6 October 2016

Dear Parents,

TERM 4
Our first assembly for Term 4 was held Wednesday. At this time the scene was set for the many varied activities which will take place throughout the next 9 weeks. Apart from planning the Year 6 Farewells, our students will also participate in activities such as Remembrance Day, our School Music Concert, Swimming Carnival, Year 6 Camp, German Day, Book Fair etc.

SAFETY FIRST FOR OUR CHILDREN
We remind parents that the 2 minute parking area is for the convenience of all parents and that the rules are followed. Cars should not be parked for longer than 2 minutes in this area and drivers should not leave their car. Secondly we ask parents to respect our neighbours around the school by not blocking their driveways. Please abide by the yellow lines.

STUDENT FREE DAY
Our Student Free Day for this term will be held Monday 17 October. Teachers will be involved in a range of activities throughout the day including Reading and Explicit Teaching strategies, Essential Classroom Management Practices and Year level Planning.

PLANNING FOR 2017
Planning for staffing and classes occurs during Term 4. To assist with accuracy in planning, could I please ask at this stage:-
1. Prep Enrolments – Could these be finalised as soon as possible by delivering the enrolment forms and birth certificates to the school office, and.
2. Leaving Bald Hills State School (excluding Year 6) . If any of our families are aware that they are moving from the area or the school, could this please be communicated to our school office as soon as possible.

This information assists us with estimating teacher and class numbers for the new year and your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
World Teachers’ Day will also be celebrated on Friday 28 October. This day is celebrated annually in all countries and recognises the work carried out everyday by teachers.

STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2017
Our new school leaders will be selected in Term 4. The process will take place throughout the term and will culminate with the announcement of the new leaders at the final school assembly. School Leaders for 2017 will be inducted at a special ceremony in February 2017. Discussions with students regarding the roles and responsibilities of a School Leader were in Term 3, and Year 5 students were to collect their Senior Badge Forms as of yesterday.

The key dates for the selection process are:-

Wednesday 5 October – Senior Badge Forms became available from the office.
Friday 18 November – Senior Badge Forms need to be completed for students seeking Leadership Positions.
Monday 28 November – Shortlisted School captain Nominations deliver speeches. Year 6 students and staff vote.
Wednesday 30 November – Staff selection panel allocate all leadership positions.
Wednesday 7 December – Leadership positions for 2017 announced on final assembly.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE
We experience many great moments with our children. Our Year 6 parents for example will get to experience that wonderful night, Graduation, in December that will be a culmination of their child’s Primary Schooling. Memories of the past 7 years will come flooding back – First Day in Prep, School Dances, Sporting moments, the report cards, assembly awards etc.

For me, during the holidays it was my son getting married. This was a moment to savour and to remember. The extended families shared a great afternoon and evening at Northlakes Golf Club and I was very pleased to come away with a new daughter-in-law. They have headed to Malaysia now for a couple of weeks of RNR before they both resume their policing duties back in Innisfail. I will be visiting them again over Christmas when I get to try out the new tinnie that I went halves with them in. Can’t wait.

Cheers

Glen Robertson, Principal

From the Deputy

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 with 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.

Rule of the week
Our focus rule for this week is to Be a Learner with Learner Lenny and participate cooperatively in individual and group activities. The following expectations will be taught over the next week:

- Take turns
- Put your hand up to speak
- Be a good listener
- Respect the opinions and ideas of others
- Encourage and support others

Swimming Year 4-6
Swimming for students in Years 4-6 begins this Friday 7 October. If your child is going swimming please ensure that they come to school prepared and have the following:

- Appropriate swim/togs
- Swimming cap (must be worn)
- Swim shirts must be worn (T-shirts are acceptable if a sun shirt is not available)
- Thongs or sandals
- Towel and Sunscreen

Please Note: Students MUST NOT WEAR any jewellery, including earrings during swimming lessons. (To minimise loss, it would be best if these items were not at school for the day). Long hair is to be tied back securely.

Sharon Blake – Deputy Principal

Office News

Late Slips
Please advise your student that they MUST come to the office for a late slip if they arrive after the bell at 8:45am. This is then given to the teacher.

Parents - Please organise pick up procedure with your Student/s before dropping off in the morning.

- Where to wait if you’re not on time—in the Office
- Who will be picking up and where
- After School Activities/Care

Payments and Forms - Please send money with completed permission slips/forms to the office. Money and forms are to be placed in the envelope provided and clearly marked with your Students Name and Class and item being paid for.

Absences
Please contact the office via email or phone if your child is absent from school.
Email: admin@baldhillss.eq.edu.au or phone the office before 9:30 am on 3261 1554

Thank you for your assistance

CLASSROOM NEWS

National Bandanna Day
On Friday 28 October, Bald Hills State School will once again participate in CanTeen’s National Bandanna Day. By selling these bandannas, the children in Year 5 will help CanTeen raise much needed funds for programs supporting young people whose lives have been affected by cancer. The Year 5 students hope to sell as many bandannas as they can to help raise the awareness of CanTeen’s work in highlighting the issues associated with the impact that cancer has on young people and their families. Bandannas of various colours and patterns will be sold near Tuckshop before school, lunch time and after school from next week. They cost $4 each. Your support for this very worthy cause is very much appreciated.

Year 5 Teachers

Music Notes

Instrumental Music Parent Information
Evening
This will be held NEXT Monday in the Music Classroom commencing at 7.00pm. Come and meet both Instrumental Music teachers - Mr James and Miss Moore - and hopefully get a better understanding of the program.

Notes
Has your child returned notes for Music Camp 2017 or the contract for Young Voices 2017? If not, please return them now. It would be greatly appreciated if notes could be returned by the due date.
P&C
Welcome back everyone. Just a quick reminder our P & C meeting will be held on the 12th October 7.00 pm in the library all welcome..

Sharon Cox - P&C President

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

Community News
Zillmere Library Homework Help
‘Homework Help’
Will be starting next week. We have some wonderful high school students here every Tuesday and Wednesday 3.30pm to 4.45pm, during school term, who are keen to help with homework, assignments and reading.
If parents have any questions regarding this program please encourage them to contact the library on 3403 1455

Mitchelton State School
47 Glen Retreat Road

22 October 2016
MITCHELTON STATE SCHOOL CENTENARY CELEBRATION
10am - 12pm
(registration from 10am)
DEVONSHIRE TEA
CENTENARY DISPLAY
SCHOOL CHOIR
ALUMNI BAND
CLASS PHOTOS
UNVEILING OF TIME CAPSULE

Continue the party at MITCHIE FEST CENTENARY FETE
13 – 7pm

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