16 July 2015

Benefiting From Community Engagement
As we start the second semester of the year I thought I would acknowledge, and thank, the community groups working with the school by highlighting a few in the newsletter this week.

Tomorrow we launch the ABCN 1:2:1 (one to one) Program. The ABCN network with businesses who wish to contribute to education by providing student mentors. We have been partnering with the ABCN for a number of years now, previously with staff from the Commonwealth Bank. This term staff from Stockland will be delivering one on one Maths tutoring to Year 2 students each week.

Our Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) brings together people from the community, including local churches, to provide support and guidance to our Chaplaincy programs. The LCC will meet again this Monday in Chappy Kylie’s room before school. The weekly Breakfast Club, lunchtime Krave Club activities and successful student discos are all a result of the work of members of the LCC. On Monday afternoon we are hosting staff from local Kindergartens for an afternoon tea to move to more formal relationships with the providers of Pre-Prep programs in the community. This will assist with stronger transitions to school and benefit the younger learners in our community.

In June 2013 an agreement was signed between the school, a community group, Kurbingui Youth Development, and parents of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to ensure all our indigenous students get a great start to their education at Bald Hills. The committee formed is now our greatly valued Turwan Circle and next Wednesday its members will facilitate a special assembly for the National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Celebration.

A valued partnership that has grown from the work of the Turwan Circle is with students of St Pauls College. Each Tuesday afternoon a group of about twenty St Pauls students arrive at Bald Hills State School have afternoon tea with our students and to facilitate a session of reading tutoring. Our students look forward to reading together each week and greatly benefit from this tutoring.

Of course the obvious and significant engagement of community is through the members of the school’s P&C. The P&C’s investment in the school, from air-conditioning to installing Interactive White Boards in classrooms and new playgrounds greatly benefit Bald Hills students. A meeting was held this week with the focus of planning the October fete. Your support of the P&C in this work, and with next weekend’s working bee, is greatly appreciated.

David Turner
Principal

“Back to Bald Hills” 150 Anniversary
150 Years of Education in Bald Hills will be celebrated on 10 and 11 September next year.
The next meeting of the 150th Anniversary committee will be held on Wednesday 22 July at 4:15pm and input from all members of the community is welcomed. A Facebook site has been established to promote the event. This is linked to the school Facebook page.
From the DP

ICAS
We have 56 students who will be involved in ICAS English testing on Tuesday 28 July. If your child has paid to be involved in this then you may like to access the following link for practice tests https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions. Test times will be confirmed closer to the date. However, students will need to ensure that they have a 2B pencil and eraser ready for the day.

Auskick
Next Wednesday 22 July, a representative from Auskick will be coming to talk to students on parade. The Auskick program will run for 7 weeks from Tuesday 28 July. Sessions will be held on the senior oval from 3:20-4:20pm and cost $70. Parents will need to collect students from their classrooms as usual at 2:55pm to escort them to their Auskick lesson. Parent participation is also strongly encouraged.

Safety Sam Says “Use The Playground Equipment Safely”
Our focus rule this week encourages students to use our play equipment safely. Students are reminded to play in their year level playground, go down the slide feet first, only climb on climbing frames and take turns on equipment. We would also like to remind students that there are no chasing, ball games or running in playground areas.

Under 8’s Morning
This Friday 17 July is our Under 8’s celebrations for local Kindergartens, Prep and Year 1 students. Celebrations will be held in the hall, and on the Junior Oval from 9:00-10:30am. Families are encouraged to attend with younger siblings. No payment is required.

Sharon Blake
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program
Safety Sam says:
Use the playground equipment safely.

From the Office

The last day to complete the School Opinion Survey is Friday 31 July. A letter was sent home in the last week of last term provided a login code and password to access the online survey. The survey can be found at www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey and we greatly appreciate your opinions about the school.

Thank you
Kursty, Leesa, Mel & Helina

Spellathon

IMPORTANT NEWS!! Our literacy committee is busy organising a Spellathon fundraiser for this term. The funds raised from this event will be used to purchase vital literacy resources. Your child will be given a spelling list to learn for homework as well as a sponsor form to collect as many sponsors as possible. Sponsor forms need to be filled in and returned to class teachers by Week 4. Sponsorship money needs to be collected and returned to school only after testing in Week 9. However, donation money can be sent to school immediately. Thank you for supporting this important fund-raising event.

Ms Blakey
4B Teacher

Music Notes

Bramble Bay School’s Music Festival
It is on in Week 3 - almost here! There are some children who have not returned their form. It is extremely important the medical form and the money be returned NOW. If your child is NOT participating, please advise Miss Wood in writing.

HELP NEEDED....... If you are able to assist with selling raffle tickets, tickets at the door, parking attendant or selling food etc., please contact Miss Wood either by phone or email (mwood57@eq.edu.au).

Marion Wood
Music Teacher

Chappy News

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope your family was able to enjoy a wonderful holiday break.

I encourage you to take note of some great parenting courses on offer below from UnitingCare Community. As a mum of 2 teenage daughters there have been many times I have felt a little overwhelmed with the task of parenting. To be refreshed on basic principles and to be able to chat with others in the same boat can be really helpful.

1-2-3 Magic! and Emotion Coaching
provides a fresh look at setting up household rules, a “time-out/time-in” with the flexibility to suit your family and all important emotion coaching to help your children regulate their own emotions.

When: Thursdays 20, 27 August and 3 September 2015
(3 interactive sessions)
Time: 12:00—2:00pm
Where: UnitingCare Community Chermside Level 1, 766 Gympie Road (corner of Sparkes Street and Gympie Rd) Chermside QLD 4032
Contact: 07 3624 2400 (bookings required)
Cost: $12 fee for workbooks

Bringing Up Great Kids
Overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be. Builds positive parent-child relationships, reduces parenting stress and minimises the possibility of harmful parental behaviours towards children.

When: Tuesday Evenings, 21, 28 July and 4, 11 August, 2015
Time: 6pm to 8pm (4 interactive group sessions)
Where: UnitingCare Community Chermside Level 1, 766 Gympie Road (corner of Sparkes Street and Gympie Rd) Chermside QLD 4032
Contact: 07 3624 2400 (bookings required)
Cost: free of charge
*please note we have no capacity for child minding.

Chappy Kylie

PE News

The Bald Hills State School Year 3 to 6 Sports Day will be held on Friday 24 July, 2015. The 800m event will be contested on Friday 17 July from 1:30pm until 2:55pm. Both of these events will be on the senior oval. All parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome! Students have the opportunity of qualifying to compete at the Bramble Bay District Track and Field Championships which will take place at McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge on 10 & 11 August 2015.

Mrs Innes
HPE Teacher
**P&C News**

Welcome back!
This term is going to be a busy one!! We have the fete creeping up very fast. If you would like to be involved to make this a successful day please contact us. We will be asking for donations in the next few weeks, so please give where you can.

Remember we are having a working bee on Saturday 25 July, 7:00—12:00pm, please help for an hour or more to revamp our school. No job is too small. There will be a free sausage sizzle after to say thank you. I hope to see you there. Many hands make light work.

Pie drive order forms will be going out next week. Perfect weather for yummy, hot sweet or savoury pies. Keep a look out for those.

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

Thank you

BHSS P&C Executive

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**Tuckshop News**

Tuckshop will be closed on FRIDAY 24 JULY for Year 3—6 sports day.

Food will be available for children from Years 3—6 and their families on the day. If anyone would like to help towards donations we are in need of sweet chilli sauce and eggs.

**ROSTER**

- **Monday 20 July**—Sharon C
- **Tuesday 21 July**—Kaye H
- **Wednesday 22 July**—Kareen J, Mel B
- **Thursday 23 July**—Donna V, Kate D
- **Friday 24 July**—CLOSED

**Tuckshop Team**

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**Camp Australia News**

Hello to all children and our families,
Welcome back to Term 3! We are so excited to hear all your wonderful stories from the holidays and we are committed more than ever to provide the best care that we can! This term has lots in store and we can’t wait to show you the wonderful activities as we go.

We have recently hung up our National Buddy Day Banner, please feel free to come have a look and see if you can spot a hand print that you might recognise! We can’t wait to see your bright and shining faces this week!

**Housekeeping:**

Can I please use this time to ask parents to please phone us here at OSHC if your child is away or will not be attending due to sickness. Please keep in mind that if your child was in attendance at school and fails to arrive here at OSHC and you and your emergency contacts are Unavailable, is it Camp Australia’s Policy that we phone the police and file a Missing child report.

Following our sun safety policy it is important that your child has a hat. If they don’t, we have spares to provide but if we have run out of spares then your child will not be able to go outside and play.

Please remember that in the cold weather we do provide heaters for the children but it is very important that they have a jumper!

**Holiday Club:**

These holidays were all about Space! We went to the Planetarium and we also went to see the Minion movie, which I might add was hilarious! We would just like to say a big thank you to everyone that attended, not only did you make it fun for each other but the staff definitely had a great time!

We provide a safe and secure environment, we’re here to put a smile on faces and ensure that your experience with us is fun and educational.

If you have any questions about the program – please feel free to visit us and meet the team. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Thank you from the Bald Hills OSHC Team

**Program Details**

to find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au

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**Where:** Bald Hills State School Oval

**When:** Tuesday 28 July 2015

**Time:** 3:20pm—4:20pm

**Cost:** $70

**Length of Program:** 7 weeks

Come and see the Big Time! Simply register and pay online by Sunday 26 July to receive 4 complimentary tickets* (2 adults and 2 children) for a selected match to see the mighty Brisbane Lions in action at The Gabba.

*Selected matches only, subject to availability. For more information, visit aflauskick.com.au or call 3865 8700.