28 April 2016

Dear Parents,

BALD HILLS ANZAC Day March
Thankyou to all those families within our school community who participated in the ANZAC Day march. Approximately 100 students and staff demonstrated their respect for such an important day in our annual calendar. It was my first Bald Hills march and I was very proud of our students as well as the Bald Hills community, for honouring those who have served our country in what is obviously a ceremony steeped in tradition.

HELP YOUR CHILD TO USE READING
How to Get Books

Build up a collection. Buy books as often as possible – at the very least for birthdays and Christmas. Like most things they are not cheap, but children’s paperbacks aren’t as dear as CD’s and DVD’s. Be on the watch for sale reductions, second hand books, and books that neighbours will part with because their children have grown up. Buy good paperbacks. A great place to start is with the schools Bookclub and Bookfair.

Keep in touch with a bookseller who cares what children read. If your child gets hooked on a popular series like Harry Potter, go with it, encourage it. Visit your local library on a regular basis. Help your child get a library card. Assist with selections without imposing your choices. Teach the practice of quickly skimming and sampling a book so that bright but misleading covers don’t govern choice.

NAPLAN testing time again

Our students in Years 3 and 5 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 10–12 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the ACARA website. (http://www.nap.edu.au/)
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We will begin our prep enrolment process for 2017 with two open days to be held during the month of May:
Saturday 21 May 9:30-11am OR Wednesday 25 May 6-7pm.

The same information will be presented at both sessions. If you have a child due to start prep in 2017, then please come along to one of these sessions. Prep enrolments for 2017 will be accepted from Monday 23 May.

We will also be running prep “play and stay” sessions in Term 3 this year. More information about these sessions will be given at the open days.

From The DP

Rule of the Week:-

Our focus rule for this week is to Be Responsible with Responsible Ronnie and “Keep our School Neat and Tidy”.

Teachers will be explicitly teaching the following expectations to students over the following week:

- Sit in designated eating areas only with your class group.
- Put all rubbish in the bin at the end of the eating time.
- Pack up lunchboxes and place on seats.
- Raise your hand before leaving to play.
- Ask Permission to go to the toilets during eating time.
- Use the toilets appropriately.

Store personal belongings in the correct location i.e. bags in bag racks.

From The DP

Facilities Update

Painting has been completed on the Toilet Block, adjacent walkway, Year 5 and 6 blocks and in the hall. I am pleased with the very positive feedback by staff, community and students. Plants have been put in the new Year 5 and 6 precinct yesterday to give the area that finished touch.

Work has now begun on some of our gardens at the front of the school.

Cheers
Glen Robertson,
Principal

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN

Tuesday 10 May – Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 11 May – Reading
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11.50—Depart St Paul’s School walking as a team back to school. Please report to Mrs Innes before departure if your are going home via private transport.

Requirements for Friday 29 April : BHSS uniform, sandshoes and socks, hat, sunscreen, water bottle, food, asthma medication (if applicable). Please arrive in your PE uniform. A school representative shirt will be issued on the day.

Yours in sport  
Kylie Innes  
HPE Teacher

TUCKSHOP  
Island Way Sorbets  
$2.50. All flavours are back in stock.

Roster:  
Tuesday 3 May—Penny C  
Wednesday 4 May—Stacie G, Kat M, Vicki  
Thursday 5 May—Donna V, Joy Peta  
Friday 6 May—Mel B, Alicia S, Leanne H, Zita J  
Kylie Gall  
Tuckshop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP  
We now have all sizes of boys formal shirts available. With the cold weather on its way, we will be receiving a shipment of jackets soon.  
Uniform Shop Hours:  
Wednesday  
8am - 10am  
Friday 2.30pm - 3.30pm  
Mel Barton  
Uniform Shop Convenor

CHAPPY NEWS  
The Chaplaincy Noticeboard has many local community events, groups and services that can be of great value to families including youth groups, girls/boys Brigades, young mum’s groups and play groups plus some wonderful camps that are run by SU QLD over the upcoming June/July holiday break.

Winter Mapleton is a fantastic adventure camp for students in Years 5-7 (and can be recommended I’m sure by the Year 5’s who have returned recently). I do have access to some funding assistance so please see me if interested. Come and purchase your Entertainment Book at the Chappy Room or online via the link below. 20% of all our sales assist in the running of the Chaplaincy Program here at Bald Hills. Thanks for your support.  

P & C  
Only 3 sleeps to go till our very first bush dance. Pre-purchase tickets are still available at the tuckshop. Hope to see everyone there for an awesome time. A big thank you to our volunteers who helped out on ANZAC Day barbecue. It was a great turn out.

Don’t forget the Mother’s Day Stall next Thursday 5 May. Volunteers are needed for the day and a roster is outside the tuckshop, so pop your name down. We also have a coffee van available on Monday’s and Wednesday mornings for everyone. So come say hello to Chris and grab one of his awesome coffees.  
Thank you  
P&C Executive team

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