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National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

**NAPLAN**

Next week students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will take part in the annual National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Over three days, Tuesday to Thursday, students will complete four (or in the case of our year 7 students,
Teachers have spent time orientating students to the test format so they are familiar with the types of questions they will experience. However, we know from past experience that some will experience anxiety come next week. Parents and caregivers can assist by reinforcing that this is just another school activity and, as with all activities, what we want is for them to try their best. In addition, ensuring students get a good night’s sleep, have a good breakfast, and arrive at school on time, will also ensure readiness for the tests.

We will not have an assembly next Wednesday, and in addition to the Chaplaincy Breakfast Club on Tuesday, students in Year 3, 5 and 7 will have the option of having a little extra food before school starts sponsored by the school and P&C.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any concerns in relation to NAPLAN.

Under 8s Day
Next Friday morning students in Prep and Year 1, as well as some of our community’s pre-prep students from our local kindergartens and child care programs, will celebrate Under 8s Day. Activities including an animal farm, face painting, art and craft, police cars and many other exciting and enjoyable experiences for the children.

QSR Survey
We are about to launch a web survey of parents and caregivers and will be using email addresses from the school’s official parent contact records to send out the link. This survey will assist us in the collection of feedback that will inform our Quadrennial School Review. We have email contact for about two thirds of the families in our school community but if you would like to add your name to our records please email to admin@baldhillss.eq.edu.au.

David Turner
Principal

From the Office
We have had an incidence of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease and have included some information from the Public Health Unit for Parent and Caregiver information.

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease is not a serious illness. It is a relatively common illness in children and outbreaks often occur among groups of children, especially in child care centres.

Symptoms:
The symptoms of this disease include blisters inside the cheeks, gums and on the sides of the tongue, as well as on the hands and feet. Although it is not common, blisters may be seen in the nappy area. Children with hand, foot and mouth disease may have a low fever, be listless and off their food for a day or two. The blisters usually persist for 7 to 10 days. People can spread the virus while there is fluid in the blisters.

Treatment:
Usually no treatment is required.

Control
Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from child care or school until all blisters have dried.

Prevention:
The best form of protection is good hygiene:

• wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly before handling food, after going to the toilet, touching soiled linen and articles and changing nappies.

• implement good cleaning procedures.

• allow blisters to dry naturally.

Current Contact Details
If parents still have any Contact Detail/Medical/Voluntary Contribution forms at home, can we please have them returned to the office. It is imperative that we have the correct phone numbers for parents/carers and emergency contacts updated on the school system.

Music Notes
String Soiree
This was held Tuesday evening with the majority of children learning a string instrument participating. It was great to see so many performing, some for the first time! Flyers home this week.
time. Well done!

**NAPLAN Week**

Please remember there are NO before school rehearsals next week. Mr James is away and will not be replaced so no lessons for children learning a band instrument.

**BYB14**

The Concert Band is performing at BYB14 (formerly Backyard Bonanza) on Sunday 25 May – Stage 1 at 12.35pm. This function is a City Council Community Fair held in McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge. Please come along and support the group.

**FANFARE – Change of date**

Our date for Fanfare has been changed from 23 May as stated in the last Newsletter to Monday 26 May. You should have received a green letter regarding this function.

**Talent Night Auditions**

These will commence on Monday 19 May.

**Junior Music Camp – Tuesday 10 June to Thursday 12 June.** Those children eligible to attend this camp have been given letters for the function. Please return them quickly. If you are having difficulties with getting your child to/from the venue (Sandgate High for Band OR Stafford S.S for Strings), please consider car-pooling. If you need assistance with organising this, please speak with one of the Music teachers.

**Chaplain News**

**DAYS AVAILABLE – Mon Tues Wed**

**BREAKFAST CLUB – TUESDAY 8AM**

**CHAPPY CHILL OUT ZONE – TUES LUNCH** (YRS1-3)

**CHAPPY ROOM/NOTICEBOARD – Under Staffroom**

This week Krave Kids Club will begin! (see details above) This fabulous program will be run by Graham Wray, who is the youth and children’s pastor at Bracken Ridge Baptist Church as well as being a registered teacher and a familiar face to Bald Hills SS as he hosts the Chaplaincy Discos.

Winter is coming! How about keeping the kids warm with beanies, gloves and leg warmers. Lovely Margaret who volunteers much time here at Bald Hills is offering to make these items for a stall at our next disco on 20 June. If you are able to help her out please contact Margaret on margaretharkins98@yahoo.com.au. She has wool and patterns available!

**P&C News**

GM next Wednesday 7pm in the library. All welcome.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS if you want anymore please contact P&C. Thank you to all those that have already returned books or paid. Reminder notices will be going out next week. Please return unwanted books to the office. All books and payments due by 29 May.

BOOKCLUB brochures should have been brought home. Orders need to be in by Friday 16 May. Return orders to P&C box at the tuckshop.

NAPLAN breakfasts are on next week. If anyone can volunteer sometime from 8am the kids in yrs 3, 5 and 7 would be most greatful.

Have a great week

Tanya May - President.

**Tuckshop News**

On Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May we have NAPLAN breakfast. If you can spare some time to help at 8am on either day that would be great.

We are also in need of some plastic knives and forks if you wish to donate.

Thanks Kylie and Mel

**ROSTER**

MON 12 May - Leanne H

TUES 13 May - Lembe L

WED 14 May- Kendall B

THURS 15 May- Cherisse M, Helen M, Donna V

FRI 16 May- Alicia S, Leanne H, Kay

**Uniform Shop News**

Performance polos are available if you are needing one.

Jumpers are available but are selling fast.

Hours - Wednesday 8am - 10am and Friday 2:15pm - 3:15 pm

**Student Banking**

This term the Commonwealth Bank is giving students, schools and our School Banking Co-ordinators the opportunity to win a share of sunken treasure found in the Lost City of Savings.

Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value, and they will automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes including:

**Major student prize.**

- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
- Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure;
- A $3,000 travel gift card to get there.

**Runner up student prizes**

130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on their favourite toys.

**School and School Banking Co-ordinator prizes**

There will also be a separate draw for schools. As long as you have at least one student who is eligible for the competition, you will be in the running to win:

- $1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory of Australia.
- Plus the School Banking Co-ordinators of each winning school will receive a $250 Commonwealth Bank Debit Card (maximum of three per school).