10 March 2016

Dear Parents,

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This week we had our parent teacher interviews for Term 1, and I thank those parents who took the opportunity to accept the teachers’ invitation to join them to gain a snapshot of how their child is travelling at this point in time in a 12 month course of study. Obviously our focus is on their progress in literacy and numeracy, their learning behaviours as well as their general behaviour and application to work.

The relationship and engagement you have with the teacher and with learning is also a signal of potential success for your child. The Education Queensland Parent and Community Engagement Framework states…. “The research tells us that the most meaningful partnerships are those where schools, parents, students and the community work together to focus on student learning. Parent and community engagement that is focussed on student learning can deliver powerful outcomes.”

At Bald Hills State School we are indeed fortunate to have many of the features that build such outcomes. On a daily basis as I walk around the school and through the classrooms I see plenty of parent involvement and interest in many aspects of school life.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Queensland state schools embrace a multitude of cultural, religious and non-religious beliefs and encourage students to grow and develop as a whole person, in particular, in beliefs, values and attitudes. It is important to ensure that schools respect the background and beliefs of all students by not promoting, or being perceived as promoting, any particular set of beliefs in preference to another. In the case of Religious Instruction, parents are provided with the option to withdraw their child's participation in the program. Children withdrawn from the lessons will be provided alternative work by their classroom teacher.

Section 76(1), (5) and (6) of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) allows any minister of a religious denomination or society, or an accredited representative who has been approved by the Minister for Education and Training, to give instruction to students who are members of the religious denomination or society in attendance at a state school. This may occur for a period of up to 1 hour per week. These provisions do not extend to students in the Preparatory Year.

Religious instruction is not a program or syllabus provided by the Department of Education, Training and Employment. For this reason, the department has no involvement in the selection of content of the program. However, a number of resources are available from the department’s Library Services to enhance the
preparation and delivery of religious instruction programs in state schools.

At Bald Hills State School instruction is provided for a period of 30 minutes, currently at a time negotiated with the classroom teacher. Religious education classes over recent years have been taken by the Bracken Ridge Baptist Church; Anglican Church-City; C3 Church; Bridgeman Life Church; and the NEXUS Church. The basis of instruction in classes provided by the members of these churches is Christian.

The aim of religious instruction is not to evangelize, to proselytize, or in any way to “convert” children to a specific religious position. In later years of schooling, the comparative study of religions may also be provided, where it is appropriate for students to be more formally analytical of religions of the world.

However, the teachers of religious education deliberately avoid any attempt to coerce or convert any individual student to any particular religious viewpoint.

Religious Instruction at Bald Hills State School is scheduled to begin in term 2.

**TALK, LISTEN, LEARN TOGETHER Cont’d**

**Go Out Together**

So many places to go! …to beaches, rivers, national parks, museums, galleries, exhibitions, fetes, markets, shows, plays, films, concerts – with talk beforehand, talk along the way, and talk afterwards. The trick is to ensure that these riches are not neglected if children are also involved in organised sport on the weekend. So much to be observed! In contrast to ‘TV kids’ who have been battered into poor looking and listening habits by absurdly long hours of passive viewing, the outgoing-questioning-talking child is likely to become a good observer and listener. Especially with parents who point out things, express opinions about conservation and local history, show enthusiasm for flowers, scenery or a starry night.

**YEAR 3 AND 5 NAPLAN DATE CLAIMER**

Tuesday 10 May – Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 11 May – Reading
Thursday 12 May – Numeracy

**CHAPLAINCY DISCO**

Don’t forget the Chaplaincy Disco on Friday night. Come for dinner, enjoy great music, win some fantastic prizes and support chaplaincy at Bald Hills State School. Please remember that though staff is in attendance parents and/or guardians must remain at the school throughout the time their children are at the disco.

*All the best*

*Glen Robertson*

*Principal*

**From The DP**

**Rule of the Week**

Our focus rule for this week is to Be Respectful with Respectful Rosie and use good manners at the tuckshop. Teachers will be reminding students to display the following:

- Go to the tuckshop when the bell rings at the end of eating times
- Wait patiently for your turn
- Know what you want to order
- Say please and thank-you
- Eat your tuckshop under admin block

Please support the tuckshop by reminding your child to display these good manners to our lovely volunteer helpers!

**School Photos**

Thank-you to all of the parents that ordered school photos and supported us by ensuring that their child was dressed in full formal uniform on that day. Photos are due back mid next term. The school will receive 10% of all photo sales. We are also negotiating with the photo company to give parents the opportunity to purchase a 150th commemorative photo booklet displaying all students and teachers from this year. We will notify parents with more information about this as it becomes available.

*Sharon Blake*

*Deputy Principal*

**P & C News**

**VOLUNTEER URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE ELECTION BARBECUE 19TH MARCH**

The barbecue will run from 7am- 1pm. EASTER RAFFLE- there is still over 10 days to get your tickets back to the school sold or unsold, cut off is the 21st March. To go into the draw to win fabulous prizes at the Easter Bonnet Parade on the 23rd March.

*Thanks*

*P & C Team*

**Student of the Week**

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**Uniform News**

**Uniform Shop Hours are:**

**Wednesday 8am—10am**

**Friday 2.30 pm—3.30 pm**

*Mel*

*Uniform Shop Convenor*
important dates

Librairy News

Scholastic Australia is running a competition until 15th April, and it is open to 8-12 year olds. It is about the CATS ON THE RUN book by Ged Gilmore which is available through the book club or the website www.catsontherun.com

where one can answer 3 EASY questions to have a chance to win $500 in book vouchers for our library, or $300 donation to a local pet rescue.

And FINALLY $200 in book vouchers for the winner to spend at his/her delight.

We have a missing library book entitled "Mini World factfiles" which is pocket-sized, and has some flags on its front cover. If found please hand it in at the library.

Josephine Bacayo
Teacher Librarian

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PE

Congratulations to Kortni 6C for her selection in the Bramble Bay Netball team. The Metropolitan North Championships will be held at The Boondall Sports Centre on April 20.

We wish Kortni and the Bramble Bay team the best of luck!

The Bald Hills school cross country will be conducted on Tuesday April 12, the first week of term two. Students have begun to train for this event during PE lessons. I will be conducting before school training for the last two weeks of this term on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on the senior oval 07.45-08.30.

Any student from years 3-6 are welcome to attend. Those students who wish to be selected in the Bald Hills State School cross country team to compete at the Bramble Bay Cross Country Championships on April 29, are advised to continue training over the Easter break.

Music

Choir Rehearsal -

Thursday before school

It is now Week 7 and I have NOT had a full rehearsal with Young Voices as there have been a number of children who have not arrived at the morning rehearsal.

This is very disappointing.

I understand that it is an early start and some people may be a little late, however there are a few children who have not attended since camp.

Please ensure your child is at school as close to 7.30am on Thursday if they are in Young Voices Choir.

Instrumental Music Handbook

All parents of children learning an instrument with either Miss Moore or Mr James should by now have received a copy of the Instrumental Music Handbook. If you have not received this as yet, please check with your child (it could be in their bag) then contact Miss Wood to arrange for a copy to be sent to home to you.

Thanks
Marion Wood

Chappy News

INTERNATIONAL DISCO THIS FRIDAY NIGHT 11 MARCH
Sausage Sizzle from 6pm
Disco 6.45pm-8pm!!
Fundraiser for BHSS Chaplaincy Program

Tickets only $6 per child or $15 for 3 or more children

Includes McDonalds Happy Meal Voucher for every entry PLUS free ticket into lucky prizes drawn below....

2 x ipod shuffles – Rod Chipello Bracken Ridge McDonalds
Gift Hamper – Tracy Davis MP
$50 Voucher – Charizma Hair & Beauty Bald Hills

Photo booth and Prizes for most creative costume too!!!

Coffee Van plus... drinks, sausages on bread, chips, ice-blocks, jelly cups, lollies and Eftpos machine available for door entry.

Parental Supervision is required.

Thanks
Chappy Kylie

Tuckshop
Roster:

Monday 14th March—Mel M
Tuesday 15th—Joanne B
Wednesday 16th—Tanya Mc, Karen J, Sharon H, Kirsty J
Thursday 17th—Donna Joy-Bells
Friday 18th—Leanne H, Teenah, Mel B, Alicia
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