20 February 2014

Parent Information Evening
Next Wednesday night our teachers would like to offer parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet with them to discuss this year’s curriculum, classroom processes and expectations. The evening session will commence in the Hall at 5:30pm for a general introduction to the year before teachers will take parents to their classrooms for a session that will conclude at about 6:30pm. For those interested in our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) members of the Camp Australia team will also be present to talk with parents. Please come along and assist us make the year a great one - 5:00 pm if you wish to learn about OSHC, and then 5:30 pm for information about school and classroom teaching and learning programs.

Chaplain Commissioning
Next Wednesday’s assembly will include the Commissioning Ceremony of our new school Chaplain. Our Chaplaincy Program offers student, staff and, on occasions, families support and welfare services. The program has grown to be an invaluable part of life at our school. On assembly next week we will officially welcome Kylie Conomos into the role of chaplain at Bald Hills with the support of representatives of local churches and community groups.

Interschool Sport – Be Sun Safe
Next Friday interschool sport commences for student in Year 5, 6 and 7. These summer sports are all outdoors and students must have their school hats, should have sunscreen and apply it regularly and carry a water bottle to ensure re-hydration during the day.

Camp Australia Survey
Parents of students who use Camp Australia will, in the near future, receive a letter asking them to take part in a short survey. The survey is online and should take no more than 5 - 10 minutes. This information will be used to ensure the service is meeting your expectations and assist in improving the care your children receive while attending Camp Australia.

David Turner
Principal
**From the DP**

**Australian Curriculum: Geography**
This year all schools in Queensland start to implement the new Australian Curriculum: Geography. Many year levels at Bald Hills have commenced their Geography units, whilst other year levels will commence Geography in Semester 2 having first completed their History units of study.

**So what does the Geography curriculum contain and how is it organised?**
The Australian Curriculum: Geography is organised in two related strands: Geographical Knowledge and Understanding, and Geographical Inquiry and Skills.

Geographical Knowledge refers to the facts, generalisations, principles, theories and models developed in geography. Geographical Understanding is the ability to see the relationships between aspects of knowledge and construct explanatory frameworks to illustrate these relationships.

Geographical Inquiry is a process that involves individual or group investigations that start with geographical questions and proceed through the collection, evaluation, analysis and interpretation of information. Inquiries may vary in scale and geographical context.

Geographical Skills are the techniques that students use in their investigations. Geographical Skills are described in the curriculum under five sub-headings representing the stages of a complete investigation. The stages of an investigation are: (1) Observing, questioning and planning; (2) Collecting, recording, evaluating and representing; (3) Interpreting analysing and concluding; (4) Communicating; and (5) Reflecting and responding.

The curriculum also focuses on seven key concepts for developing geographical understanding. These are place, space, environment, interconnection, sustainability, scale and change. These key concepts underpin each unit. For example, students might be investigating the sustainability of particular environments, or examining the geographical changes of an environment over time, or discussing how people use different places and spaces in our environment.

It is important that students understand these concepts and use this language in context. So why not start using these seven words in conversation with your children. Next time you are at the park or the beach, ask them about how people might use the space, how the environment could be protected, elements of sustainability they might already be able to observe, or perhaps what geographical features they can see in a place.

**School swimming lessons**
Just a quick update about school swimming lessons — swimming lessons for Years 1 to 7 will occur in Term 4 this year. There will be no swimming lessons in Term 1 for any year level. Details will be provided closer to the date.

**Interschool sport**
Interschool sport commences next Friday — 28 February 2014 for students in Years 5 to 7. Permission notes and payment were due 13 February and team numbers have now been finalised. Students who have not brought back interschool sport permission notes will be participating in a sport program here at school.

**Libby Bond**
Deputy Principal

**Chappy News**

**DAYS AVAILABLE** — Mon, Tues, Wed
**BREAKFAST CLUB** — TUESDAY 8AM
**CHAPPY ROOM** — Under Staffroom

**HAMPERS FOR FAMILIES!** — Our bright yellow mini bin is now set up and ready to go just outside the tuckshop. Already we have had some wonderful donations of non-perishable items that the chaplaincy service will be able to use to make up hampers as needs arise within our school community. Just one extra item each week in your trolley is a great weekly habit to get into!!

**FREEZER MEALS** — We now also have access to a deep freezer at the school. If you love to cook and have time every now and then to do some baking or cook a meal, pop it into a disposable container and drop it to the tuckshop. There are many circumstances that arise where it would be so helpful to be able to do something practical for families having a tough week.

**PLEASE WRITE ON FRONT — NAME OF YOUR RECIPE AND LIST OF INGREDIENTS**

Thank you so much for the amazing generosity of Bald Hills families already!

**CHAPPY KYLIE 😊**

**Tuckshop News**

Thank you to the wonderful ladies who help prepare and set up the leaders’ morning tea last Wednesday.

25gram packets of BBQ shapes 50c for a limited time only.

Ice blocks from 50c - $2.00

Roster:
24th Mon - Anthea A
25st Tues - Lembe L
26th Wed - Kay H & Sharon H
27th Thurs - Melissa B, Bec R, Donna V
28th Fri - Alicia S, Zita J, Mel B

**Forestry News**

Lunchtime Forestry Club has now changed to Friday lunchtime. Meet Mrs Bird and Mrs Brennan at the gate when playtime commences.

Last Friday we checked on the Bush Tucker garden and noticed that the native raspberry bush was covered in flowers. Now we are eagerly waiting for them to turn into yummy red raspberries. Because we have had so little rain, we only planted one plant on Friday — another native raspberry!! Students in the lunchtime club had fun seeing how far they could disperse black bean and macadamia seeds. Now we just need some rain to help them germinate.

**Flyers home this week**

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Community Notices

Food for a Happy and Calm Household

Got a sneaking suspicion the chemicals put into everyday foods and drinks could cause temper tantrums, sleep disturbance and disruptive behaviour in your children? Join Queensland’s Additive Alert Community Talks Presenter Louise D’Allo at sessions throughout Brisbane from 7pm-9pm on Tuesday 4 March at Wilston, Tuesday 11 March at Kenmore, Wednesday 12 March at Kallangur, Wednesday 19 March at East Brisbane. Tickets $20 each or Online Special 3 for $49.50—Get in quick, visit www.mealplanningyourway.com or call Louise on 0408 723 559.

Ridgehills United Football Club

Ridgehills Soccer Club is a small, family orientated club located in Stanley Day Park, 75 Grand Street, Bald Hills. Online registrations are now open for all players interested in playing soccer this year. This year Ridge Hills United will be hosting the Squirts program for those keen little guys and gals who want to start playing Football now. Aged between 3 & 5 years we have a 30—60 minute training and game program on a Saturday morning. Cost is $70 for a 12 week program and includes everything they need to play (shirt, socks, ball, shin pads). For any enquiries, please contact Aaron Punter on ssf@rhufc.com or 0431 729 288 or Michael Hentscher on registrar@rhufc.com or 0416 371 810

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Safety Sam says:

Play safely.

Use ‘soft touch’ only for all games eg tiggy, touch football. (no tackling).

Follow the rules of the game.

Problem solve any issues.

Be responsible for all sports equipment.

Play in designated areas only.

Demonstrate good sportsmanship.

Music News

Music Camp

Well we survived! I know there were LOTS of tired people Friday afternoon. It was 2 long days of rehearsals with some children who are in all 3 groups going from one group to another but never complaining. This was the largest group to go on Music Camp & the owners of the site commented on how quiet the groups were. I’m sure all those who stayed for the complete concert Friday afternoon would agree that it was well worthwhile. It was wonderful to see all the children mixing with children from different age groups. There had been a few children ask to have their cabins changed as they were in with the Yr 4s or the 6s but they all mixed and worked together. Well done!

Thank you to everyone for making the camp so good.

Now to start on Camp 2015!

Important Dates

Rehearsals

Rehearsals before school for all the groups have now commenced. Strings – Tuesday 7.40, Band – Wednesday 7.40 & Young Voices Choir – Thursday 7.30.

Music Calendar and Handbook

A copy of each of these will be sent home with each family in the Instrumental & Choral Programs next week. Please look out for these items.

Friday, February 28
Term 1—Summer Sport
Interschool Sport, Yrs 5—7

Wednesday, March 12
P&C Meeting, 7pm

Friday, March 14
Term 1—Summer Sport
Interschool Sport, Yrs 5—7

Monday, March 17
Artslink Performance—No WAY!

Wednesday, March 19
Kumbartcho Sanctuary
Year 4s

Wednesday, March 19
Deadly Sports
Year 5s

Thursday, March 20
Prep Assembly

Friday, March 28
Term 1—Summer Sport
Interschool Sport, Yrs 5—7

Friday, April 4
Last day of Term 1

Friday, April 18
Good Friday

Monday, April 21
Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 22
Start of Term 2

Friday, April 25
ANZAC Day

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