



BALD HILLS

State School Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Wednesday - 8:00 to 10:00am
Friday - 2:15 to 3:15pm

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28 July 2016

Dear Parents,

ENROLMENTS 2017

Currently we have sent out acceptances for enrolment to approximately 69 Prep students who are in catchment and the first 18 out of catchment enrolments. This term we will continue to offer places to students out of catchment. For this reason it is essential that all current school families have enrolments in for siblings attending Prep in 2017. Further offerings may be made throughout the term.

To assist us we ask parents to:

- Firstly ensure that you have an enrolment form in for students beginning Prep in 2017.
- Secondly advise families known to you with prep age children for 2017 within our catchment area to have an enrolment form in.
- Finally, if you have a child currently at Bald Hills School this year and they will not be returning in 2017 to notify the office.

Thank you for your assistance.



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. 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/caregiver 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 – notification 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.

Bald Hills State School Parents & Citizens Association
meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm.
All parents are invited to attend.

ENCOURAGE PROBLEM-SOLVING

Live and Learn



Extra Work?

The parent who lets their child scatter and count the pegs, sort pots and pans, measure water in a jug to a bottle, and so on, is being put to

extra work. BUT the child is gaining from all this counting, sorting, manipulating – for instance, will probably have little difficulty with school Maths!

A 'survival kit'. By letting a child meet and solve problems, with just a little help at difficult moments, a parent is equipping the child with a lifelong 'survival kit'. This learning is real and absorbing, not 'schoolish'. And there is a spinoff for the hard worked parent: walk, talk, look, listen, touch, taste, smell, wonder together as you go through life with your children. Share the world with them and you will discover anew for yourself.

Don't separate learning from life. We once thought that reading, writing, maths, science and other subjects could wholly be taught at school, but now we know 'the basics' of them must be found and used in daily life.

Cheers

Glen Robertson—Principal

Deputy Principal

Rule of the Week

Our focus rule for this week is to Be Responsible with Responsible Ronnie and 'Wear the Correct Uniform'. With our current cooler weather it is timely to remind parents and students that jumpers and long pants do need to be school colours. Jumpers and pants that are non-school colours, along with brightly coloured stockings and socks are not appropriate school wear. Please keep those items for wearing at home and ensure that your child has the following uniform items:

- Jumpers – School jacket with emblem, or plain red or green jacket/jumper
- Pants – bottle green, or grey for boys
- Stockings – bottle green

Thank-you for your assistance in ensuring that each student is able to remain warm, while also maintaining our uniform standards.

Book Week and Book Fair

This year Children's Book Council Book Week runs from 20–26 August and the theme is 'Australia! Story Country'. **Due to**

our 150th celebrations and some other upcoming events we will be holding our school Book Week celebrations in **October**. We have the Scholastic Book Fair visiting the Library from 13 – 27 October, and our annual Book Week Dress up Assembly will be held on Wednesday 19 October. More information will be provided on both of these events in Term 4.

Under 8's Day Thank You!

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who attended our Under 8's day on Friday 15 July. Prep, Year One and local kindergarten students all had a great time and the weather stayed fine on the day. I would like to make a special thank you to the following businesses/organisations who visited on the day:

Aspley High School
Carseldine Police Station
Eaton's Hill Fire Station
Auskick

All of the above services donated their time to run activities on the day and their time is much appreciated. If you would like to see photos of the day then please visit the Bald Hills State School Facebook page where several photographs were posted.

Sharon Blake

Deputy 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

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Year 5—Bar

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Setup Crew

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Devonshire Tea

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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.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Let's Spell

By Mrs Bird's Spelling Group – **Ashlee R**, **Caitlyn J**, **Rayden K**, **Ben S** & **Charlie G**.

Words of the Week:

dodecahedron bursary mattock
A regular *dodecahedron* is a solid shape which has 12 faces (sides). Each face is a pentagon which has five sides.

A *bursary* is money given to a student to help pay for school fees, textbooks, uniforms and other expenses.

A *mattock* is a tool for loosening the soil, like a pick but with a blade instead of a point.

(Note: Not many of the students knew what this word was so time to do some gardening!)

Music

String lessons this week

My apologies - I got the weeks mixed up. There WILL be lessons for ALL Year 3 children in the String program on Friday (29 July). There will NOT be lessons the following week on the Friday.

Australian Girls Choir visit.

On Monday 15 August a representative from this group will visit the school to assess any interested girls in Year 1 and above at 1.00pm in the Music Room. There will be brochures available shortly from Miss Wood. Please contact Miss Wood if you would like to receive the paperwork.

Thank you

Marion Wood—Music Teacher

PE News

A big congratulations all students who participated in the Senior Sports Day last Friday. It was fantastic to see everyone participating in all of the events. Under extreme heat, for a winter's day, it was great to see such a large crowd of spectators and cheer squad. A special thank you to Kylie Gall for coordinating the canteen, coffee van and the slushie machine. They all were received with enthusiasm. A BIG thank you to the teachers, volunteer parent /students helpers! I really appreciate all of your combined effort to make it a successful day. We will announce the winning house and 9-12 Year age champions on assembly next Wednesday (August 3). We will also present the BHSS representative team onto the stage for a rep shirt presentation and team photo. Bramble Bay district is being held next week at Bracken Ridge on Thursday/ Friday August 4/5.

This Friday, July 29 is Junior Sports Day! It is time to showcase the Prep - Year 2 talents in a fun filled day of modified sports activities. All spectators are welcome. Carnival program is 09:00 til 12:50. Looking forward to see you there.

Yours in Sport

Kylie Innes—HPE Teacher

Chappy News



2 WEEKS TO GO!!!

CARNIVAL DISCO – Friday 12 August
Great Alternative to the Ekka
BBQ from 6pm DISCO 6.45—8PM
Only \$6 single entry!

Our 3 Chappy Disco's each year are essential in raising the funds needed to continue our Chaplaincy Program. We would be very grateful for any offers of sponsorship or prizes for the evening. Home baking and assistance with setting up or packing up would also be wonderful. Please email

kcono0@eq.edu.au if you are able to help.



Chappy Kylie

Tuckshop

Thank you to everyone who helped out at our Years 3—6 sports day last week. From the people who helped set up and pack up and also to the ladies who baked. And the ladies who volunteered their time on the day. You were all a massive help. **TUCKSHOP IS CLOSED THIS FRIDAY 29 AUGUST FOR PREP—YEAR 2 SPORTS DAY. NO ORDERS ACCEPTED.**

ROSTER

Monday 1 August—Mel M

Tuesday 2 August—Penny C

Wednesday 3 August—Tanya Mc & Leola B

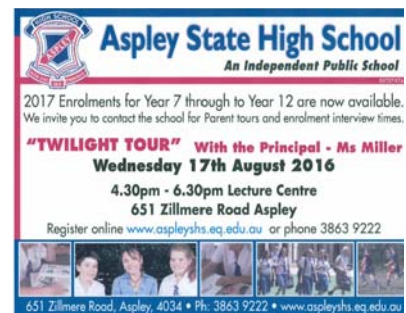
Thursday 4 August—Donna V, Peta B, Joy Bells

Friday 5 August—Mel B, Leanne H, Treena F.S

Thank you

Kylie Gall—Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 28 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bramble Bay Music Festival Bramble Bay Music Concert 7pm
Friday 29 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Sports Day Prep—Year 2
Monday 1 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footsteps Years 1—3 Auskick
Tuesday 2 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS English Test
Thursday 4 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bramble Bay Cricket Bramble Bay Track & Field
Friday 5 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bramble Bay Track & Field
Monday 8 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footsteps Years 1—3 Auskick
Tuesday 9 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Maths Test
Wednesday 10 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EKKA Public Holiday
Friday 12 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chappy Disco
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