Dear Parents,

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS

Last week the School Opinion Survey was forwarded to every Bald Hills State School family. The survey is being conducted until 29 July. I encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what our school does well, and how this school can improve. Thank you to everyone who has already responded to this important survey - your feedback is much appreciated.

SAME DAY REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCES

The report When a child is missing: Remembering Tialeigh – a report into Queensland’s children missing from out-of-home care was released and the Queensland Government has accepted a recommendation from the Queensland Family and Child Commission that the Department will implement same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school.

The State Government accepted the recommendations of this child safety report, which listed some changes to the way schools operate in terms of absence notification. Our school has the absence line in place and parents are encouraged to call the school each and every day that a child is absent from school, unless a prior notification has been given to the school office stating that there will be a period of absence.

The change to our school processes being implemented is the same day notification of absences. After the rolls are marked each morning, and the absence line calls are recorded, a report will be run advising of all unexplained absences. For the remainder of this year a member of the office staff will call the parent/carer of the student and advise of the absence. Your understanding in assisting us to ensure that every student is accounted for is appreciated.

(Parents need to treat a child’s absence in a similar way to being absent from work – Notify the office that morning. To assist staff and reduce administration this notification needs to be made by 9.00am on the day of the absence).

In 2017, a new SMS system is being introduced in state schools, which will provide an automated message advising of unexplained absences.

Could I also take the opportunity to remind everyone that an intended absences of 9 or more consecutive days requires the completion of an Application for Exemption from Compulsory schooling? Please visit the school office to discuss the process for obtaining this approval.

ENCOURAGE PROBLEM-SOLVING

Every day and all day we are solving problems – when to get up, what to wear, how to clean the house... and trickier problems relating to people, spending wisely, devising a diet, and making decisions about politics. Life and learning turn out to be largely problem-solving. And for children too! - though adults sometimes think children are playing. ‘Play is the child’s work’, said the great Swiss child psychologist, Jean Paiget. Children learn a great deal by problem-solving in the course of their play, usually without feeling that they are
doing anything but playing. This suggests that parents, like teachers, should continually be giving them opportunities to solve problems while playing.

Cheers
Glen Robertson—Principal

150th ANNIVERSARY
150th Anniversary Spring Fair—Saturday 10 September.

An integral part of our celebrations will be the community Markets within the school grounds on 10 September. The 150th Committee is seeking expressions of interest from members of our local and wider community who would like to be a ‘stall holder’ at our markets. Stalls can range from a table under a covered area to a Marquee(3x3) in an open area. For more information, please contact Sharyn Kersnovske: skers6@eq.edu.au

Back to Bald Hills 150th Anniversary Fair Saturday 10th September 2016 10am – 4pm

Many hands make a great event! See below for areas where we are looking for volunteers. All rosters are available from the links below.

Prep—Snack Bar & Healthy Food Canteen
www.volunteersignup.org/CEL43
Year 1—Cake Stall
www.volunteersignup.org/A8YJB
Year 2—Junior Oval Drink Stall
www.volunteersignup.org/Q4LP4
Year 3—Memorabilia
www.volunteersignup.org/RHD7A
Year 4—Raffles
www.volunteersignup.org/KKHXC
Year 5—Bar
www.volunteersignup.org/8YR9F
Year 6—Car Parking (senior oval)
www.volunteersignup.org/HH4T7

First Aid www.volunteersignup.org/TB4FL
Pack-up Crew www.volunteersignup.org/9BKHO
Cleaning Crew www.volunteersignup.org/YRPQT
Setup Crew www.volunteersignup.org/XP87W
Devonshire Tea www.volunteersignup.org/4D93J
Past Student and Staff Sign-in www.volunteersignup.org/33797

More information about the plans for the Back to Bald Hills Fair can be found on the school website, in the Community Section.

Students of the Week

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CLASSROOM NEWS
Let’s Spell

By Mrs Bird’s Spelling Group — Ashlee B, Caitlyn J, Rayden K, Ben S & Charlie G. The group have been learning Year 7 NAPLAN spelling words in preparation for next year’s test. Can you find the incorrect word in each of these sentences?

- The fragments of flowers wafted through the gently rattling window.
- I complaint to the council about the gutters overflowing and flooding my lawn.
- There was something quite irregular and unusual about its structure.
- The approaching meteor presented the crowd with an immediate danger.
- The internationally famous geologist answered her phone.

Word of the Week: reconciliation
A reconciliation of the values of equality and liberty.

Music

BBSMF - NEXT week
It’s that time of year again. A BIG week ahead for all.

On Monday, children in the Band will be at various schools across the cluster but on Tuesday they will all be at Bald Hills. Wednesday is the day for Strings and Thursday is for the Choirs. Please remember the children are to wear school uniform during the day and their Performance Uniform for the concert on Thursday night.

The Concert on Thursday night will commence at 7.00pm with hot food available from 6.00pm. A family ticket is $10.00 and a single ticket is $5.00. This concert highlights the talents we have in the primary schools across the cluster. Children from Aspley East, Boondall, Sandgate, Shorncliffe, Bracken Ridge, Norris Road, Nashville, Brighton, Mt Samson, St Benedict’s, St Patrick’s and of course Bald Hills, will be coming together to present a selection of pieces for Concert Band, String Ensemble and Choir. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As of Tuesday afternoon there were still 10 children who had NOT returned the forms and/or payments. It is expected that ALL members of the groups attend as we are the host school. If you have not returned the form and money, please do so now.

Rehearsals and Lessons NEXT week.
Tuesday - String Ensemble will be in the Music Room. Lessons for children in Years 5 & 6 only.
Wednesday - NO band OR lessons with Mr James
Thursday - Choir children to arrive at the Hall by 8.20am (no early morning session)
Friday - NO string lessons Thank you
Marion Wood—Music Teacher

Library

Next week in the Library we will focus on Beatrix Potter, as her birthday is on 28 July. Just imagine that she was born in the same year as our school was opened, and that her stories are just as timeless as the school is!

If you have a child in Prep or Year 1, and he/she has a stuffed Peter Rabbit or other Beatrix Potter toys it would be good to have them brought along to your child’s library lesson next week to help celebrate her birthday.

Remember that book club orders need to be paid online by 29 July.

Thank you
Josephine Bayayo—Library
PE News
Parent Helpers are most welcome at the Athletics Carnival this Friday 22 July and next Friday 29 July. Please come and see Mrs Innes to sign up on the day! Students have the opportunity of qualifying to compete in the Bald Hills State School Representative team at the Bramble Bay District Track and Field Championships which will take place at McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge on 4 and 5 August 2016. The top 2 competitors in each 9-12 years age group for each event qualify, excepting the 100m where the first 3 placegetters qualify.
Yours in Sport
Kylie Innes—HPE Teacher

Chappy News

CEREAL AT BREAKFAST CLUB
THANKS KELLOGS!!!
Kellogg’s have very generously donated a year’s supply of cereal thanks to an email sent by a dear member of our staff (Thanks Mrs Ryan!). The Company was excited to hear about our school Breakfast Club and Hampers of Hope program and were keen to assist. Cornflakes, Rice Bubbles and Sultana Bran were very popular this week!

3WEEKS TO GO!!!
CARNIVAL DISCO – Friday 12 August

Great Alternative to the Ekka BBQ from 6pm
DISCO 6.45-8PM

P&CU1/NEWS
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Tuckshop

Just a reminder that the Tuckshop will be closed Friday 22 and 29 July for Sports Day! NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!
Children and their families who are at sports day can purchase food from the oval on the day. This is for Years 3—6 on 22 July and Prep—2 on 29 July.

ROSTER
Monday 25 July—Mel B
Tuesday 26 July—Trish H
Wednesday 27 July—Karen J, Vicki P
Thursday 28 July—Donna V, Joy Bells, Peta B
Friday 29 July—Zita J, Leanne H, Alicia S, Mel B

Thank you
Kylie Gall—Tuckshop Convenor

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours are:
Wednesday morning 8am—10am
Friday afternoon 2:30pm—3:30pm

COMMUNITY NEWS
Ross’ On Court Tennis
Bald Hills State School
Tennis Coaching Term 3
Ross is taking all new enrolments for Coaching classes starting up again in week 1
To enrol, please phone Ross on 3264 3976

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