Some of our Year 7 students at their Sea World camp on Tuesday.

**Farewell Year 7**

In the busy end of year period I had the pleasure of finding time on Tuesday to visit the year seven students during their Sea World camp. It was particularly rewarding to see them having a wonderful time together and the level of maturity evident as they celebrate the end of their primary schooling in this special culminating event. I take the opportunity to wish them all the best for the move to secondary school and thank them for representing the school in such a positive way while on camp.

**Thanks and have a relaxing break!**

Thanks to all in the Bald Hills State School community for another successful year. It has been a pleasure to lead a school with such an active and supportive parent body.
I want to offer a big “thanks” to the team that work here too. The level of professionalism of the school’s staff is a key factor in its success and reputation in the community and the willingness to go that little bit extra is greatly appreciated.

I have to acknowledge the teachers leaving us - Mrs Chris Strijland, our teacher librarian, Miss Emma Scott, Mr Phil Langley, and a late transfer is Mrs Emma Hughes, who will be joining the staff at Everton Park in 2014. You will leave a big gap at Bald Hills and on behalf of the school community thanks for the contribution you have made to this school. I hope the change (retirement or a new teaching opportunity) is rewarding for you all.

I wish everyone a great summer break and look forward to the new opportunities 2014 will bring the students and staff at Bald Hills State School!

David Turner
Principal

From the DP

The wrap up

As the school year draws to an end and students are eagerly looking forward to a holiday break, it is timely to reflect back on the year. Yes, of course students have engaged in their learning, but students have also had opportunities to enrich their learning through a vast range of other experiences, including Music Showcase, Sports Carnivals, Interschool sport, the Maths Tournament, ArtsLink performances, Bike Ed Program, Talent Night, swimming lessons, ICAS competitions, Music Fest, the SPARK Program, German Day and Book Week just to mention a few.

Students have also participated in a variety of camps and excursions. Year 1s had a visit from the Bug Lady earlier in the year and this term went to the Science Centre. Year 4s went to St Helena, Preps had a fantastic time visiting a farm, Year 5 and 6 students spent time a Mapleton for their camp... and the list goes on. Our students truly have had exciting opportunities to engage in their learning in new and interesting environments. 2013 was a full and exciting year with opportunities for all of our students.

I would like to thank all in our community who so generously contribute to our school, making it a valuable place of learning for our children. I wish everyone a safe and restful break, and I look forward to 2014 with a new bunch of Preps, students another year older (and wiser) and a sensational new year of learning and achieving.

Libby Bond

Music Notes

Music Camp 2014

Earlier this week this was almost cancelled as there were so many people who had not returned the note to indicate if they were attending or not. Fortunately, since Monday we have had a few more returned bringing our numbers up which means the camp WILL go ahead.

Final details and Medical form will be sent out in the New Year. It is extremely important that the Medical Form is returned BY the due date.

Instrumental Music Selection

Letters informing families of children selected or those unfortunately not included were sent home earlier in the week. We have 23 new String players and 33 new Band players.

Congratulations to everyone who has been selected. Those children who were not selected will be placed on a waiting list. Please be aware that both Miss Moore and Mr James had over 50 children to select from. If you were unsuccessful, remember you may be the lucky one next year ....... Don’t give up!

Marion Wood

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Safety Sam says

Have a safe and happy holiday!

See you in 2014.

From Mrs Bird and the Positive Behaviour Team.
Thank You from the Support Room!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fabulous Support-a-Reader tutors for a job well done this year. Your weekly commitment and dedication to the students of Bald Hills is very much appreciated. A special thank you to Margaret and Sonya for devoting hours of their time to support our students. We look forward to seeing you back again next year.

A very special thank you to Carole W. Carole is finishing this year as a volunteer Support-a-Reader tutor after 12 years! We will have a special celebration for Carole in the new year.

To all our wonderful parent volunteers, teacher aides and trainee teacher aides thank you very much for your help and support. You always go that one step further and it makes such a difference.

Have a wonderful holiday and a safe and happy New Year.

See you in 2014!

Regards,

Jinty Bird

STLaN: Support Teacher Literacy & Numeracy

Forestry News

Recently the year 3’s planted out the ANZAC garden. Make sure you take a look at it. The students planted native rosemary in remembrance of the men and women who have fought for Australia in all wars. Native rosemary was chosen to signify both the Australian and Aboriginal Australians who fought in the wars. The ANZAC garden is a special place in the school because when the school was much smaller the entire school community used to fit around the garden and celebrate ANZAC day.

Congratulations BHSS

$765 RAISED FOR PHILIPPINES!!

Congratulations Bald Hills on your tremendous effort raising $765 towards our Philippines Disaster Appeal. Many children worked hard to do jobs at home to earn the money they contributed. Emma from Year 2 said "It’s the least we can do to help those who have lost so much".

Well Done Everyone.

Uniform Shop News

School Holiday dates:
January 24, Friday – 1pm – 3pm
January 25, Saturday – 10am – 2pm.

Second Hand Uniforms

Please ensure all uniforms are laundered and in saleable condition; items missing buttons or with seams ripped will no longer be accepted.

Community News

Ross’ on Court Tennis Coaching for 2014

Tennis will be starting again in week 2 of Term 1, 2014

Register early for Ross’ Tennis coaching!

Where: Here at Bald Hills State School
When: Before and after School
Who: All children from Prep to Grade 7

Small class Sizes

Tennis is a great sport

To sign on phone Ross on 3264 3976

Important Notes

Friday 13 December

Last Day

Monday 27 January

Australia Day

Public Holiday

Tuesday 28 January

School Resumes

Prep—Year 7

Wednesday 12 February

Music Camp

Thursday 13 February

Music Camp

Friday 14 February

Music Camp

School Watch

If you see anyone who you feel should not be on the School premises during the Summer Vacation then please phone School Watch on -

13 17 88

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop resumes

Monday February 3, 2014

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