13 August 2015

Safety Of Our Students is Paramount

Last Monday the school received a phone call from a member of the community advising there had been an attempted abduction in Bald Hills the previous Friday. Staff were advised via our intranet and prior to the students leaving the school an “all call” was given reminding students to exercise care when heading home that afternoon. The intent was to remind students, particularly those older students who might walk home not accompanied by an adult, to be aware of their safety. There was no official police warning received by the school and we were being proactive in reminding students of what we teach at school, and am sure parents and caregivers also teach their children about personal safety.

The school received some communication expressing concern that the “all call” resulted in us alarming students, and this week we reviewed processes to ensure we don’t cause undue concern in the future. The issue of child safety is paramount and educating, not frightening, students is important. We have been proactive implementing the Daniel Morecombe Foundation curriculum over the last few years.

Should an official communication be received, with a specific concern, we will alert parents and caregivers through Facebook and text alert. I encourage all parents and caregivers to ensure we have current mobile phone numbers, and you follow the school’s official* Facebook accounts. We do apologise for any undue concern caused last week.

Prep 2016

Prep enrolments for 2016 opened at the start of this term and we have already accepted three classes of new students for 2016. With the Enrolment Management Plan restricting the school’s intake to four classes I again encourage anyone wanting to enrol a student in Prep next year to do so as soon as possible. This also ensures information about our transition programs are received and families are well prepared for the first day of school.

* Social Media

The school operates two official social media sites and continues to improve the use of these methods of communication. I am aware that there are a number of non-official sites too, but to build our school community in a positive way please follow the school at www.facebook.com/baldhillsstateschool and www.facebook.com/150thAnniversaryCelebrations2016.

David Turner
Principal
From the DP

Be A Learner With Lenny Learner
This week our focus rule is to “Be a Learner” and have all your equipment ready to start the day. In order to meet this expectation students will:

- Be organised each day
- Have two sharp pencils and an eraser
- Have any other equipment that might be needed
- Use the correct equipment as per our school booklist
- Keep your tidy box neat and organised

Now that we are well into the school year some of your child’s supplies may be running low in the classroom. It may be a good time to check in with the Teacher and see if any pencils, glues, rulers, erasers, etc. need replacing, especially if some of your book pack was kept at home at the beginning of the year.

Mrs Smith From Bald Hills Kindergarten and Preschool Visits Prep
Mrs Smith, the Kindergarten teacher from Bald Hills Kindergarten and Preschool spent two hours visiting Prep S, Prep K and Prep T this week. This visit followed our renewed efforts to create stronger ties with our local early childhood services. The Prep children really enjoyed having Mrs Smith spend some time with them and sharing what they have achieved in Prep already this year. We thank Mrs Smith for her visit and hope that we are able to continue this sharing into the future.

Bald Hills C & K Visits The Forestry
Mrs Mintern-Lane brought both of her Kindergarten groups through our school forestry last week to help familiarise them with the school, and to promote learning about natural environments. The children were also able to spend a short amount of time in Prep K having a look at what a Prep classroom looks like and seeing some of the activities that we do here in Prep at Bald Hills SS. We would also like to thank them for taking the time to visit the school and look forward to their upcoming Library visits.

Sharon Blake
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Learner Lenny says:
Have all your equipment ready to start the day

From the Office

Payments at the Office
As we do not operate a till at the school, we would appreciate it if parents could please have the correct change when paying by cash at the school office. A reminder to put your child’s first and last name and class on the payment envelopes. We have recently received an amount of money with no child’s name or activity listed. Unfortunately this child may miss out on this activity if the office cannot find out who it belongs to.

Absences
If your child is away from school, can parents please either phone the school on the day of the absence on 3261 1554 or send an email to absence@baldhillss.eq.edu.au or admin@baldhillss.eq.edu.au

Parents are reminded that all playground areas are out of bounds to ALL before and after school. We would like parents to ensure their younger children keep away from playground equipment due to safety issues. Once you have collected your child from school, we ask that you make your way home in a timely manner, and not remain on school grounds.

Thank you
Kursty, Leesa, Mel & Helina

Spellathon
Please remember to return the Spellathon form to your child’s class teacher. Donations and money collected can be sent straight to the office.

Many thanks for your support.
Ms Blakey
4B Teacher

Music Notes
Australian Girls Choir
On Thursday 3 September, a representative from the Australian Girls Choir will visit the school during second break to do trails of those girls wishing to join. AGC leaflet was sent out last week. If you would like one please collect it from the Music Room.

Marion Wood
Music Teacher

Library News
Come and explore an ocean of books, at our Scholastic Book Fair to be held from Friday 21 August 2015 – Thursday 3 September 2015 in the Library tables room. In the lead-up to the Book Fair we are running a competition in the Library to guess how many items are in a fish tank. The winner, and 2 runners-up will each get a $5 voucher to spend. The Preps will have a separate competition to win vouchers as well.

We are ‘casting our nets’ into the ‘deep’ to ‘catch’ volunteers to help at the Fair. Also, the Library is on the lookout for a diving suit, or other sea-related objects to use as decorations.

The Fair will be opened before, and after school each day from 8:15 – 8:45am and 3:00 – 3:30pm.

We look forward to ‘seeing’ you there!

Book Week is celebrated from the 22—28 August, and this year’s theme is “Books Light Up Our World". On Wednesday 26 August a special book parade will be held on assembly, and children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character. They can also bring along the book in which their character is portrayed.

Josephine Bacayo
Teacher-Librarian

Forestry News

Our hardworking Madeira Miners (Minors)!! are back. Once again we carried out bucket loads of Madeira Vine. The children are becoming experts at finding it. So keen they are to get it all, that they want to keep putting it in their buckets as we leave the Forestry after the bell has rung!!

Louise Brennan

Chappy News

FINAL CHAPLAINCY DISCO FOR 2015!
Friday 11 September

SPORTSMANIA!!
Wear your favourite team colours or sporting uniform or come dressed as a famous sportsperson!!
We are looking once again for wonderful local businesses that can sponsor one of the evening’s expenses for this fundraiser. Supportive businesses will be listed at the disco as well as in the school newsletter. Please email kcono0@eq.edu.au. Looking for help with baking of cupcakes, slices or cakes as well as setting up and packing down hall. Also any sporting flags, banners or décor to borrow would be greatly appreciated to make our hall look fabulous.

**Thanks**

**CHAPPY KYLIE**

**P&C News**

It is great to see items for the Fete slowly making its way to school. Please keep these donations coming in. If you are interested in helping in the Fete please contact the P&C. Also if you are wanting a stall, forms are now available. Please contact by email on pandc@eq.edu.au

Our general meeting will be on Wednesday 19 August at 7:00pm in the school Library. All are welcome.

P&C email is pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au

Thank you

**BHSS P&C Executive**

**Tuckshop News**

Dragon Popper Ice blocks will no longer be available when we sell out of the stock in our freezer.

**ROSTER**

- **Monday 17 August**—Sharon C
- **Tuesday 18 August**—Kay H
- **Wednesday 19 August**—Tanya Mc, Kat M
- **Monday 24 August**—Jade, Alicia, Leanne, Mel B

**Tuckshop Team**

**Uniform Shop News**

We are currently waiting on arrival of our small and medium hats. They should arrive within the next two weeks. The uniform shop will be closed on Friday 28 August, however it will be open on Thursday 27 August from 2:30pm—3:30pm instead.

**Science Week Competition**

Science Week Competition: Devious Minion Banana Challenge

**When:** Wednesday 19 August, First Break

**Registration:** Monday 17 August, First Break

**Challenge:** Harness the awesome power of a fusion bomb to make a bomb powered space vehicle. (A solar car mirror challenge)

**Community News**

**“TWILIGHT TOUR” With the Principal - Ms Zillmer 19 August 2015 5.00pm - 7.00pm Lecture Centre 651 Zillmere Road Aspley**

“2016 Enrolments for Year 7 through to Year 12 are now available. We invite you to contact the school for Parent tours and enrolment tours.”

Regular hours are:

- **Wednesday 8am—10am**
- **Friday 2:30pm—3:30pm**

**Mel**

**Uniform Shop Convener**

**Important Dates**

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