4 December 2014

Congratulations!
Monday night saw the school’s annual awards night and I would like to congratulate all Year 6 and 7 students for their outstanding performances and enthusiasm for the night. It was a fantastic celebration of the academic, sporting and citizenship achievements.

A very big congratulations to our Year 6 Dux Priscilla S and our Year 7 Dux Kaitlyn C for their outstanding academic achievements.

It was also an historic event as it was the last time we will farewell Year 7 students, and the first time we farewell Year 6. The Year 6 students are currently on camp, and the Year 7s will be on their camp next week. The final farewell will be at a special assembly next Thursday.

Upgrade of Gympie Road crossing
As we await to hear about our school’s School Subsidy Scheme application, that will see $250,000 of improvements to the Gympie Road entrance and playgrounds, the Brisbane City Council will commence work on an upgrade to the crossing and traffic lights this weekend. Ultimately the upgrade will see wider footpaths on both sides of the road, creating additional space for students to wait when crossing, and calming the flow of traffic.

This work may cause disruption next week although if at any stage the lights are out at peak times we have been advised police will be on site to control traffic. Please take extra care while the work is being completed.

New playground and drainage works
In the first week of the school holidays the new playground will be installed in front of the Camp Australia building and drainage works on the junior oval will commence. There may be some inconvenience for our families using the Camp Australia holiday program but all this work will be completed over the holidays and greatly benefit the students from the start of next year.

We will need to remove some trees around the new playground on advice of an arborist and landscape architect, primarily due to the integrity of the trees and ultimate safety of students, but the final design will include new gardens and trees that will greatly enhance the school environment. This work is scheduled for this weekend.

David Turner
Principal
From the DP

Make-up swimming lesson for Years 1 to 3
As you may be aware, swimming lessons for Years 1 to 3 were cancelled last Friday. Unfortunately, due to the storm that Brisbane had last Thursday night the water quality in the Zillmere pool wasn’t right for swimming. There will be a make-up lesson for students in Years 1 to 3 on Tuesday 9 December. Students in Years 1-3 will need to remember to bring their swimming items on Tuesday.

Deputy Principal Libby Bond during the school holidays.

Letter@ers will be sent out to parents/carers 2015 class notification and information 2015 class notification to parents/carers draws. Along with our Swap Shop and Gotcha Card forms part of our SWPBS rewards system process. Having a celebration each term follows the school rules is an important part of our of School-Wide Positive Behaviour. Having a celebration each term forms part of our SWPBS rewards system along with our Swap Shop and Gotcha Card draws.

2015 class notification to parents/carers 2015 class notification and information letters will be sent out to parents/carers during the school holidays.

Libby Bond Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Be a Learner!
Learner Lenny says:
- Participate cooperatively in individual and group activities
- Strive to do your best at all times

Chappy News

27 GOATS and a couple of chickens!! $1,231.60 is the amazing amount of money that the children here at Bald Hills State School have earned, smashing our past record of 9 goats!

I have been absolutely overwhelmed to hear of so many children doing jobs at home to help with this valuable fundraiser through “Gifts of Compassion”, to assist children and their families living in poverty. Here are some of the jobs done over the last couple of weeks……..rooms cleaned, cars washed, washing hung out, clothes folded and put away, pets fed and washed, dusting, sweeping, baking, mowing and even a toilet or two now lovely and clean. Thank you Bald Hills, and parents, I hope you continue to have lots of happy little helpers over the holidays!

Thank you also to Graham and his team from Bracken Ridge Baptist Church who led a fantastic Christmas Service on Tuesday for us all to enjoy.
I wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas. See you in 2015!

Regards,
Chappy Kylie

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the students who received Student of the Week Habit of the Mind—For Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations

| Prep B | Mia | 3D | Zachary |
| Prep K | Gemma | 3P | Abby |
| Prep S | Lucy | 3T | Hayley |
| Prep T | Safari | 4B | Elspeth |
| 1K | Amelia | 4C | Charlotte |
| 1M | Lydia | 4W | Jye |
| 1W | Summer | 5H | Emily |
| 1Y | D’Koda | 5M | Emily |
| 2B | Makenzy | 5S | Ella |
| 2C | Jack |
| 2R | Lucia |
| 2W | Lacey |
| 3A | Sasha |

If anyone knows who they belong to, we have them at the office.

Overdue Library Books
All library books were meant to be handed back in by last Friday. If you have any library books at home, they are now overdue. Please return them to the library as soon as possible.

Happy Holidays
The office staff would like to wish all students and their families a happy and safe holiday season. Take care over the break and we will see you in 2015.

Thank you
Kursty, Leesa and Helina

Thank you from the Support Room

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated Teacher Aides for all their hard work and support this year. You always go that one step further and it makes such a difference. The students appreciate and love you!

Thanks also to all our wonderful parent volunteers. Your commitment and dedication to the students of Bald Hills is very much appreciated. We hope to see you back again next year.

Thanks to our trainee teacher aides Melita and Karen. You have made a difference to the lives of our students. We wish you every success in your new careers. A special thank you to our ‘resident retired teacher and grandma’ Margaret H for the hours and hours spent assisting our students and teachers this year. Also a special mention to Sonya M. Sonya is another one of our ‘unsung heroes’. She is a community member and has been working with our Year 2s all year. Thanks Sonya!

I would also like to thank Mrs Louise Brennan for her contribution to our school Forestry. Louise has made a significant contribution to our Forestry for many years. Thanks Louise!

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday and a safe and happy New Year. See you in 2015!

Regards,
Jinty Bird, STLaN
Support Teacher: Literacy & Numeracy
P&C News

P&C Special Meeting: After the resignation of our President we will be holding a special meeting of P&C member on Wednesday 10 December starting 7:00pm in the school Library. The P&C Executive must have minimum of a President, Treasurer & Secretary so this meeting is important to vote in a new President. Any nominations for this position can be submitted through an email to P&C Executive Committee on pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au.

Christmas Carols Night: We still have performer slots available so if you, and friends, would like to volunteer to lead a song on the night please email the P&C team or nominate at the Tuckshop. Thank you to all the families that have donated to our raffle for the Christmas Carols night on Thursday 11 December. The major prize is starting to come together. Remember that all donated items for the raffle will give you a free ticket in the raffle.

TRADIES: We are looking to cosmetically improve our Uniform Shop for 2015 so are looking for any donations of paint [any colour] and timber that you may have to improve our current Uniform Shop. If you can help with this please let the P&C or Mel, our Uniform Shop convenor, know.

P&C 2015: The P&C Committee will be looking to build a strong Executive Committee next year so please consider nominating for a position on our team and help 2015 be our most successful year. 2015 is our Fete year and we have committed to raise $60,000 to contribute to grounds improvement for our school’s 150th anniversary so a full Executive team will make this task more achievable. Remember: many hands make light work 😊

Thank you to all our volunteers this year who have helped us raise much needed money which will contribute towards improvements to our great school. To those families that are leaving a bit ahead of end of term, we wish you a joyful and safe holiday period.

Thank you BHSS P&C Exec

Tuckshop News

NO TUCKSHOP ORDERING IN THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL. Ice blocks, chips and drinks will be sold at breaks only on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Closed on Thursday & Friday.

We must say a MASSIVE thank you to all of the children, their families and staff for your ongoing support this year. And to those amazing volunteers that give up their time, week in and week out, you’re the reason this tuckshop is going strong. You make coming to work so much fun and so easy. Without each and every one of you this year I would have gone crazy for sure (I know I already am)! Thank you girls!!

We’d like to say good bye to Natalie Perren, thank you for being an integral part of our team, for so many years. We will all miss you.

Kylie Gall
Tuckshop Convenor

Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop will be open the following additional hours:

- Wednesday 3 December 8am—1pm
- Thursday 4 December 1pm—3pm
- Friday 5 December 2:15pm—3:15pm
- Thursday 11 December 8am—10am
- Friday 12 December 8am—10am
- Saturday 13 December 9am—1pm
- Thursday 22 January 9am—1pm
- Friday 23 January 9am—1pm
- Saturday 24 January 9am—1pm

If anyone is wishing to sell their second hand uniforms please see Mel in the uniform shop for the appropriate paperwork that needs to be completed before uniforms can be sold.

We are also waiting for a back order on our Prep polos, however we are taking pre orders for these.

Thanks Mel.
Uniform Shop Convenor

4B News

4B is very pleased to announce the lucky winner of our class quilt. It is Nana Kyte (great grandmother to Lily O.) We would like to especially thank Lynda Weston who stitched the patches and everyone who helped us raise a grand total of $510 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Mrs Blakey
4B Class Teacher

Community News

Ross’ On Court Tennis
Ross is now taking 2015 enrolments/re-enrolments for tennis classes at Bald Hills State School for Term 1 2015.
Open to all children from Prep—Year 6 commencing Week 2 of Term 1 2015. To enrol, contact Ross on 3264 3976.

Important Dates

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