3 November 2016

Dear Parents

CAMP
I sit here today thinking of what a great bunch of students we have in year 6. I just can’t wait to be on the way to camp next week to help celebrate their final year at Bald Hills. Why do we look forward to camp? Students at Bald Hills State School are wonderful active learners - I am sure this is not news to you. Our team looks upon this camp as an opportunity to fulfill a number of objectives. These include environmental studies, social skills, leadership capabilities and an opportunity to celebrate. Our team is very aware of the constant effort our students put into learning every day. This camp does offer us an opportunity to reward our students. We will be doing our utmost to make sure they all have an experience of a lifetime while at camp. Keep an eye out in future newsletters and on Facebook for some photos and student feedback about our time at Runaway Bay.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
On Friday 11 November, 2016 the school will observe a minutes silence prior to First break for Remembrance Day.

THANKYOU

Tomorrow 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.

BOOKLISTS FOR 2017
Just a reminder for parents ordering their booklists online through EDSCO that they are due tomorrow, Friday 4 November. Bookpacks are delivered to your home address. And freight is free if ordered on time.

To start 2017 Bald Hills State School will be introducing new bookwork expectations for all students. The Bald Hills State School Bookwork Policy aims to allow teachers to guide children to develop a sense of pride and achievement in neat, well-presented bookwork and to ensure consistency of presentation throughout the school in addition to developing self-confidence in our learners.

The staff at Bald Hills have reviewed and documented a new Policy and Procedures that will:
♦ promote and advocate the development and maintenance of a high standard of written book work and presentation from our students.
♦ hold the evidence of teaching, learning and assessment and reflect commitment of quality and effort by students.
♦ develop automaticity in bookwork habits which allows each successive teacher to build upon the foundations established in earlier grades.
♦ define consistent standards and expectations across the school.
♦ celebrate student successes.
♦ allow student bookwork to become reference points.

As part of this review all 2017 Booklists have been overhauled to ensure that all materials align with the progression
expected throughout each year level. It is important that parents ensure they have the correct items as listed. This is particularly important in regards to writing instruments and writing materials (N.B. correct year level lines in exercise books, scrapbooks and graph paper).

We have sourced EDSCO as the schools preferred supplier for 2017 in response to parent feedback regarding the costing and convenience of home delivery. Parents are however welcome to source the materials themselves. We encourage parents to still enjoy covering student’s books and exercise books. Please note however that in 2017 A6 name and subject stickers will be placed on all student books in the bottom right hand corner.

Kindergarten Visits
On Wednesday 2nd November we had a visit from the Kids Capers kindergarten group. These students visited the library and had a story with Mrs B. The students looked very cute in their little high visibility vests and had a wonderful time in the library. We also look forward to another visit from Bald Hills Kindergarten and Preschool on Thursday 3rd November. This group will be visiting the forestry, prep eating area and prep playground.

Thank-you to the staff from Kids Capers and Bald Hills Kindergarten & Preschool, for taking the opportunity to visit our school. These visits are a strong part of our prep transition program, aiming to make school a familiar place for our prep students in 2017.

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@baldhilss.eq.edu.au before 9am Wednesday 9th 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 9th will not be taken into consideration in the formulation of classes for 2017.

Sharon Blake – Deputy Principal

Instrumental Music Program
It is hoped to get these notices (of both acceptances and waiting lists) out to you in the next 2 weeks.

Showcase - Nov 23
Have you put this in your diaries? Hope so…. it’s not too far off. Please remember to let Miss Wood know if you are able to assist in any way - selling tickets or food or cooking.

Marion Wood—Music Teacher

Office News

Tummy Bug
There is a tummy bug going around. To help prevent the spread of this nasty bug please remind your Student/s of the importance of washing hands before eating and after going to the toilet.

Wheel Chair Parking
It has been brought to our attention that some parents have been parking in the spaces reserved for cars displaying a Wheel Chair Permit. Please do not use these spaces if you do not have a permit as it makes it difficult for Parents who need to use these spaces.

Lost Property
We have had some jewellery items handed into the office. If you have lost any jewellery items in the past week please come up and speak to the Admin Ladies.

Thank you

Library News
As the year draws to an end, please ensure that your child’s books are returned to the Library by Friday 25 November. There are still a number of outstanding loans from the end of Term 3, so it would be appreciated that you follow up on any correspondence from the Library. If there is an issue surrounding a loan, please do not hesitate to see me, or Mrs Webber in the Library. Three well known Australian

Classroom News

Music Notes
Music Camp 2017
Letters and invoices for this will be out this week. Please start payments as soon as possible to relieve stress of finding the money at the start of the year.
children’s authors are having birthdays this month and their works will be featured in Library lessons: Jeannie Baker, Alison Lester and Jackie French.

Happy reading!

Mrs Jo-sephine Bacayo – Teacher/Librarian

Forestry News

Once again we were very busy down in the Forestry pulling out Madeira Vine during the Wednesday lunchtime Forestry club. Again on Sunday we were busy with many new Prep families visiting the Forestry and planting a tree to commemorate their time starting at Bald Hills Prep.

Attached is a photo of Eric McLeod with his extended family, including his great grandson. Eric planted one of the first Hoop Pines in the Forestry in 1935 when he was 10 years old. He came especially on Sunday to plant 4 Hoop Pines that he propagated especially for our school. Thankyou Eric.

Thanks so much,
Louise Brennan

Chappy News

CHRISTMAS SERVICE DATE CLAIMER

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