Looking for members of the school community interested in the future of our school

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, this semester we will undertake a Quadrennial School Review. I am interested in hearing from members of the school community – parents, carers, friends, ex-students or staff – who would like to be involved in the process of developing a vision for learning at Bald Hills State School, and a new four year strategic plan for the school. If you are interested please email the school and you will be added to an email list for further communication. Meeting times and dates will be organised around the availability of interested people.

Next Wednesday night is the P&C Association’s Annual General Meeting. There is further information in today’s newsletter but I would like to encourage any interested member of the school community to consider serving the students through membership on the committee. As I understand, all positions will also be vacated at this meeting as the current executive step down from their positions. After a very successful few years for the P&C and the school this offers an opportunity for new ideas and direction with a potential new executive in 2014. The meeting will be held in the school library at 7:00pm.

Important events in the school calendar

Two important events will be held next week. Our student leaders investiture ceremony will take place next Wednesday as part of our weekly assembly. All members of the school community are invited to attend. I am looking forward to this special event and working with all our student leaders over the year ahead.

Wednesday afternoon will also see about 50 of our music students attend the school’s annual music camp. All our music teachers will attend running workshops for students in the instrumental and voice programs. This has been a highly successful camp in past years and sets the students up for a successful year in music.

David Turner

Principal
A well-rounded education is good for our kids

Next Wednesday afternoon will see many of our student musicians heading off to Music Camp. Music Camp provides our students with a great opportunity for intensive musical learning and rehearsal.

Opportunities like this, whether sporting, musical or community-based, enrich and support student development. As I said in one of my columns last year, research studies continue to document both the academic and social benefits of students engaging in a well-rounded education. For example in the Arts, research studies document the habits of mind, social competencies and personal dispositions inherent to arts learning that assist students to master other areas, such as maths, reading and history. Research in to sport also documents many benefits. Studies show that students who participate in sporting teams not only learn teamwork, self-discipline, leadership skills, but also have a higher sense of self-worth and better social skills.

The reason that students benefit from participating in these types activities is the notion of “transfer”. Students transfer the skills, competencies and dispositions that they develop in one activity into learning in another area. That is, learning in one context assists and supports learning in a different context. For example, when a student develops and practises skills in self-discipline when training in a sporting team, they then in turn use this skill in their academic learning.

So as extra-curricular activities commence this term, encourage your child to participate or perhaps join a club or group in your local community. This provides your child with many additional opportunities to develop new skills and dispositions. In short, a well-rounded education is good for our kids.

Lost property

There are already unnamed hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles in lost property. If your child has lost any of their belongings, please have them go to the office to check the lost property.

Please also remember to clearly label all student property. Lost property that is labelled is returned to students via their classroom teacher normally the next day.

Ana St Pick-up Zone

Thank you to parents/carers who are assisting the flow of traffic in the pick-up zone by moving down to the end of the zone. This allows more vehicles into the pick-up zone and students to be picked up quickly. We appreciate your cooperation.

Chaplaincy News

Thank you Bald Hills for your warm welcome to my new role as Chaplain after being a teacher here and also a parent over the past 8 years. I am really looking forward to the change in role and continuing to build relationships with staff, students and families as well as those new to Bald Hills.

For those of you who are not familiar with the role of a chaplain SU QLD employs chaplains to provide spiritual and emotional support to school communities. Chaplains provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis, and those who just need a friend. They also provide support for staff and parents. Over 60% of QLD state schools now have a chaplain.

Please don’t hesitate to come and have a chat. Appointments can also be made through the school office.

DAYS AVAILABLE – Mon Tues Wed
CHAPPY ROOM – Under Staffroom

Music Notes

Instrumental Music Lessons - Beginners

All children starting Instrumental Music Lessons and using a school instrument - Strings & Band - will receive a Loan Agreement Form this week. It is extremely important that this form be completed & returned quickly so that instruments can be taken home.

Both Mr James & Miss Moore will be using a rotating timetable. Please support your child by reminding them of their lesson time each week, particularly at the start of the year & those younger children.

KickStart Program

Band - Children learning a band instrument will be involved in the Bramble Bay KickStart program NEXT week. This is a great for the children as they spend the day with the same teacher working on their instrument. This means that all the children will be attending different schools across the district. Please see Miss Wood if you have NOT received a copy of this.

Strings - The children commencing string lessons for the first time, will have a short Kickstart program on Monday afternoon (during school) 17th Feb.

Music Camp

It is VERY close........ Have you returned the Medical Form? If not, please do so URGENTLY especially those with dietary requirements.

The children will need to be at school on Wed Feb 12 at 4.00pm. The groups will give a short performance on Friday Feb 14 commencing at 3.45pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Rehearsals

Morning rehearsals will commence after camp. String Ensemble on Tuesday, Band on Wednesday & Choir on Thursday.

Marion Wood

Music Teacher
P & C News

Don’t forget our AGM is on Wednesday February 12th in the school library at 7pm. This is your opportunity to vote for the next Executive Committee for the P&C.

Positions vacant are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, Secretary and Vice Secretary. Nominations may be made from Friday January 31st and forms are available at the Tuckshop.

URGENTLY REQUIRED: Volunteers for our Bunnings BBQ on Tuesday February 11th from 6.30 am to 4.00 pm. Rosters is available on the P&C Board under the Admin building and also at the Tuckshop.

Tuckshop News

A big thank you to the wonderful ladies who have stepped up and offered their time to the Tuckshop. We do still have a lot of gaps in our roster (Wednesdays & Fridays) so even if you have an hour to spare, we would love to hear from you.

Friday the 14th is Valentine’s Day and because the BHSS children love sushi, we are doing a sushi special. Please see forms that will come home with this newsletter or call in to the Tuckshop and we will give you one.

ROSTER
Mon 10th – Leanne H
Tue 11th – Lembe L
Wed 12th – Lisa H, Kendell B and Kay H
Thu 13th – Suzy W, Donna V & Mel B
Fri 14th – Alicia S, Zita J, Leanne H, Danni K

Uniform Shop News

Please be aware that all Girls Dresses, size 57 and 59 hats, size 4 boys shirts and size 4 red shorts are temporarily unavailable. An order has been placed and is expected back by February 14th. Apologies for any inconvenience this is causing.

New opening times commencing in the week starting February 17th are:
Monday and Tuesday – closed
Wednesday 8am-10 am

Thursday – closed
Friday – 2.30pm-3.30 pm
Uniforms can be ordered through the office or by emailing pandc@baldhills.eq.edu.au

Payments

Payments are accepted at the school office between 8.30am and 9.30am Monday to Friday

Community Notices

BALD HILLS WEST BRACKEN RIDGE SCOUTS
508 Bracken Ridge Road, Bald Hills
Open Day Saturday 8 February 2014 9am -12 noon
Boys and Girls
Joey’s 6 years old, Cubs 8 years old, Scouts 10 1/2 years old,
Phone 3261 2876

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:
* Settling in
* Getting to know your neighbour
* Making new friends and keeping in touch with old friends

Ross’ On Court Tennis Coaching for 2014

Tennis will be starting again in week 2 of Term 1, 2014.

Register early for Ross’ Tennis Coaching!

Where:  Here at School
When:  Before and after school
Who:  All children from Prep to Grade 7

Small class sizes, tennis is a great sport.
To sign on, phone Ross on 3264 3976

Important Dates

Wednesday February 12th
P&C AGM 7pm, Library

Thursday & Friday
February 13th & 14th
Music Camp, QCCC Brookfield

Thursday, February 20th
Prep Assembly—2.30pm

Wednesday, March 12th
P&C Meeting, 7pm

Thursday, March 13th
Artslink Performance—NO WAY! - 8.00pm

Thursday, March 20th
Prep Assembly—2.30pm

Friday, April 4th
End of Term 1