26 June 2014

Year Seven students testing their balloon cars in the hall at the end of their current science unit.

Staff Changes for Semester 2
As we come to the end of first semester we are, unfortunately, farewelling three of our teaching staff. Miss Rachel Haag, who has been spearheading the science project, is leaving us at the end of this week. While we are only half way through the science project we are already seeing improved results in student learning in the science learning area. This is in no small part due to Rachel’s enthusiasm for teaching, scientific knowledge and commitment to the students.

Mr Mick See, our Teacher Librarian, has decided to retire and Mrs Ruth Snoswell, who has been working in our Special Education Program is also leaving us. Both have made important contributions to our school and the learning of our students. I wish Rachel, Mick and Ruth all the best with their future endeavours.

Mrs Serena McCoy will be returning from maternity leave next term and will be teaching on Fridays in 4B. Ms Nicholson will be moving to the SEP for two days per week and taking up the position vacated by Mrs Snoswell. Recruiting for the science position and Teacher Librarian will be completed over the break.

I hope everyone has a relaxing mid-year break. School starts back on Monday 14th July.

David Turner
Principal
From the DP

A focus of Science
This semester the school implemented a science specialist program for students in Years 5 to 7. This program enabled students in these year levels to work with Miss Rachel Haag, our specialist science teacher in a scientific environment using our purpose built science lab. We also offered to Year 4 students a science enrichment program with entry into the enrichment program based on the results of diagnostic testing.

Throughout the semester students have had the opportunity to engage in a range of scientific investigations, including building a balloon powered vehicle to investigate the effects of forces, experimenting with circuits to examine energy transformations and looking at the chemical composition of mixtures, pure substances and solutions.

The success of this specialist science program is already being revealed in our school science data. All students in the program undertook PAT Science testing 7 weeks into the program last term. This data was then compared to students PAT Science testing from November 2013. The data showed a significant improvement in science knowledge for the majority of students, with large numbers of students having a 10-40 percentile increase in their science knowledge and understanding. We have also seen an increase in the number of students achieving at an A or B level against the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard for Science.

It is with sadness that we farewell Miss Haag who is leaving the school at the end of this semester. Miss Haag has made an enormous contribution to the school and in particular to the establishment of the specialist science program. Her hard work and dedication has made a difference to student learning and achievement in science. The science specialist program will continue next semester and on behalf of the school community I would like to thank Miss Haag for the establishment of the program on which we can continue to build.

Libby Bond
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Be a Tall Tree
- Be a Learner,
- Be Respectful,
- Be Responsible,
- Be safe!

Office News

Lost Property
We have some items in lost property at the office. If your child has lost any items, they may be at the office. Please make some time to come and check if any items here belong to your child.

Newsletter
Communication with parents and caregivers is important to us, therefore we are implementing a new newsletter distribution starting from next term. We envisage that our newsletter will be electronically sent via email to the majority of parents and caregivers and only producing paper copies to families with no email request stated.

Your child was recently given a newsletter/email permission slip. Please complete it and return it to the office as soon as possible. If you do not have a copy, please contact the office.

The admin team would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, and we will see you all next term.

Carol, Kursty and Helina

Chappy News

DISCO
Thank you so much Bald Hills for your wonderful support of the Chaplaincy Disco last Friday night with 300 + children/families attending and just over $2000 being raised to be able to continue the Chaplaincy program here.

My sincerest apologies for the mix up in the times that were advertised and for any inconvenience that may have caused.

A very special thank you to those that assisted on the evening and to the wonderful sponsors below for your generous donations:
- Graham (Bracken Ridge Baptist Church)
- Luke Howarth MP Federal Member Petrie
- Bald Hills Presbyterian Church

Volunteers
- Rod Bracken Ridge McDonalds
- Bold Coffee Bald Hills
- Lisa Howkee and Parents for Home Bake
- Teresa Coffee Cart
- Margaret and Mary Harkins (knitted beanies, gloves and headbands)

GUESS THE LOLLY COMPETITION
Well done to the Student Council/Welfare Committee for organising and running the ‘Guess The Lolly Competition.’ $53.80 was raised for Hoola Hoops for Orphaned Children in Thailand. This is one of the projects that a team and I are involved and travelling with over the school holidays will be involved with so I will have great delight in letting them know that there are many caring children at BHSS.

Happy Holiday’s Everyone!

Chappy Kylie

Music Notes

Bramble Bay Schools’ Music Festival
By now you should all have received a letter regarding Term 3 function if your child is in Concert Band, String Ensemble or Young Voices Choir. If you have NOT received this as yet, please contact the school. The forms, along with payment is to be handed in to the school office by this Friday, June 27 2014.

Marion Wood
Music Teacher

Talent Night
Come along for a great night of entertainment. Hot food, Sweets and Drinks available from 6.00pm.

Thank you to all the local businesses who donated prizes for the Talent Night. Please continue to support these businesses -
- McDonalds Bracken Ridge
- Just about U Beauty
- Charisma Hair design
- The Bonny View Tavern
- Artie’s Music Max Strathpine who are relocating to 700 Gympie Road, Lawnton on July 1.

Thank you to Gold River Jewellers Geebung for sponsoring the Talent Night. Gold River Jewellers are opening a new store at

Flyers home this week
NIL
North Lakes on July 5. Thank you to The Northern Suburbs Country Music Club for donating the Prize Money. They meet in the Bald Hills Hall every Thursday Night. Please call Jim Dionysius for any information on 0438 785 601.

Lisa Howkee (Music Supporters Group)

P & C News

We would like to acknowledge and thank all our awesome volunteers who have helped out this term with both the Tuckshop and our fundraisers. Your help and assistance improved the smooth running of the P&C activities.

Happy birthday to our much loved Tuckshop lady, Kylie. I hope you were spoilt rotten.

Well done to our own Donna Wastie who attempted the Oxfam walk last weekend. She may not have finished and spent a few days in hospital for dehydration but she gave it a go and did her best.

FUN RUN prizes were handed out this week. Some kids handed their prize forms in late so they will come in a second order after the holidays.

BOOKCLUB hopefully books will be here before end of term. Late orders will be here after the holidays.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS need to be returned ASAP. We still have 50 books outstanding. Please return them to the office. Any outstanding after the holidays will be personally contacted.

If you received a letter and have returned or brought a book, please write it on the note and return it to the office.

We wish everyone a safe and fun filled holiday.

Tanya May
President

Tuckshop News

After recently reading an article in the courier mail about how tuckshops are closing down due to lack of volunteers, I am appreciative of the amount of amazing volunteers we have at our Tuckshop. From the bakers to the ladies that come in once a month or those that come in daily. We even have teachers that help out on our busy days. So if you ever see one of our lovely volunteers please stop and thank them.

Thanks Kylie and Mel

ROSTER

MON 14 July - Mel M
TUES 15 July - Lembe L
WED 16 July - Kay, Tanya Mc
THURS 17 July - Cherisse M, Donna V
FRI 18 July - Alicia, Leanne H, Liz H, Sue G

Uniform Shop News

OPENING HOURS:
Wednesday 8am -10am and
Friday 2:15pm—3:15pm

Thanks Mel

Community News

Ross’ On Court Tennis
Tennis Coaching—Term 3
at Bald Hills State School
Taking new enrolments for Term 3
Open to all from Prep to Year 7
Classes — Before School and After School on a Thursday and Friday.
To sign-on
phone Ross on 3264 3976

Important Dates

Thursday 26 June
Report Cards go home
Talent Quest 7pm

Friday 27 June
Tall Tree Celebration
Last day of Term 2

Saturday 28 June—Sunday 13 July
Winter Break

Monday 14 July
First Day of Term 3

Monday 14 July
Prep 2015
Enrolment Day

Monday 14—Thursday 31 July
P&C Music Fundraiser—Lamington Drive

Monday 28—Thursday 31 July
Bramble Bay School’s Music Festival

WINDSOR SCHOOL AGE CARE CENTRE - FIRST DAY IS ON US
Windsor School Age Care Centre (WSACC) is Brisbane’s only school age child care centre now open week nights until 10.00pm and weekends. WSACC is a community based not-for-profit primary school-age child care centre, providing quality, affordable and accessible care for primary school aged children on north-side Brisbane. We are proudly community based, we place absolute priority in the wellbeing of the children and pride ourselves in providing children with a sense of belonging and a place where they feel secure, supported and confident.

WSACC has been serving the local community and has been an integral part of the north-side Brisbane community for more than 35 years. While WSACC is based at Windsor, its services are available to families across Brisbane. With the support of the Australian Government Childcare Flexibility Fund, WSACC has extended its opening hours to include weeknights to 10pm and Saturday and Sunday from 6am to 10pm.

WE LOVE OUR CENTRE AND WE THINK YOUR CHILDREN WILL TOO. SO WHY NOT TRY US OUT. YOUR FIRST DAY IS ON US. For further information please call us on (07) 3357 9848 or visit us at www.wsacc.org.au

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