20 August 2015
Foundations For Learning

Getting a great start at primary school is important. A strength of Bald Hills State School is the quality of teaching and, when needed, learning intervention offered to students to ensure they get a great start to their formal education. I am pleased to report that we surpassed the set targets for having students performing in the upper two NAPLAN Bands in Year 3 this year. Our Reading target was to have 55% of Year 3 students performing in the upper two NAPLAN Bands and we achieved 59.8%. In Year 5 the target was 40% and we achieved 37.9%, just missing our target but still above state and national levels. 97.6% of Year 3, and 100% of Year 5 students were at or above the National Minimum standards, again demonstrating the effectiveness of intervention programs. We can all be proud of these results.

Applying Past Knowledge To New Situations

I highlighted on assembly yesterday the Habit of the Mind we are focusing on this week – applying past knowledge to new situations. The ability to make connections to our prior learning, be it something we learned yesterday, last week or last year, is vitally important. The first section of many lessons is for teachers to make clear what is being learned in the lesson, including why it is important and how it connects to prior learning. Teachers use the terminology of “setting objectives” or “harnessing learning intentions”, but the research is clear on the positive impact this has on learning.

The reason I spoke about this Habit of the Mind is students who are regularly late, missing the start of the school day, or late returning to class after a break, are being disadvantaged in their learning by missing the teacher’s orientation to the intended learning.

We issue a significant number of late slips each day and I appeal to students, parents and caregivers to be ready for learning at the start of each session so teachers can be confident all are tuned into what is to be learned.

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I also spoke about the school’s 150th anniversary on assembly yesterday. The concept of a school serving a community for 150 years can be difficult, especially for younger students, so I will start sharing a few snippets each week to try to build an understanding as we approach our 150th year in 2016.

1865, 150 years ago, saw the end on the American Civil War that led to the abolition of slavery in the US.

The telephone and the four-stroke internal combustion engine were yet to be invented! Coming to school in Bald Hills 150 years ago was very different to today!

David Turner
Principal
From the DP
Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge draws to a close on Friday 28 August. All completed and signed forms need to be returned to teachers by this date. No late forms will be accepted. Please encourage your child to complete their form to receive their certificate of participation from the Premier. If your child has lost their form then please see the classroom teacher for a replacement form.

Be A Learner With Lenny Learner
Our focus rule for this week is for students to be on time for each lesson and to attend school everyday. Students who attend school all day everyday (with the exception of unavoidable illness) have a much better chance of reaching their full academic potential.

Linking with this, the Habit of the Mind that we are focusing on this week is to Apply Past Knowledge to New Situations. Students need to attend each lesson in order to fully engage with the curriculum and gain knowledge. Linking prior knowledge and learning to new situations helps students to broaden their understandings of concepts and consolidate their learning.

Book Week
Book Week is next week and our Book Fair arrives at the end of this week. Next Wednesday 26 August we will be holding our annual Book Week Dress Up Parade. Students should already be thinking about their costumes. Please encourage students to bring the book that their dress up character comes from, as the aim of this parade is to promote reading. We strongly encourage that every child reads, or is read to, for at least 20 minutes everyday! This is a very important part of your child’s homework, regardless of their year level.

Sharon Blake
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program
Learner Lenny says:
Be on time for each lesson and attend school everyday.

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. If using email, please include your child’s full name and class in the subject field.

Thank you
Kursty, Leesa, Mel & Helina

Students of the Week
Congratulations to this week’s students who received the Student of the Week Certificate for Habits of the Mind: Taking Responsible Risks

| PB | Cohen | 3K | Catrell |
| PK | Jimmy | 3P | Deacon |
| PS | Fifi  | 3T | Quinton |
| PT | Charlee | 4A | Lucas |
| 1H | Natalie  | 4B | Maddison |
| 1K | Mietta | 4C | Jonathan |
| 1/2M | Mariah | 4V | Xander |
| 1W | Malakai | 5B | Hayden |
| 2B | Jaydene | 5M | Ben |
| 2/3D | Shehan | 6D | Harry |
| 2R | Chloe  | 6F | Simone |
| 2W | Natalie | 6S | Michael |

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 trials of those girls wishing to join. An AGC leaflet has been sent out. If you would like one please collect it from the Music Room.

Instrumental Program 2016
It is that time again when the selection process for 2016 begins!
All students in Years 2 and 3 and new students in Year 4 will receive a letter outlining the process. Students in Year 2 are given the opportunity to commence learning a string instrument in 2016 whilst students in Years 3 and Year 4 have the opportunity to commence learning a band instrument. If you wish to have your child considered for the program the form attached to the letter MUST be returned by the end of this Term.

Music Parent Meeting
On Monday 14 September (last week of Term) there will be a meeting for parents in the Music Room commencing at 7:00pm. If you have a child already in the program OR you are wanting to find out more, please come along.

Marion Wood
Music Teacher

Library News
Just a reminder that this Friday, our Book Fair commences and runs until Wednesday 2 September. Volunteers are still needed. Also, on Wednesday 26 August, we have our Book Parade to celebrate Book Week. Children can come dressed as their favourite book character and bring a copy of the book in which their character appears.

Josephine Bacayo
Teacher-Librarian

Chappy News
Prepare Now For Awesome Kids Holiday Fun!!
I am very excited to recommend two amazing holiday programs that are being run in our local community during the upcoming holiday break. I will be attending both as part of my SU requirements for community involvement so I would love to have some Bald Hills faces to keep me company! Krave Holiday Club is being organised by our own Graham Wray who runs our school Krave lunch club as well as our wonderful school discos. Krave Holiday Club runs 29 September – 1 October at Bracken Ridge Baptist Church.
Last year 47 children from Bald Hills State School attended this holiday club and had a fantastic time.

**Pioneer Kids** is being run by C3 Church near Bunnings in the first week of the school holidays. I have also heard fantastic reports about the wonderful quality of programs for kids and families that they provide.

For more information you can contact me on kcono@eq.edu.au or see flyers on the school or Chaplaincy Noticeboard.

*Thanks CHAPPY KYLIE*

**P&C News**

Thank you to everyone who supported us with the pie drive. I hope you are enjoying them. A big thank you to the ladies who gave up their time to help us pack the 600 orders we had.

Keep bringing in those Fete donations, we love seeing them come in everyday. Please, if you are a whizz at making jams and preserves we welcome these. There are jars available if you need them. Please contact by email. Please remember the Fete cannot be a success without your help.

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

*Thank you BHSS P&C Executive*

**Tuckshop News**

If anyone is interested in donating items, we are in need of garbage bags and dishwashing liquid. We will take any brands. All of the donations help keep the cost of running the tuckshop down and are greatly appreciated.

**ROSTER**

**Monday 24 August**—Sharon C

**Tuesday 25 August**—Kay

**Wednesday 26 August**—Michelle K, Mel B

**Thursday 27 August**—Joy, Pete, Donna

**Friday 28 August**—Leanne, Stacie, Jade, Sharon C

**Tuckshop Team**

**Uniform Shop News**

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 28 August, however it will be open on Thursday 27 from 2:30—3:30pm instead.

Regular hours are

Wednesday 8:00am—10:00am

Friday 2:30—3:30pm

**Mel Uniform Shop Convener**

**PE News**

Last Monday and Tuesday 48 students represented Bald Hills State School at the Bramble Bay District Track and Field Championships. The following students have been selected in the Bramble Bay Track and Field Team to attend the Metropolitan North trials to be conducted at the University of Qld athletics track next Tuesday 25 August and Wednesday 26 August. Parker 5H, 10 year boys high jump (1st), shot put (2nd) and discus (1st). Jakob 4A, 10 year boys high jump (3rd) and long jump (3rd). Chloe 4V, 10 year girls 800m (4th). Braelyn 5M, 10 year girls long jump (2nd). Brianna 6F, 11 year girls shot put (3rd).

Other notable performances were

Thomas 4B, 9 year boys high jump (3rd). Blake 4B, 10 year boys 800m (5th). Matiana 5H, 10 year girls shot put (6th). Eddie 4C, 9 year boys shot put (6th), long jump (7th). Charlie 4A, 10 year girls 100m (7th) and 200m (7th). Amelia 4V, 9 year girls high jump (7th). Zack 6D, 12 year boys discus (7th). 10 year boys relay (3rd), 10 year girls (4th) and 12 year girls (6th). I was very pleased with the students’ exemplary behaviour for the two days, they were a credit to Bald Hills State School. Thank you to Emily Simmons for an outstanding job as team manager. I would also like to give a big thank you to Liz Hannah for assisting me with high jump for both days. It is greatly appreciated! We wish Parker, Jakob, Chloe, Braelyn and Brianna the best of luck for next week and hope their hard training pays off.

*Kylie Innes*

*HPE Teacher*

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**Important Dates**

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