18 February 2016

Dear Parents,

SCHOOL LEADERS’ INVESTITURE
Congratulations to all our new student leaders. The induction took place in Wednesday with students taking on the roles of School Captains, House Captains, Music Captain and Student Councillors. We look forward to working with these students throughout 2016.

TALK, LISTEN, LEARN TOGETHER
Children bring to school a home grown attitude to learning. Their parents have been their first teachers. Usually those children do well at school whose parents chat continually with them, and play, sing and go out with them a lot. Such parents have probably also taught them nursery rhymes and counting rhymes, not to mention many jokes and games. And so, their children enter school with a good vocabulary, a number sense, and a readiness to meet and solve problems.

Talk is Basic
Children must talk. Their thinking and talking are tied closely together – in fact imposed silence stems their thinking. Moreover, most teachers believe that the children who are the good talkers become good readers and good writers. But children, like adults, only talk well if they know someone is listening.

Be willing to listen – to subjects that interest your child, even if the retelling of a movie or game or a school activity doesn’t fascinate you. At the same time you too are important: talk to your child about many things you are doing and feeling – expect that s/he will listen.

Create situations for conversation. A family watching TV together may not be communicating at all. So try to choose programs that are worth discussing. Even more important, show there is a big world beyond TV, full of opportunities to converse, starting with dinner-time talk and games at home. At the end of the day use the golden period between bath-time and sleep-time to settle children, especially the young ones, with talk, reading, story-telling, shared and talked-over activities.
GUIDING CHILDREN’S CONFLICT RESOLUTION

From time to time students have difficulty with their friendships. As parents we want our children to be happy and have friends to play with. When our child comes home upset about issues relating to relationships at school, parents often wonder how to deal with the situation. The following is from the website titled ‘Kids Matter’: http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/about-friendship/resolving-conflict/resolving-conflict-suggestions-families

There may be some useful hints for you or it may re affirm that you are on the right track when dealing with the complexity of our children’s mental and social well-being.

Definitions of conflict

Relationship skills are important to a child’s future success as an adult as well as their day-to-day life. As we grow up we need to know how to make and maintain friendships, resolve conflict, make decisions and solve problems to get along in the world.

With positive and effective guidance from families, children can develop these life skills and experience good mental health and wellbeing. Positive friendships are important for children’s mental health, as they provide a means of support and help to develop their social and emotional skills. To have good friends, children need good friendship skills - like being able to communicate, cooperate, and manage feelings. Children need adults to help manage their friendships and improve these important skills.

Conflict with others is a normal part of life for children because they all have different needs and preferences.

Problems often arise because children don’t have the skills to avoid or resolve conflict alone. Adults can help children to share needs, listen to each other, and come up with ideas to resolve conflict.

All the best
Glen Robertson
Principal

From The DP

School Photos

Just a final reminder that school photos will be held next Tuesday 23 February. All students need to be in full formal school uniform. If your child has PE on a Tuesday please ensure that they are wearing their full formal school uniform, not their sports uniform. Please ensure that hair accessories are in school colours if possible. Notes will be going home to student leaders and counsellors, string ensemble members and band members to notify them of their before school photo times. Students in 3D will also need to be at school promptly as their photos are scheduled for 8:45am.

Rule of the Week

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus rule for this week is to Be Respectful with Respectful Rosie and follow teacher directions. Teachers will be focussing on the following:

- Listen when others are speaking
- Put your hand up to speak
- Wait patiently for your turn
- Use appropriate language
- Use good manners
- Use good eye contact
- Take responsibility for your actions
- Accept consequences without complaining or arguing.

Please help teachers by discussing these expectations with your child at home.

Indigenous Community Liaison

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Miss Shannen Hamilton as our Indigenous Community Liaison. We would like to welcome Shannen to the school and look forward to supporting her in this role. Shannen will be working from 8:45am-12:15pm on Mondays and Thursdays, and 8:45am -4:00pm on Tuesdays. She will also be present at the Turrwan Circle Reading group each week, beginning on Tuesday 8 March. Shannen is looking forward to working with students and parents.

Sharon Blake
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Be respectful with Respectful Rosie and follow teachers’ directions.
children to enjoy before classes begin. I believe lots of students slept very soundly when they returned home, I know I did. I'm amazed they could still walk after the amount of food some of them consumed. There was so much and some things people hadn't eaten before but that didn't stop the children for long. I'd like to thank all the staff - Mr James, Miss Moore, Mr Taylor, Mrs Conomos and Miss Grant for their support and work whilst on camp.

I would also like to thank the Leyden & Murphy families for providing afternoon tea on Wednesday afternoon for the children. It was one less job I had to do.

Marion Wood
Music Teacher

PE News

Last Friday 8 students represented Bald Hills State School at the Bramble Bay District Swimming Carnival. Well done to all of the swimmers. Thank you to our parents and supporters on the day and a special thanks to Amanda Milford for being our official. The team looked very smart in their new rep caps!

Arabella (5C) has qualified for the 11 years girls 50m backstroke and Parker (5K) the 50m 11 years boys freestyle. They will represent the Bramble Bay District Swim Team at the Metropolitan North Swimming Championships at Lawnton on 24 February - congratulations and good luck to them both.

The following students have nominated to trial for the Bramble Bay District AFL team to be conducted on February 22 at Sandgate District State High School:

Parker 5K, Jakob 5D, Emmett, 5A and Ella 5S. We wish you good luck in the trials.

Kylie Innes
HPE Teacher

Chappy News

SCHOOL DISCO DATE CLAIMER
Friday 11 March (Watch this space!!)

BREAKFAST CLUB is up and running again! Look out for the balloons and follow the great smells! Toast, fruit platters, yogurt, milk and juice - all free of charge for children to enjoy before classes begin each Tuesday at 8am. This would not be possible without the Bald Hills Presbyterian Church who has supported the Breakfast Club over many years now providing volunteers to purchase and prepare the food each week. Thanks also to the many Yr 6 student leaders who have put up their hands to arrive early and help prepare and serve breakfast in front of the Tuckshop area.

HAMPERS OF HOPE

--Donations Needed!! NON-PERISHABLE items can be dropped in the yellow mini bin at the tuckshop or outside the chappy room. These donations are made into gift hampers as needs arise within our school. Last year over 50 hampers were distributed via the Chaplaincy Service on behalf of our school community! Items include spreads, snacks, cereals, juice, rice, pasta and toiletries. Just one extra item each week in your trolley is a great weekly habit to get into and can make a huge difference to a family having a difficult week.

Donations of Second Hand Uniforms are also greatly appreciated to assist families as needs arise.

Thanks so much for helping me to care for our school families.

Chappy Kylie

Tuckshop News

A big thank you for the donations that came in from our families last week. They've come in very handy.

This week we are seeking donations of zip lock snack bags (big enough to fit an apple in) and eggs.

Roster:

Monday 22 February - Mel M
Tuesday 23 February - Trish H
Wednesday 24 February –Kat M, Stacie G & Vicki P
Thursday 25 February -Donna V, Joy Bells & Treena F S
Friday 26 February - Mel B, Leanne H, Teena L, Alicia S & Zita J

The Tuckshop Team

Uniform News

We are currently waiting on arrival of our green shorts and size 4 & 6 boys formal shirts. We will keep you updated on the progress. If you have placed an order you will be contacted by Mel once they arrive.

Uniform Shop Hours are:

Wednesday 8am-10am
Friday 2:30pm-3:30pm

Mel
Uniform Shop Convenor

P & C News

Welcome to the new executive team. We thank everyone for your continuing support through out this year. To start the year off we will be having a sausage sizzle on election day, Saturday 19 March at the school. Volunteers will be needed. Also Easter raffle tickets will be going out at the end of next week. So keep an eye out for these as there are great prizes to be won.

Kind regards
P&C Executive Team

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