11 February 2016

Dear Parents,

Team Bald Hills

Being a part of a team is not only socially beneficial but maximizes what can be achieved. On assembly this week, we spoke about wearing our school uniform. This gives students a sense of belonging and pride and what it means to be a part of ‘Team Bald Hills’. We also gave our swimming squad Bald Hills swimming caps to reinforce and promote this sense of team. I am keen to continue this promotion of Team Bald Hills in many aspects of our school culture.

Each of us has a key role to play. Each member of any team needs to know and understand their roles and responsibilities and be accountable to their team. Students show they are a part of Team Bald Hills from how they present themselves in their full uniform, how they conduct themselves within the school and in the community. Representing your team to reflect the values and expectations of the team is very important. I would like to thank the students and parents for working together to ensure that all students were in the full school uniform. It was such a beautiful, proud display on assembly of how we have all worked together on this.

P&C 2016

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C was convened last night to elect the Executive for 2016. It is with pleasure that I announce the Executive who will guide our school through the next 12 months.

Congratulations and thank you to:-

President: Sharon Cox  
Vice-President: Gillian McCullagh  
Secretary: Stacie Gillies  
Treasurer: Sheree Checchetto  
Vice Treasurer: Trish Hassum

I would also like to extend my thanks to the many new members who have joined the P&C this year and to the parents who have elected to take leadership roles in the P&C 150th sub committee. I look forward to continuing the great work of our P&C with the new team throughout 2016. All parents are invited to P&C meetings, which are held generally on the second Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 March at 7:00pm in the Tables Room of the library.
**Student Leader Investiture Ceremony**

We will be holding our 2016 School Leaders’ Investiture Ceremony on Wednesday 17 February at 9am in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and congratulate our student leaders as we induct them into their leadership roles for this year. Parents and carers are welcome to join us on this special occasion.

**Parent Information Session Thanks**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Parent Information Sessions. They were certainly very well attended and provided the reinforcement of the importance of the link between the teacher, parent and the student. If at any time throughout the term that anything relating to your child’s education needs to be discussed, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with the teacher to ensure that adequate time is set aside.

**School Photos**

Our school photographs will be taken on Tuesday 23 February. More information will be sent home shortly.

**Attendance- Every Day Counts**

Each day at school enables a better opportunity to improve learning. The chart below shows the amount of time if your child only attends 85% of the time (misses 15 days in one semester). If this pattern continues over primary school one whole year of schooling is missed. Each day is vital for your child’s learning and together we can help your child achieve to their best potential. As can be seen below our current attendance rate in the first few weeks is better, but slightly below our target of 96%. Please use the absence line 32611554 or email the school on absence@baldhillss.eq.edu.au at any time to register an absence, or send a note to your child’s teacher.

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**Routine Evacuation Drill**

A routine evacuation drill will be carried out at the school some time next week. It is a requirement of Education Qld that all schools have at least one of these drills each term.

All the best

*Glen Robertson*

*Principal*

**From The DP**

**Be Responsible with Responsible Ronnie**

Our rule this week, Responsible Ronnie says to wear the correct uniform. Teachers are monitoring this in class over the next week and will be looking for students wearing:

- A broad-brimmed school hat everyday - *No Hat, No Play!*
- Predominantly white or black closed-in school shoes (no coloured laces)
- Correct formal and sports uniform on the appropriate days

Please check that your child has all of the correct items for them to be able to follow this rule.

**Certificates of the week**

After a review of our weekly assembly certificates we have made some changes to our student of the week certificates. These changes aim to bring our certificates in line with our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program. From now on 2 students from each class will receive a student of the week certificate each fortnight (Yrs P, 2, 4 & 6 in even weeks, and Yrs 1, 3 & 5 in odd weeks). One of these certificates will have a Learner Lenny focus, and the other will be Responsible Ronnie, Respectful Rosie or Safety Sam. Names of certificate recipients will be displayed in the newsletter as usual.

**Gotcha Cards**

There has also been a change to the weekly gotcha card draw. Students will now write the letter of their sports house on their gotcha cards and then place the cards in the corresponding sports house box in the office. Each week all gotcha cards will be tallied and a running total of sports house points will be displayed each week on parade. All of these points will also go towards the end of the year sports house award. We will draw 3 ice block winners from each house each week and these students will be recognised on assembly. We are confident that these changes will further enhance student engagement with these rewards.

**Library Borrowing**

Library will now be open for students to borrow before school (from 8:25am each morning). Parents are encouraged to accompany their child into the library to help with reading material selection. Students will be reminded that they are not to linger in the library before school; this time is for borrowing only. After borrowing students need to return to the quad area where student supervision is provided before school. We will be running this initiative as a trial this term to see if students are utilising this area appropriately.

*Sharon Blake*

*Deputy Principal*

**Positive Behaviour Support Program**

**Be Responsible!**

Responsible Ronnie says:

Wear the correct uniform
Students of the Week

Congratulations to this week’s students of the week.

1K Hannah 2/3P Tia
1K Evie 2/3P Natalie
1L Messiah 2/3T Harper
1L Eliza 2/3T Elissa
1M Hamish 5A Darcy
1M Jesse 5A Emmett
1W Theo 5C Kye
1W Ryder 5C Amelia
3D Emilia 5D Lilli
3D Shehan 5D Charlton
3R Ethan 5S Sunshine
3R Ellena 5S Steve

Book Club News

The first issue of Scholastic Book Club has been sent home. Please note, that there is now 1 catalogue for all ages and all ordering needs to be done online through www.scholastic.com.auLOOP. Online credit card payments will be the only payment method accepted as we no longer take paper order forms, or cash payments.

Kerry Webber
Book Club Convenor

PE News

The following students will be representing our school at the Bramble Bay District Swimming Carnival this Friday 12 February at Lawnton Pool. Braelyn 6H, Arabella 6C, Parker 6K, Imodgen 5D, Jettlin 5S, Harrison 5S, Eddie 5D and Brooke 4B.

At assembly this week they were presented with a Bald Hills State School representative swim cap to wear at the Carnival. We wish them all luck!

Kylie Innes
HPE Teacher

Tuckshop News

If you would like to help by donating items to the Tuckshop we are in need of tinned beetroot & eggs. We welcome any brand and all donations are very much appreciated and keep running costs down in Tuckshop.

Roster:
Monday 15 February - Mel M
Tuesday 16 February - Alicia S
Wednesday 17 February - Tanya Mc, Karen J & Sharon H
Thursday 18 February - Donna V, Joy Bells
Friday 19 February - Mel B, Leanne H, Sharon C, Teena L

The Tuckshop Team

Uniform News

Sports polos are now in stock. We are still waiting on the arrival of sizes 4, 6 & 8 boys formal shirts.

Uniform Shop Hours are:
Wednesday 8am-10am
Friday 2:30pm-3:30pm

Mel
Uniform Shop Convenor

P & C News

As of 10 February a new Executive team was appointed for 2016 at the AGM. On behalf of 2015 Executive members, I would like to thank parents, teachers, students and community members for all their support last year.

The P&C successfully installed air conditioning in all classrooms and held a great fete.

I hope to see continued support for our school’s P&C as they do put a lot of their personal time in to make a real difference in our great little school. I wish the new executive team the very best for 2016 and will give my full support when required.

I hope to see everyone trying to get behind our 150th Anniversary this year to make it a successful event.

Thank you

P&C Executive team

Community News

Ridge Hills United Football Club is a family friendly club located at Stanley Day Park 75 Grand Street Bald Hills. Registrations are now open for the 2016 season. The club caters for players from 3 years olds to senior men’s teams.

Further information contact secretary@rhufc.com

Important Dates

Friday 12 February  Bramble Bay Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 17 February  Assembly & Student Leaders Induction Ceremony
Thursday 18 February  Bramble Bay Basketball
Friday 19 February  Senior Sports Yrs 4 – 6
Monday 22 February  Bramble Bay Aust Football
Tuesday 23 February  School Photos
Thursday 25 February  Assembly
Friday 26 February  Senior Sports Yrs 4 – 6
Monday 29 February  Aspley High School Arts Day of Excellence—Yr 6
Wednesday 2 March  Assembly
Friday 4 March  Tuckshop Red Day Senior Sports Yr 4-6