18 February 2015

Thank You Camp Australia

I would like to extend a big thank you to Camp Australia who have contributed $4,000 to the cost of the new playground equipment in the Gympie Road playground. This very generous contribution will be used to further enhance the play area and is greatly appreciated. Thank you on behalf of the Bald Hills School Community! The new equipment was an almost $60,000 investment in the grounds and is the first part of our school’s contribution to a larger redevelopment to the front of the school. The P&C have contributed $20,000 to this equipment but we are still awaiting the outcome of the School Subsidy Grant application. I will keep you informed.

Before and After School Safety

Could I ask parents not to allow their children to play in the school grounds after school. Our goal is for all students to leave the school grounds as quickly, quietly and safely as possible after 2:55pm. It has been a long standing school rule that students do not use playground equipment, or play any ball games after school in the quad or under buildings. If students are waiting with parents could you please have them wait by your side and under your supervision.

A reminder that no students should be in the grounds after 3:15pm of an afternoon. Emergent situations do arise and any student who has not been picked up by the sounding of the 3:15pm bell must report to the office so we can make contact with parents/caregivers and provide appropriate supervision until they can be collected.

Play on the playground equipment before school is also not permitted with the exception of students under the supervision of Camp Australia staff. Students are reminded to move to under A block on their arrival and, after being released to play, to move into the Quad areas where supervision can be provided.

Your cooperation in assisting us in these areas is greatly appreciated and helps keep all students safe while on the grounds.

Assembly next week – Thursday 26th

Our Week 5 assembly will be held on Thursday next week, 26 February. We will be entertained by a performance of the choir following their Music Camp last week and moving the assembly means we can better facilitate this performance. I hope to also give our strings students the opportunity to perform to the school assembly in the weeks ahead.

David Turner
Principal
From the DP
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Last year we also ran a Year 4 Science Enrichment Club. This year we will be expanding this enrichment program to include Year 3. Science Enrichment Club is offered to selected students based on both Science diagnostic testing results and students’ academic achievement in their classroom science. Invitations for involvement in this enrichment club will go out to selected students next week.
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Positive Behaviour Support Program
Be Safe! Safety Sam says:
Walk when moving around the school.

From the Office
Payments at the Office
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Absences
If your child is away from school, can parents please either phone the school on 3261 1554 or send an email to absence@baldhillss.eq.edu.au.

Thank you
Kursty, Leesa, Mel & Helina

Music Camp
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It was unfortunate that the concert wasn’t able to go ahead due to a number of issues, however, the groups will perform on assembly over the next few weeks. The camp first group to perform will be the Concert Band on Wednesday. So these performances can be accommodated, Assembly days will be changed – Young Voices on a Thursday & String Ensemble on a Tuesday. Hopefully you will be able to attend these performances.

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Junior Choir
Junior Choir is open to ALL children in Years 2 and 3. The children do NOT need to audition for this group. They practice in the Music Room on Friday afternoon from 1:45 to 2:15pm. In a couple of weeks’ time, a contract will be sent home for signing.
Marion Wood
Music Teacher
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FRIDAY 13 MARCH
6PM – BBQ— 6:45-8PM – DISCO GAMES & DANCING
$6 Child or $15 Family ORANGE HARMONY DAY THEME!
KRAVE CLUB – THIS WEDNESDAY!! Years 3-6 in the SCHOOL HALL
This week, Wednesday 2nd break, Krave
Kids Club will begin! This fabulous program will again be run by Graham Wray who is the youth and children’s pastor at Bracken Ridge Baptist Church. As well, Graham is a registered and experienced teacher and a familiar face to Bald Hills SS as he hosts our Wonderful Chaplaincy Discos. Krave Club is purely about team games and having fun by including everyone.

**CHAPPY NOTICE BOARD**

SU QLD offers some fantastic camps/day camps for children in years 2-6 over the Easter break (one in Pine Rivers area at only $10 per day). See Chappy notice board for more information.

Also flyers about local parenting courses, play groups, kids clubs and youth groups.

**CHAPPY KYLIE**

**PE News**

Two students have been selected in the Bramble Bay district team to compete at the Metropolitan North Swimming Championships on 25 February. Caitlyn 6S has qualified for 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke whilst Harrison 4A has qualified for 100m freestyle and 50m butterfly.

Also Tanisha 5B has been selected in the Bramble Bay district Basketball team and will compete at the Metropolitan North Championships on 16 March.

We wish them all good luck!

**Tuckshop News**

Please note all tuckshop orders are due by 9am. Eftpos is available. We are currently seeking donations of tinned beetroot, eggs and crackers. If you wish to help out with donations that would be fantastic.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS ROSTER**:

- **Monday 23 February**—Sharon C
- **Tuesday 27 February**—Kaye H
- **Wednesday 25 February**—Tracy B & Sharon H
- **Thursday 26 February**—RED FOOD DAY
  - Mel B, Melanie M, Donna V, Bec R, Emma S
- **Friday 27 February**—Alicia S, Zita J, Leanne H, Jade, Gretel S

*Kylie*

**Uniform Shop News**

Hours open:
- **Wednesday**—8am to 10am
- **Friday**—2:15pm to 3:15pm

Sorry for any inconvenience caused, we are still waiting on our shipment on Prep polo’s SZ 6, small hats and SZ 8 sport polo’s. Thank you

*Mel*

**Uniform Shop Convenor**

**Community News**

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