27 October 2016

Dear Parents

THANKYOU

This Friday we are celebrating the work put in by our Tuckshop volunteers. We have many parents who give up their time to work in our fabulous tuckshop. It really is the social hub for parents in our school. The staff also enjoy the constant good humour and atmosphere that surrounds this important aspect of the Bald Hills culture. It is wonderful to have a tuckshop that operates five days a week, and this is not possible without our support of volunteers. Again Thank you.

OPINION SURVEYS

Thank you to the 59 parents, 113 students and 33 staff who completed the School Opinion Survey. It is pleasing to see improvement in areas that we have been working on. Improvement in our data from previous years include:

- Parent survey – 33 of the 35 statements indicate an improvement in parent satisfaction from 2014/15.
- Student survey - 28 of the 33 statements indicate an improvement in student satisfaction from 2014/15.
- Staff survey - 33 of the 42 statements indicate an improvement in student satisfaction from 2014/15.

Particular highlights include: areas of 100% satisfaction

- My child likes being at school.
- Teachers in this school are interested in my child’s wellbeing.
- This is a good school.
- I feel this school is safe.
- Students are treated fairly at this school.
- Student behaviour is well managed at this school.
- Staff are well supported at this school.
- This school looks for ways to improve.
- Students with disability are well supported at this school.

The main area for improvement highlighted by staff, students and parents is in the delivery of technology.

NEW SMS MESSAGING SYSTEM

The new SMS Messaging System is now in full operation at our school. Any student who is absent and the school has not been notified (either through a phone call to the absence line or in person by a parent/caregiver) will automatically be sent an SMS requesting parents to advise the school of the absence. If you do receive an SMS, please respond to the SMS immediately if possible. Our first priority is student safety and we would appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that we are aware of the whereabouts of every student. Students who arrive after 8:50am are required to attend the office and receive a late slip for recording in the teachers’ roll documents.
WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
Every day, teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people. World Teacher Appreciation Day is celebrated in Australia on the last Friday of October. This year World Teachers’ Day will be celebrated in Queensland on Friday 28 October. Saying ‘Thank You’ is so important, easy to do and means so much to the person on the receiving end. If you would like to make your thank you a little more creative here’s some inspiration – thanks to Pinterest – on how you can say ‘thank you’ to the teachers at Bald Hills State School on their special day.


Cheers
Glen Robertson, Principal

From the Deputy
Rule of the Week
Our focus rule for this week is to be safe with Safety Sam and play safely. Over the next week, teachers will be explicitly teaching and reviewing the following expectations:
- Use ‘soft touch’ only for all games e.g. taggy, touch football (no tackling)
- Follow the rules of the game
- Problem solve any issues
- Be responsible for all sports equipment
- Play in designated areas only
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship

Thank-you for supporting our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) whole school rules!

2017 Class Allocations
Teachers will soon begin formulating classes for 2017, taking into account several sets of information, including academic data, behaviour data and friendship groups. Parents who would like to submit specific requests relating to student needs are welcome to email me at admin@baldhillss.eq.edu.au before 9am Wednesday 9 November. If you have detailed needs to discuss then please arrange a meeting with me through the office ladies.

Please be mindful that we will endeavour to match your child with at least one friend. However, it is not reasonable to request multiple friends within the same class, especially when teachers are trying to balance academic and behaviour needs across year levels. We also discourage the requesting of specific teachers. Teachers are not allocated to year levels until after classes are finalized.

Parents will be contacted regarding requests that cannot be fulfilled. As we have tight timelines for devising class lists for 2017, any information or requests received after 9am Wednesday November 9 will not be taken into consideration in the formulation of classes for 2017.

Sharon Blake – Deputy Principal

Student of the Week
Sahira PB Lucas PB
Traeycin PH Tyler PH
Brianna PK Thomas PK
Gemma PS Marshall PS
Phoenix 2B Gabriel 2B
Mietta 2R Jorge 2R
Isabella 2W Adam 2W
Shriyans 4B Lamond 4B
Jack 4C Lachlan 4C
Aiden 4V Junior 4V
Lily 6C Dain 6C
George 6H Lorahdai 6H
Ethan 6K Sascha 6K

Classroom News

Music Notes
Music Camp Notices
Friday this week (October 28) is the LAST day to return any outstanding notices. Even if your child WILL NOT be attending the camp next year, please return the notice. It is planned to send more information out next week.

Showcase - Wednesday November 23
Hope you have put the date on your calendars! More details will follow over the next few weeks.

Instrumental Program 2017
The instrumental teachers are working their way through all the auditions for places for next year. Due to the number of children to be tested and continuing teaching of the current students, this step takes time. Be assured that offers will be made shortly.

Marion Wood—Music Teacher

Library
Our Book Fair has come to an end for another year and we would like to thank all who came to visit. Thanks also go to Vesna, who offered her time to assist us and to the Mums who kindly donated books to the Library. The Guessing Competition winners are: Caitlin (5S), Sacha (2B) and Lily (4B). They received vouchers for getting close to the correct number of 96 Gum Leaves in the bottle. Congratulations also to the Students whose names were chosen from the Book Parade draw:- Matiana and Amelia (5S), Doyle and Natalie (2/3P), Holly, Annaliese and Tyler (1L) and Lucas (PK). These Students all chose a book from the Fair.

Happy reading!

Mrs Josephine Bacayo – Teacher/Librarian

Forestry News
This Sunday afternoon is the 8th annual Prep planting. We will meet the Preppies and their Parents/Caregivers, 2pm at the lagoon (very bottom of the Forestry). Come and plant, then enjoy your own afternoon tea at the picnic tables. Eric McLeod will be visiting the Forestry as well. Eric planted Hoop Pines in the Forestry in 1935 as a young boy when he attended Bald Hills State School. He has propagated 4 Hoop Pines from his property and we will plant them on the day. Eric has many wonderful stories to tell about his time at Bald Hills.

Please RSVP to Louise Brennan: lbre2@eq.edu.au
This RSVP will help me in the ordering of the plants.

Thanks so much,
Louise Brennan

Chappy News
HELPING KIDS MAKE SENSE OF DISASTER
The recent event at Dreamworld is shocking for us to hear and process as adults. It’s important to recognise the impact events like this and the subsequent media coverage can have on children and young people. As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and horror of such tragedies. In reality we can’t do this.
What can we do when such events fill the airwaves and the consciousness of our children?
Here are some ideas
- 1. Remain calm and reassure children that they are safe. Children look to us for cues
on how to react. It’s ok for children to see adults sad or crying. Point out factors that ensure your child’s immediate safety.

2. Explain what happened. Talking about the tragedy can help children understand what happened, feel safe and begin to cope. If you don’t mention it they may hear about it elsewhere. Tell the truth, focus on the basics and avoid sharing unnecessary information.

3. Limit media exposure. Avoid repeated media coverage of the tragedy. Constant exposure can heighten anxiety.

4. Maintain the routine. Keeping the usual family routine creates a sense of normality. Including extra time to be together is reassuring and comforting for children.

5. Encourage expression of feelings. Explain that it’s ok to be upset or cry. Drawing, writing or physical activity might be a good outlet for strong feelings.


7. Seek extra support if needed. For yourself as well as you child. School Support Services like Chaplain or G.O or local Mental Health Provider.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.

Information sourced from www.paren
ingideas & www.mayoclinic.org

CHAPPY KYLIE

P & C News

Hi Everyone. Well this year is certainly coming to a close sooner then we think. As everybody is aware, the P&C are refunding $10 per PRE PURCHASED armbands only. Could I ask anyone that pre purchased arm bands for the 150th celebrations, collect their refund from the Tuckshop. The envelopes will be under your eldest child’s name. Also, the P&C would like to invite all our amazing

Tuckshop Volunteers to a morning tea on Friday 4 November at 9am. Location will be in the covered area out the front of tuckshop. This is to show our appreciation on World Tuckshop Day. We hope you can all make it.

Kind regards
Sharon Cox - President

Tuckshop News

Roster
Monday 31 October—Mel M
Tuesday 1 November— Penny C
Wednesday 2 November— Vicki P, Stacie G, Kat M
Thursday 3 November—Donna V, Joy Bells, Peta
Friday 4 November—Leanne H, Alicia S, Mel B, Zita J

Red Food Day has been postponed until Friday 18 November. Forms are out this week and MUST be returned to the Tuckshop by Monday 14 November. No late orders will be accepted.

Uniform Shop

Wednesday - 8.00 am - 10.00 am
Friday - 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Important Dates

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