11 June 2015

School Facilities - Update

I am pleased to provide you with an update on a number of changes to the school’s facilities that will be completed before the start of next semester. The old Music block demountable and toilet block will be removed from the school grounds before the start of second semester. Refurbishment of the main toilet block will commence in the last two weeks of term and also be completed for Semester 2.

The project to improve the wireless capability of the school has commenced. This work will allow increased use of mobile technologies (iPads and laptop computers) across the school and perhaps BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) programs as early as next year.

The computers that were in the lab have been relocated to classrooms and the space converted to a new Music room. This should be completed by the end of this week and provides a far more inviting learning space for our students.

We still await advice about the School Subsidy Scheme grant for the upgrade to the school entrance from Gympie Road.

Prep 2016 Enrolments

We will hold our open day for 2016 Prep enrolments next Saturday 20 June, 10:00—11:30am. Please promote this information session to anyone who might be interested. Bald Hills State School has an excellent reputation and it is important enrolments are managed in a way that does not stretch our resourcing or impact negatively on our physical space. Applications for enrolment will be taken from the first day of next term and enrolments from out of the school’s catchment will likely be limited. Out of Catchment enrolments are processed in order of their lodgement at the school office.

Fete

P&C planning for the Fete is progressing but it is timely to remind everyone to have Saturday 17 October circled on their calendar. This is a very important day for the school community and is the main fundraiser for the P&C this year.

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 early next term 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

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Prep teachers will be released for 1.5 days each over the next two weeks to undertake the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) data collection. As the data collected measures groups of children in the community, rather than individuals, individual student reports are not provided to schools or parents. The census is used by early childhood educators and health services, local councils and community groups, schools and governments. The AEDC is used to help plan and allocate the right type of services, resources and support for communities. All Prep parents should have received a letter home explaining this process in more detail. If you intend to have your child opt-out of the data collection then please inform the office by Monday 15 June, as data collection begins on Tuesday 16 June.

Reading Eggs and Mathletics Subscriptions

Just a reminder to parents that we encourage students to access our whole school Reading Eggs and Mathletics subscriptions, as part of their nightly homework routine. These programs are tailored to match each child’s ability level and provide differentiated home practice tasks in Mathematics and reading skills. Ebooks from the Reading Eggspress library can be recorded as nightly homework reading. If your child does not have their login details for either of these programs then please contact your child’s class Teacher to obtain these logins.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

If your child has not received their Premier’s Reading Challenge reading record sheet then please contact your child’s class teacher. The challenge period is now open and all students are encouraged to participate by reading nightly. Ebooks, such as those found in Reading Eggs are also able to be recorded.

Uniforms

With the colder weather now here students have started wearing jumpers and long pants. Could I please remind parents and carers that students should be wearing either a red or green jumper. This could be a jumper with the school logo on it (available from the uniform shop) or a plain red or green jumper. Long pants should also be in a plain colour corresponding with the colour of usual uniform bottoms. Please ensure that all uniform items, lunch boxes and drink bottles are clearly labelled with your child’s name so that they can be returned if found.

From the Office

Report Cards

Report cards will be coming home the last week of Term 2. If you require a second copy, please let the office know.

Artslink Term 3

Term 3 Artslink envelopes have been sent home. These are due back with the correct payment by Thursday 25 June. We have had an internet payment of $8.00 made with no name. Please let office staff know if this was made by you.

Illegal Parking in No Parking Areas—Emergency Vehicle Entrances

The school has three sets of double gates through which emergency vehicles can access the school. Two sets are at the front of the school on Gympie Road, the third is at the bottom of Ana Street outside K Block, the Year Five (5M and 5H) classrooms. Ana Street is the side street for parents to pick up students. The emergency double gates, while giving access to the oval, also serve as an entrance for emergency vehicles needing to attend a situation on the Ana Street side of the school around the Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms.

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Be Safe

Safety Sam says: Use the Forestry safely.

Music Notes

Talent Night—Friday 19 June

It’s only just over ONE week away! The children are madly rehearsing adding the final touches. Please remember, if you are using recorded music, have your music to Mr Taylor by THIS Friday (12 June). You can send in a CD OR put it on a USB stick OR email the link to Mr Taylor at - mtafel07@eq.edu.au—he will download it onto the playlist. If the music is not received in time the act will not be able to perform. Performance order will go up on Friday and on Monday & Thursday the children will have a rehearsal on the stage. The night’s entertainment will commence at 7:00pm but the hot food (sausage sizzle) and drinks (tea/coffee/soft drinks) will be available from 6:00pm. There will be an admission fee of $5.00 per family OR $2.00 per single entry along with some raffles. Come along & support these young performers. Money raised from this will go toward Music Camp 2016. If you are able to help with the cooking or selling raffle tickets etc, please let Miss Wood know. We will find a job for you to do.

Rehearsals before school are back to normal next week.

Marion Wood
Music Teacher
6:45pm – 8:00pm Disco
$6 ticket or $15 family
Great prizes to be won! Every child entry receives a free raffle ticket for Lucky Door Prizes – 3 bikes to give away!!
Costume prizes too!! COFFEE VAN & CAKES! Don’t have a costume? – That’s ok, make a pair of Mickey ears or just come and have fun!! Parent supervision is required.

SEASONS PROGRAM — for students who have experienced some kind of grief or loss (maybe due to separation, divorce or loss of a loved one) will be running again through the Chaplaincy Service in Term 3. If your child could benefit from this valuable program please email for more information – kcono0@eq.edu.au

HOLIDAY FUN – WINTER MAPLETON ADVENTURE CAMP
Limited space left Mon 6 July – Fri 10 July (Years 5 – 7)
Chappy Noticeboard for forms info@sucamps.org.au
We are looking for donations of pre-loved lego or construction play kits that students could use during Chappy Chill-Out Time.

Chappy Kylie

Forestry News

After 10 years we are still weeding madeira vine!!!! Here are Kyle and Junior standing in an area that was previously infested with madeira vine.
It is a painstaking job to do because the tubers are hidden beneath the grass that has been slashed. If they are left there, they will re-sprout in the warmer months. There have been large turnouts of students for Forestry Club, so a big thanks to those students who turn up every week and work hard.

Louise Brennan

P&C News

Entertainment books are still available, $65 each, please contact P&C to order— pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au
Thank you
BHSS P&C Executive

Tuckshop News

Special Friday 12 June, Fresh Spaghetti Bolognese $4.00. Bag order and will be available for both breaks.

ROSTER
Monday 15 June—Mel M, Karen J
Tuesday 16 June—Kay H
Wednesday 17 June—Tanya Mc, Kat M
Thursday 18 June—Donna V, Bec R

Tuckshop Team

Uniform Shop News

Hours are Wednesday 8:00—10:00am and Friday 2:30—3:30pm
Thank you
Mel
Uniform Shop Convenor

Community News

Come & Try Scouting at Bald Hills Scout Group
Scouting offers something a bit different for children…. they can learn life skills, a love for the outdoors and they can get to try activities they might not usually try….there is something for everyone!
508 Bracken Ridge Road, Bald Hills (next to Harold Keily Park and “The Duck Pond”)

For more information contact Group Leader Narelle: 3261 2876 (please leave message) or: Find Us on Facebook: “Bald Hills Scout Group” (community page)

C&K Bald Hills Community Kindergarten will be open for viewing on Tuesday 16 June from 3:00—4:00pm. Wait list applications are currently being accepted for 2016 and beyond.

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ENROL NOW to secure your 2016 Prep placement
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