
 \$65 - Includes 3 week program, Softball glove and ball OR Softball bat for returning participants!

**More info:**  
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