



BALD HILLS

State School Newsletter

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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.

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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.

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

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.



<http://www.fundraisingdirectory.com.au/teacher-appreciation-gifts/>

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. tiggly, 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
Traecyn	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	Lorahdae	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:

lbren26@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.

6. Support children's concerns for others. Consider ways you and your family can help victims and their families.

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.parentingideas.com & www.mayoclinic.org

CHAPPY KYLIE



P & C News

Hi Everyone. Well this year is certainly coming to a close sooner than 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

Friday 28 October	Swimming Years 4 - 6
Monday 31 October	Swimming Years 1—3
Friday 4 November	Yr 4—6 - Intraschool Sport
Monday 7 November	Swimming Years 1—3
Monday 14 November	Swimming Years 1—3
Wednesday 16 November	P & C Meeting 7.00 pm
Friday 18 November	Red Food Day Yr 4—6 - Intraschool Sport
Monday 21 November	Swimming Years 1—3
Wednesday 23 November	2016 Musical Showcase
Thursday 24 November	Swimming Carnival Yrs 4—6
Friday 25 November	Yr 4—6 Intraschool Sport
Monday 28 November	Swimming Yrs 1-3 Pine Rivers High School Orientation Yr 7, 2017
Wednesday 30 November	BHSS Christmas Service Volunteer Chappy Morning Tea
Friday 2 December	Yrs 4-6 Intraschool Sport
Monday 5 December	Yr 5 End Of Year Swimming Celebration
Tuesday 6 December	Yr 4 End Of Year Water Park, Albany Creek Excursion Yr 6 Graduation
Friday 9 December	Last Day of School

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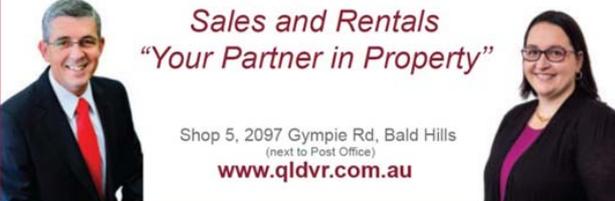
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