4 August 2016

Dear Parents,

NAPLAN STUDENT REPORTS

The NAPLAN student reports have been received and have been sent home for students in Year 3 and Year 5. We received the whole school report yesterday and will provide a summary of our school performance in a later newsletter. More information about the student report is located at [http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports](http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports)

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to provide feedback for our school by completing the School Opinion Survey. At the close of the survey 54 of our families provided feedback. This is much appreciated and assists us in our future planning.

ENCOURAGE PROBLEM-SOLVING

Useful Toys, Tools, Gadgets

Choose toys with care. Avoid the junk that clutters commercial toy stores, and seek the best. Brilliant toys are available for the searching, as are the old favourites eg. Monopoly, Chinese checkers, or a deck of cards. You can double the experience by going window shopping for bright ideas and then make the toys with your children yourself eg., beads to string together, paddle pop sticks to build structures.

Tools are another great item for children. But avoid the dinky, trashy tools that don’t work. Instead provide light but real tools, hammer, nails, saw, clamp, screwdriver etc. Follow it up with a visit to Bunnings for some of the wonderful and free children workshops. Gadgets but not gimmicks. A play clock, or better still a disused real one... A thermometer, perhaps one for inside and one for outside...A rain gauge...Kitchen scales...Magnifying glass...Magnet...Globe (atlas)...Calendar (to be marked daily)...Chemistry or electronics set. And don’t forget that if something is broken and is to be thrown out, why not put those tools to use and let them pull it apart first to investigate the components. Eg. An old laptop. Musical instruments for improvising. For example, xylophones and marimbas that have notes in different sizes, plastic or tin containers into which go beans, rice or pebbles for shaking. Have you ever nailed bottle tops to a piece of timber to make an instrument for a bush dance shaker? I know I did.

Cheers

Glen Robertson—Principal
150th ANNIVERSARY
150th Anniversary Spring Fair—Saturday 10 September.
An integral part of our celebrations will be the community Markets within the school grounds on 10 September. The 150th Committee is seeking expressions of interest from members of our local and wider community who would like to be a ‘stall holder’ at our markets. Stalls can range from a table under a covered area to a Marquee(3x3) in an open area. For more information, please contact Sharyn Kersnovske:\ skers6@eq.edu.au

Back to Bald Hills 150th Anniversary Fair
Saturday 10th September 2016
10am – 4pm
Many hands make a great event! See below for areas where we are looking for volunteers. All rosters are available from the links below.
Prep—Snack Bar & Healthy Food Canteen
www.volunteersignup.org/CER43
Year 1—Cake Stall
www.volunteersignup.org/A8YJB
Year 2—Junior Oval Drink Stall
www.volunteersignup.org/Q4LP4
Year 3—Memorabilia
www.volunteersignup.org/RHD7A
Year 4—Raffles
www.volunteersignup.org/XKHXC
Year 5—Bar
www.volunteersignup.org/8YRF9
Year 6—Car Parking (senior oval)
www.volunteersignup.org/HH4T7
First Aid www.volunteersignup.org/TB4FL
Pack-up Crew
www.volunteersignup.org/9BKHQ
Cleaning Crew
www.volunteersignup.org/YRPQT
Setup Crew
www.volunteersignup.org/XP87W
Devonshire Tea
www.volunteersignup.org/4D93J
Past Student and Staff Sign-in
www.volunteersignup.org/33797

More information about the plans for the Back to Bald Hills Fair can be found on the school website, in the Community Section.

Music
Bramble Bay Schools’ Music Festival
It’s over for another year! We have had a huge week with children involved in Band, Strings and Choir days and concluding in a combined concert last Thursday night. Each group worked with an invited conductor - Ralph Hultgren (Band), Natalie Sharp (Strings) and Brett Holland (Choir) on their day and then presented their work in the concert. Mr Hultgren composed a piece - Bramble Bay - Concert Marc, especially for this Festival and the children performed it for the first time in the concert. I’m sure everyone who attended enjoyed all the performances. Many thanks to everyone involved. The next performances will be at the 150th celebrations.

String Lessons this Friday
Please remember there will be NO string lessons on Friday (tomorrow) this week as Miss Moore is going through the audition tapes for Honours Music Camp.

Australian Girls Choir visit.
On Monday 15 August a representative from this group will visit the school to assess any interested girls in Year 1 and above at 1.00pm in the Music Room. There will be brochures available shortly from Miss Wood. Please contact Miss Wood if you would like to receive the paperwork.

Thank you
Marion Wood—Music Teacher

Rule of the Week
Our focus rule for this week is to Be Respectful with Respectful Rosie and “Follow Teacher Directions”. Teachers will be explicitly teaching and revising this rule over the next week and looking for students displaying the following expectations:
• Listen when others are speaking
• Put your hand up to speak
• Use appropriate language
• Use good manners
• Use good eye contact
• Take responsibility for your actions
• Accept consequences without
complaining or arguing
Please support us by discussing these expectations with your child at home.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Just a reminder that students need to be completing their Premier’s Reading Challenge reading logs. Students in Prep to Year 4 need to read or experience 20 books during the challenge and students in Year 5 and 6 need to read 15 books. We are also running a challenge for each class to read at least 150 books in conjunction with our 150th Celebrations this year. Please see your child’s classroom teacher if you do not have a reading record sheet.

To participate students need to complete their reading record and return it to their teacher by Friday 2 September 2016.

Sharon Blake—Deputy Principal

Student of the Week

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Library
Next week, Enid Blyton’s birthday will be celebrated in the library. She was born on 11 August 1897. Her stories of mysterious, and fantastical adventures continue to be very popular among our patrons. Free newspapers are available outside the library every morning/ afternoon until Monday 22 August.

Josephine Bacayo—Teacher-Librarian
Chappy News

1 WEEK TO GO!!!
CARNIVAL DISCO — Friday 12 August
Great Alternative to the Ekka
BBQ from 6pm  DISCO 6.45—8PM
Only $6 single entry!

Our 3 Chappy Disco’s each year are essential in raising the funds needed to continue our Chaplaincy Program. We would be very grateful for any offers of sponsorship or prizes for the evening. Home baking and assistance with setting up or packing up would also be wonderful. Please email kcono0@eq.edu.au if you are able to help.

Chappy Kylie

Forestry
Forestry Working Bee - Sunday 7 August
There will be a working bee in the Forestry this Sunday starting at 8am. I need a couple of people to help with brushcutting long grass. I have a spare brushcutter and petrol if you would like to help. Also, there are boards on bridges that need to be replaced and star pickets to be hammered in. Please contact me on 0422526522 for any queries. Your assistance would be great as the Forestry is in need of a final ‘touch up’ before the 150th celebrations.

Thanks,
Louise Brennan

Tuckshop
We will no longer be selling OLAF ice blocks. We will be replacing them with a new ice-block, FINDING DORY $2.00 each. Thank you to Kat, Lucy, Carolyn, Karen and Fiona for supplying our baked food to sell at both of our sports days. Also a huge thank you to everyone involved. From the set up, serving, clean up and pack up. They are massive days and without you all, we wouldn’t be able to provide the service of having food available on those days.

Roster
Monday 8 August—Mel M
Tuesday 9 August—Lisa W
Wednesday 10 August -CLOSED FOR EKKA
Thursday 11 August—Peta, Donna, Joy
Friday 12 August—Mel B, Leanne H, Zita J, Alicia S.

P&C News

P&C would like to thank Everybody who helped out at the Bramble Bay Music Festival, muchly appreciated. The gourmet hotdogs were a hit. A huge thank you also to our coffee man Chris for his attendance at the Music Festival. Our next P&C meeting is the 17 August at 7pm. The meeting will be held in the library, tea, coffee and nibbles will be provided. All welcome.

Regards
P&C Executive team

COMMUNITY NEWS

The C&K Bald Hills Community Kindergarten has a small fenced car park in front of the C&K building. This car park is reserved for the use of parents with children enrolled at the C&K Bald Hills Community Kindergarten. Please respect the safety and wellbeing of the children attending this service and refrain from using this car park unless you have children enrolled and in attendance at this service.

Thanks
Deb

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 5 August  •  Bramble Bay Track & Field
Monday 8 August  •  Footsteps Years 1– 3
Tuesday 9 August  •  ICAS Maths Test
Wednesday 10 August  •  EKKA Public Holiday
Friday 12 August  •  Chappy Disco
Monday 15 August  •  Footsteps Years 1– 3
Tuesday 16 August  •  Prep Stay and Play

ALL DOCUMENTS/FORMS REFERRED TO IN THIS NEWSLETTER CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM http://www.baldhillss.eq.edu.au.
You will need to follow this path: SUPPORT AND RESOURCES/FORMS AND DOCUMENTS/DOCUMENTS.