27 February 2014

Chaplain Commissioning
Thanks to the many people from our wider community who attended the commissioning ceremony for Chappy Kylie on Wednesday. As I said at the assembly our school has a proud history of providing support for students and other members of the school community and the Chaplaincy Program plays an important role in creating the caring and supportive environment we want for all at Bald Hills State School. The great work done by our previous Chaplain, Miss Leanne, lays a foundation for Chappy Kylie to build on, and with the support of the Local Chaplaincy Committee and the local churches I am confident about the positive future of this program. Thanks again for your support. Look out for further information on the first major fundraiser for the year - a school disco planned for Friday March 28th.

Numeracy Program
Twenty-eight students from Years 4, 5 and 6 are currently working on improving their mathematical skill by participating in an online class. Each week they will be spending an hour working with students, sometimes from other schools, and a teacher, in programs designed to help them solve multi-step mathematical problems. While these students are undertaking the online class their classroom teachers, with smaller numbers, are able to provide more tailored programs for the other students. The students report to me a great excitement about using the technology and the opportunity to be involved in these small group classes.

Student Council
Our student leaders met today with Ms Bond and me to discuss the year ahead. Four committees have been formed to support activities over the year: A music group, special events group, student welfare group and sports group. These groups will bring ideas to the next Student Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 12 March.

Interschool Sport – Reminder
Interschool sport commences for students in Years 5, 6 and 7 on Friday. Students must have their lunch, school hats, should have sunscreen and apply it regularly and carry a water bottle to ensure re-hydration during the day.

David Turner
Principal
From the DP

Science specialist program
As you may be aware, we have implemented a science specialist program for Years 5 to 7. This program enables students in these year levels to work with Miss Rachel Haag, a specialist science teacher for their science curriculum learning. This opportunity will be particularly advantageous for our Year 6 and 7 students moving into high school next year as they experience science in a specialist lab environment.

In this program students learn the Australian Curriculum: science with a specific focus on building understanding of the nature of scientific inquiry and the ability to use a range of scientific inquiry methods, including questioning; planning and conducting experiments and investigations; collecting and analysing data; evaluating results; and drawing critical, evidence-based conclusions. It has been great to see our Year 5 to 7 students working scientifically in the science lab.

This week will see an addition to our science specialist program with selected students offered a place in a Year 4 Science Enrichment Club. Invitation into this enrichment program has been made based on results of science diagnostic testing undertaken by Year 3 students at the end of 2013 and their 2013 class achievement level in science.

6/7F studying the water treatment process
Libby Bond
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program
Learner Lenny says:
Have all your equipment ready to start the day.
Have your books and pencils out ready to start as soon as you get to the classroom.

P & C News
Hello from the new executive committee. We are:
Tanya M - President
Sarah S - Vice President
Malyson S - Secretary
Julie E - Treasurer
Melissa M - Vice Treasurer

Most of you will know these ladies as they have been around awhile. Me however, I am new to the school having just moved back from NZ. I have 3 children at school and one at home. My husband is a principal in NZ and will be joining us at Easter. What better way of meeting new people and being involved with the school than joining the P&C so here I am.

We have some exciting things planned for the year. The first being on Sunday 9th March when we host the Gasoline Alley Harley-Davidson Club on the oval in front of the hall at 10am. So all you Harley fans come along and see these beautiful machines in action. Sausage sizzle available.

The P&C is here to work with the school in providing our children the best possible learning environment we can. This is only possible with COMMUNICATION. So if you have any ideas, questions, concerns or if you would like to volunteer for any of our events please speak to one of our friendly committee members or come to our next meeting on Wednesday 12th March. New members are always welcome. We are also after people interested in forming a year 7 committee. Look forward to seeing you there.

Tanya M
P&C President

Tuckshop News
A huge thank you to Alicia, Leanne, Sophie, Mr Corry, Mrs Stokes, Mrs Duncan, Mrs Tibbets, and Mrs K for their help when the oven broke down last Friday.

ROSTER
Mon 3rd - Mel M
Tues 4th - Penny C
Wed 5th - Nat P, Tanya Mc
Thurs 6th - Cherisse M, Donna V, Helen M
Fri 7th - Alicia S, Judy, Mel B, Lee Ann G

Thanks Kylie and Mel

Uniform Shop News
We are still waiting for the dresses to arrive.
Hours are Wednesday 8am - 10 am & Friday 2:15 - 3:15 pm

Thanks Mel

Forestry News
Friday was a very hot day, so the lunchtime Forestry group spent some time in the shade on the deck eating Bunya Nuts. Students were shown how to extract the nuts from the enormous Bunya cone. Half loved the taste and the other half were not so keen!! The photo shows Hendrick holding a Bunya Nut Cone. There is one very young Bunya Nut tree in the Forestry that has self seeded. I think it may have washed in during the last floods as it has germinated at the high flood mark. Hopefully the weather will be cooler next Friday and we can do some weeding.

Flyers home this week
F.A.D Allstar Cheerleading
CHAPPY NEWS

DAYS AVAILABLE – Mon Tues Wed
BREAKFAST CLUB – TUESDAY 8AM
CHAPPY ROOM/NOTICEBOARD – Under Staffroom

CHAPPY CHILL OUT ZONE
Next week our Chappy Chill Out Zone will open. This will be a quieter, supervised and safe space for students to spend time at during lunch on a Tuesday. It will be in the walk through area outside the chaplaincy room.

Any donations of the items below would be appreciated to get us started – cards / drawing/colouring items, books, board games, cushions, skipping ropes, balls – 2nd hand is great!

SU QLD CAMPS
SU QLD offers some fabulous camps/day camps for children in years 3-7 over the Easter break. See Chappy notice board for more information.

DISCO DATE CLAIMER – FRIDAY 28TH MARCH
Back by popular demand! More information to follow.

CHAPPY KYLIE 😁

Music News

Music Support Group
This year we are meeting on the FIRST Tuesday of the month. This means our next meeting is NEXT Tuesday – March 4 – commencing at 3.00pm in the Staff Room. See you there!

Junior Choir
Jnr Choir has begun on Friday afternoons. We had a large number of children come along which was great. Letters about Jnr choir have gone home during the week. If your child has not received one, please contact either Miss Wood or the office.

Community Notices

ATTENTION DEFENCE FAMILIES
Defence Community Organisation (DCO) Brisbane will be running a free KidSMART Relocation program for Defence Kids who have moved into the Brisbane area in late 2013 or 2014.

The 4 week program will be on the following Tuesdays:
⇒ 18 February 2014
⇒ 25 February 2014
⇒ 4 March 2014
⇒ 11 March 2014

Time: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Location: Gallipoli Barracks Community Centre, Rattey St, Enoggera

The program will cover such topics as
* Setting in
* Getting to know your neighbourhood
* Making new friends and keeping in touch with old friends
* Managing the emotional rollercoaster

For further information or to register your child, please phone Marg or Alison at DCO Brisbane on 07 3354 0500

Important Dates

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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