25 February 2015

Crazy Hair Day and Harmony Day - Friday 13 March

We have a few important events coming up in the school on Friday 13 March. We have “Crazy Hair Day” to support fundraising for the Leukaemia Foundation. Activities will be held in the hall before the start of the school day.

We will also be celebrating Harmony Day, with students permitted to wear orange to show their support for a harmonious school that celebrates difference and is welcoming of all who attend. The Chaplaincy Disco that evening is also working to the theme, celebrating Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

We are also tying in the Bullying – No Way Message on Friday 13th. Whilst the official National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is the following Friday the common themes, and colours, tie in together. Respectful environments are, by definition, free of harassment. The whole school community demonstrating they don’t accept any type of bullying, violence, non-acceptance of others or bullying is a strong and worthy message to send. Wear orange and show your support!

Maintaining a Safe and productive Learning Environment

Could I ask parents and visitors to be cognisant of learning through the school day and keep interruptions to a minimum for students and teachers. Please vacate classrooms and areas outside classrooms, and particularly the verandas by 8:45 in the morning. This allows teachers and students to quickly settle in to the school day and start learning programs.

Likewise in the afternoons please wait quietly in areas away from classrooms, for example under the Administration Block. We have students working in the library, science lab, computer lab and in ground floor rooms until the 2:55pm bell. While we appreciate the issues with parking around the school is a problem we are finding the increased number of people around the school from about 2:30pm is being a distraction to teaching and learning.

Thanks also for not bringing dogs into the school grounds. We do have some students who are afraid of dogs and we wish all to feel safe whilst in the grounds. It would also be much appreciated if gates could be closed during the school day to secure the playground areas.

The teachers and I thank you for your support in assisting us keep students focused on their learning for the full day at school. As always if you do wish to talk with your child’s teacher we are only too happy to make an appointment and organise a mutually agreeable time to ensure an uninterrupted meeting.

David Turner
Principal
From the DP

Year Level Coordinators
This year the school has introduced the position of Year Level Coordinators in each of the year level teams.
Our Year Level Coordinators are:
Prep — Mrs Tibbits
Year 1 — Miss Murphy
Year 2 — Mrs Roscoe
Year 3 — Mrs Toon
Year 4 — Miss Borrows
Year 5 — Mr May
Year 6 — Mrs Duncan

Our Year Level Coordinators play an important role in our school across three key areas — Curriculum and Assessment, Student Achievement and Student Welfare. Within this role Year Level Coordinators lead their teams in the planning and development of curriculum and assessment as well as supporting teachers to track individual student learning progress. They also support our School wide Positive Behaviour program. For example, a class teacher might refer a student’s ongoing behaviour concern to their Year Level Coordinator.

As always your child’s classroom teacher remains your first point of contact. However, they may be times when your child’s Year Level Coordinator might contact you regarding a curriculum or behaviour issue.

As a school we are pleased to be able to provide this additional role so we can continue to enrich our learning programs and provide further support to our teachers, students and parents.

Interschool sport
Due to the rain last Friday, Round 1 for Interschool sport is scheduled for this Friday, 27 February.
Games commence at 11:30am at the following venues:
Softball and T-ball — Deagon Oval
Girls Touch Football — Bracken Ridge State High School
Boys Touch Football — Taigum State School

Libby Bond
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program
Be a Learner!
Learner Lenny says:
Have all your equipment ready to start the day.

From the Office

When making appointments for your children, please try to make them for after school as ringing the classrooms interrupts the other students learning.

Payments at the Office
As we do not operate a till at the school, we would appreciate it if parents could please have the correct change when paying by cash at the school office.

Our apologies if you cannot get through on the phone to the school office. Two of our phone lines were damaged in the wet weather last weekend, so we only have one line at the moment. Hopefully this issue will be fixed this week. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Thank you
Kursty, Leesa, Mel & Helina

Music Notes

Instrumental Lessons and Rehearsals
A reminder that String Ensemble is held Tuesday morning from 7:45am with lessons for children learning a string instrument during the day. Please ensure your child brings their instrument on Tuesday and is aware of their lesson time as it is a rotating timetable.

A reminder that Band is held Wednesday morning from 7:45am with lessons for the majority of children learning a band instrument during the day. Please ensure your child brings their instrument on the correct day (Monday or Wednesday or both and is aware of their lesson time as it is a rotating timetable.)

Young Voices Choir rehearses before school on Thursday from 7:30am.

Performance Uniforms
The 3 groups mentioned above will require Performance Uniforms. These are available only at the School Uniform Shop. There are some second hand shirts in good condition available or NEW shirts will be approximately $40.00. You will also need to provide black trousers for your child.

YVC has been asked to perform at the Geebung RSL celebrations on Wednesday 22 April. Please ensure that you have purchased one by that date. (More details about the performance will come shortly).

Marion Wood
Music Teacher

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the students who received Student of the Week Habit of the Mind—For Taking Responsible Risks

| PB  | Keira  | 3K  | Tobi  |
| PK  | Myles  | 3P  | Cooper |
| PS  | Tabisha | 3T  | Riox  |
| PT  | Harmony | 4A  | Lachlan |
| 1H  | Melinda | 4B  | Allysse |
| 1K  | Ayeisha | 4C  | Hayley |
| 1/2M | Kelly | 4V  | Leeann |
| 1W  | Mia    | 5B  | Korbyn |
| 2B  | Elissa | 5H  | Kortni |
| 2/3D | Lainey | 5M  | Finn |
| 2R  | Nicole | 6D  | Sam |
| 2W  | Charlie | 6F  | Kai |
|     |        | 6S  | Aidan |

Chappy News

FAMILY DISCO & BBQ!
FRIDAY 13 MARCH 6-8pm
All families are welcome to join us for our first of three Chaplaincy Fundraising Discos to be held this year. Our first disco will coincide with Harmony Day celebrations state-wide which celebrate our multicultural community as well as the right for every child to feel safe and valued at school. Children can dress or accessorise in the Harmony Day colour - ORANGE.

Sausage Sizzle and Drinks will be available from 6pm and Disco starts at 6:45pm and ending at 8pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door and will be $6 per child or $15 for 3 or more children and will also include entry into lucky prize draw as well as a small gift for each child attending!

Help with home baking is needed for our cake and coffee stall as well as sponsors for prizes and expenses on the night. If you are able to assist please email kcono0@eq.edu.au

The Chaplaincy Program, though partly government funded, still requires funds to be raised within the school and local community to enable it to continue each year. We are so grateful for many families who support this valuable service.

CHAPPY KYLIE
Year 5 Mapleton Camp
MONDAY MARCH 9 – WEDNESDAY MARCH 11

Mapleton is just under two weeks away. All students have received information, which included a permission letter, a medical information form and a list of recommended apparel to bring.

Permission letters need to be returned to the office. This letter also has information to be agreed to relating to behaviour on camp. We are still missing medical information forms. While most children have no ailments or allergies, we need the information to make contact with parents if there is an after hours emergency.

Payments are required to be finalised by this Friday 27 February. Please contact the office if you will be unable to meet this payment date so that alternative financial arrangements can be made.

On the morning of Monday 9 March students will meet at the Prep School Shelter beside Gympie Road. It is unlikely buses will arrive much before 8:30am so there is no requirement to arrive any earlier at school than normal. For parents who live north of Bald Hills (eg Kallangur, North Lakes, Mango Hill) where there have been regular traffic delays, you may need to leave home a little bit earlier.

With the recent inclement weather it is hoped it has disappeared by the time we depart, but unless there is another cyclone, come rain, hail, snow or shine, camp will go ahead.

If you need more information please contact your child’s teacher.
Peter Haslett
SH Teacher

P&C News

Fun run forms have gone out this week. Children can be sponsored for their cross country race which is on Thursday 2 April. Lots of great prizes on offer. Online registering is also available. We are also having a finish line worth crossing, look out for that!

The winner of the P&C Volunteer raffle for last year was Juanita Hizon. She has won the payment for one student’s book pack. To have a chance to win this year all you have to do is volunteer for P&C fundraising events. Every time you help, a ticket goes in the draw. The more you help the more chances you have.

To contact P&C our email is pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au

Thank you BHSS P&C Executive

Tuckshop News

Red food day in on Thursday 26 February. Lollies will be sold over the counter. Please do not order on a bag unless your child is in Prep. Normal tuckshop is available on this day.

Roster
Monday 2 March—Mel M
Tuesday 3 March—Kaye H
Wednesday 4 March—Tanya Mc, Leola O
Thursday 5 March—Donna V, Kaye H
Friday 6 March—Alicia S, Judy J, Leanne H, Jade.

Have a great week.

Tuckshop Team

Uniform Shop News

We will be open extended hours on Wednesday and Friday due to being closed last week. We are open 8am—11am Wednesday and 2pm—3:30pm Friday. We are still awaiting a delivery for our sport polos and are expecting delivery of our hats by Friday. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Thank you
Mel
Uniform Shop Convenor

Scholastic Book Club

Dear Parents,
This week your child will bring home their first issue of Scholastic Book Club. There has been a change to the catalogue and all children will now only receive one catalogue, appropriate for their year level. Also, as of this year all Book Club ordering will need to be done online through www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Online credit card payment will be the only payment method accepted. We will no longer be accepting paper order forms, or cash payments. Each child will receive a note explaining the payment and ordering process. If you do not receive this note then please contact the Library.

Sharon Blake
Librarian

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