5 December 2013

Congratulations Attunga!

Last Wednesday we held the annual inter-house swimming carnival. This was the last of the school’s sporting events for the year and capped off another successful sporting event for the year. This year Bald Hills students participated in winter and summer interschool competitions, including the very successful re-introduction of rugby league, as well as the usual athletics, cross country and swimming carnivals at school and Bramble Bay levels. We also had students representing Bramble Bay and Metropolitan North in a variety of sports in 2014. Congratulations to the age champions and to the winning house Attunga!

Uniforms

If shopping for shoes over the summer break please keep in mind that the school uniform stipulates black shoes with white socks. There are a variety of black runners available and certainly bright coloured shoes, or bright coloured laces, are not in line with our community’s uniform expectations, and therefore not suitable for school.

I’ve also noticed some very worn hats! Hats should be named, but not written all over, and not damaged to the point they look more like a well-loved fishing hat than part of our school uniform. It would be great if we started 2014 with all students wearing the correct uniform with the pride our school deserves.

Student Leaders

Over the last week we have been finalising school leader positions for 2014. I have been very impressed with the quality of young people who nominated to take on leadership positions in the school. Of course there were many more nominations than positions, and this ultimately means there are some disappointed, but nevertheless worthy, seniors in the school. Thank you to all the students who did nominate in a competitive field and congratulations to the eleven students who will be taking on captain positions next year. These students and their positions will be announced at the Awards Night to be held tonight.

Final Assembly and End of Year

Our final assembly for 2013 will be held next Thursday morning. On this assembly we will farewell the Year 7 students, who will be back from their camp, and staff who will be leaving the school at the end of the school year. Classes will also be holding end of year parties and tidying rooms up for the transition to 2014. Report Cards will also be issued on Thursday. The last day of school before the summer break is Friday.

David Turner
2014 School Captain Speeches

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the quality of speeches presented by our 16 shortlisted 2014 School Captain candidates. Not only did our students speak with confidence and conviction, but they reminded all of us about the importance and true value of leadership.

A particular statement said by one student sticks in my mind. They said that “School Captain was not a competition, but a position.” Other students made similar statements about the importance of leadership and serving the school, their fellow students and our community. Students spoke about how they had made significant contributions to our school over the years as a younger student and about how they wanted to continue to leave a “positive footprint” on their school.

2014 Student Leader positions will be announced at Thursday’s Awards Night.

Swimming Carnival Lost Property

We have a small amount of lost property from last week’s swimming carnival.

- Googles (2 pairs: pink and blue)
- Blue swimming cap
- Striped towel
- Blue Nike t-shirt
- Girls speedo togs (black with orange trim/logos)
- Boardies (2 pairs: red and black with coloured patterns)

If any of these items belong to your child, please send them to the office to collect.

Libby Bond

Music Notes

Music Showcase
This is over for another year. I’m sure everyone who attended had a wonderful night. There were some great prizes won by various families. Your efforts raised just over $1300 for the Music Program. Thank-you – this has already been ear-marked for 2014.

Selection for Instrumental Program
This year saw over 130 children indicate they would like to learn an instrument of some type. This is the largest number to apply for a very long time. This means there will unfortunately be a lot of children who will miss out. Letters for the results are going home over the next couple of days. Please return the slip at the bottom immediately so that if your child is NOT taking up the offer, it may be given to another child.

Music Camp 2014
Has your child returned the slip indicating if they will OR will not be attending camp? If not, please do so urgently, as I need to confirm numbers with the camp site. Letters went out last week with cost outlined. More information will be sent home early in the New Year.

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Music Staff. Looking forward to an even better 2014.

Marion Wood

Forestry News

Recently the year 3’s planted in the Forestry and in the ANZAC garden as part of their SOSE studies. In these two areas, 60 grasses and shrubs were planted.

Swimming Carnival

Well done to all students who participated in last Wednesday’s swimming carnival. It was wonderful to see so many students having a go! Thank you to the staff and volunteers who assisted on the day, it wouldn’t have been possible without you. Congratulations to the following age champions for this year: Dylan B, William P, Jessica C, Vincent P, Paige T, Richard M, Emma H, Lucas B, Chelsea G, and Georgia H.

Emma Hughes

Flyers home this week
No Flyers
P & C News

Please be advised the final General Meeting for 2013 will be held next Wednesday December 11, at 7pm in the Library.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The P&C has obtained three quotes to install air-conditioning in the eight classrooms of the Prep building over the Christmas break. Due to the value of this investment, a motion must be carried by a General Meeting to approve the selection of supplier. All current members of the P&C are eligible to vote.

Kids Artwork is due back next week and will be distributed once it arrives.

Our Uniform shop and Assistant Tuckshop Convenor, Helen Muller, has resigned from the position as of Friday November 29. The P&C wishes to thank Helen for all her hard work and dedication over the years. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Position Vacant

The P&C are seeking applicants for the casual position of Uniform Shop Convenor/Assistant Tuckshop Convenor (Six hours per week in two three hour blocks). If you are interested please contact the P&C via email at pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au to receive a Position Description, alternatively you can go to the office to obtain a paper copy. Applications close January 3 2014 with interviews being held in the week starting January 6 2014. Start date will be January 13 2014.

The P&C would like to wish all the families and staff of Bald Hills State School a very happy Christmas break. Whether you are lucky enough to go travelling or have to keep working through the break; be safe.

Annual General Meeting 2014

The date for the Annual General Meeting for electing a new Executive Committee is February 12, 2014 at 7pm in the Library.

Tuckshop News

Thank you to all my amazing volunteers, students and staff for all your support throughout the year.

If anyone is available next week (Mon 9 to Thu 12) to help clean the tuckshop, I would love the help.

Please note that tuckshop is CLOSED and no orders can be taken.

The first week for orders in 2014 will be the week starting Monday February 3

Have a very safe and happy break.

Uniform Shop News

Hours for the last week of school are:
Dec 9, Monday 8am—11am
Dec 10, Tuesday 1pm—4pm
Dec 11, Wednesday 8am—11am
Dec 12, Thursday 12pm—3pm
Dec 13, Friday NOT OPEN

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 Dates

Friday 6 December
Last Tuckshop Day for 2013

Monday 9 December
2014 Book Lists due 9am

Yr 7 CAMP

Yrs 4 & 3/4R Excursion

Albany Creek Leisure Centre

Yrs 5 & 6 Excursion

Aquatic Centre Chermside

Tuesday 10 December
Yr 7 CAMP

Swimming Yrs 1,3,5

Yr 7 Camp return

Thursday 12 December
Final Assembly

Friday 13 December
Last Day

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