13 March 2014

**eMail Contact Request**

In the coming days parents and caregivers will be asked to review the contact information we have on school files to ensure it is up to date. It is important that, should we need to be in contact, we have current phone numbers and emergency contacts. We are also looking at more efficient and immediate ways to pass on information and using email is an obvious one. In recent weeks we have looked to email information for some groups, for example those that use Outside School Hours Care or the students taking part in the Solid Pathways program, but found we have a very small number of email contacts. When you review your contact details please, if you haven’t already, please add an email contact.

**Not getting Your Newsletters?**

By searching for the Bald Hills State School website and looking for “Important Links” on the home page, you can subscribe to email delivery of the weekly newsletter. The newsletter is the primary way the school communicates with you and contains important information of dates of upcoming events in the school community. I still hear of missing newsletters, lost in the bottom of school bags, unreadable due to leaking water bottles, or that were late getting delivered due to class excursions or student absence. Having your weekly newsletter delivered via email ensures you receive it, and saves resources like photocopying and teacher aide time.

**Student Safety – Gympie Road Crossing**

The busy time afterschool continues to be concerning in relation to the high volume of traffic and impulsiveness of young people wanting to get home. I again ask that we all take care at these times and the adults in the school community assist by taking extra care, watching for students and, in particular, modelling safe ways of crossing roads and adhering to road rules.

The P&C President and I have recently met with Councillor Amanda Cooper and council road engineers looking at the redevelopment of the Gympie Road crossing. They are currently drawing plans for a full remodelling of this crossing, increasing the areas students and parents have to wait to cross the road, slowing vehicular traffic and generally making the area safer.

**David Turner**

Principal
**From the DP**

School-wide Positive Behaviour

Earlier in the term I wrote about our School-wide Positive Behaviour Program. The program focuses on the explicit teaching of the whole school rules and expected behaviours. The program then acknowledge and rewards students who demonstrate the expected behaviours.

I would like to acknowledge and thank those students who are following our four school rules:

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be a Learner

Be Safe

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**Positive Behaviour Support Program**

**Be Respectful! Use good manners at the tuck-shop.**

Always say please and thank you when ordering and collecting from the tuck-shop.

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**From the Office**

Easter raffle tickets

The Easter raffle tickets are being run by the P&C. Please ensure your child takes the raffle tickets and payment to the tuck-shop. You can also get more raffle tickets from the tuckshop.

Access to student / telephone messages

Should you require access to your child/children during school hours, please make enquiries through the Administrative Office who will notify the class teacher. In keeping with our security policy, parents/caregivers are requested **not to go** directly to the classroom to collect their child. Children will be sent to the administration office to be collected and signed out by the parent/caregiver.

Telephone messages will be given to children during the day if they are of an urgent nature or concern changes to how students are to go home at the end of the day. However, we cannot always guarantee students will receive messages that are received after 2.30pm as classes are often involved in other activities outside their classroom.

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Money Collection

Payment for various school activities will be accepted at the office Monday to Friday 8.30am—9.30am

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**Chappy News**

**DAYS AVAILABLE – Mon Tues Wed**

**BREAKFAST CLUB – TUESDAY 8AM**

**CHAPPY ROOM/NOTICEBOARD – Under Staffroom**

**FAMILY DISCO & BBQ!**

**FRIDAY 28**TH** MARCH 6-8pm**

All families are welcome to join us for our first big fundraiser of the year which will be a combined school disco to coincide with our Harmony Day celebrations. A picnic BBQ will begin at 6pm with sausage sizzle and drinks available for purchase (please bring a picnic blanket). The disco will start at 6.45pm and finish at 8pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door and will be $6 per child or $15 for 3 or more children which will also include a glow stick on entry. That means parents can dance for free!!

Our Harmony Day theme celebrates our Multicultural Community as well as the right for every child to feel safe and valued at school so please dress or accessorise in the colour **ORANGE**.

Lots of helpers are needed before the event and on the night. We are also hoping to sell home baking with tea and coffee for parents so if you are able to help with any of the above please contact me through the school office.

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**Forestry News**

Last week a large group of willing weeder helped pull out coral berry in the Forestry. Coral berry is a native to Florida and can tolerate low light levels. Thus it grows perfectly in the Forestry. The problem with coral berry is that it outcompetes native ground covers because it grows so thickly. Each plant can produce hundreds

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**No flyers home this week**
of pretty red berries that germinate into a new plant. Birds are attracted to the red berry and it is not good for them because it is not part of their natural diet. Students collected the seed heads in paper bags, quickly filling them up. At the end of the weeding session, the bags containing the berries were put in the compost bin.

Here is a photo of Leanne showing a coral berry seed head.

**P & C News**

Our first fundraiser for the year was a great success. The members of the Gasoline Alley Harley-Davidson Club enjoyed their morning tea. Hopefully they will consider us again next time they ride this way.

A big thank you to all our helpers on the day especially as I was unwell and couldn’t help with the food—Malyson, Jasmine, Marissa and Jaedene S, Faye P, Janelle, Garth, Oscar, Harley and Phoenix J, Duggan, Ella and Hannah M, Kylie G, Leanne G, Mel B and Alison S. Thank you very much for all your help in making Sunday such a success. Here are some photos of the Harleys.

![Harley Davidson](image)

The Easter raffle is underway. Every family should have received their tickets now. If you’d like more tickets you can get them from the Tuckshop.

We are also looking for donations of Easter eggs. These can also be taken to the tuck shop.

Have a great week.

Tanya May
President

**Tuckshop News**

Just a friendly reminder to the children who have inter school sport to NOT order hot food or big lunch. Sandwiches for morning tea only.

Creamy chicken pasta Friday 14th $4.50
St. Patricks Day celebration Monday 17th.

**ROSTER**
MON 17 - Mel M
TUES 18 - Sal H
WED 19 - Jade M, Tanya Mc
THURS 20 - Cherisse M, Helen M
FRI 21 - Alicia S, Mel B, Erin R, Liz H, Sue G.

Thanks Kylie & Mel

**Uniform Shop News**

Smaller boys formal shirts are on their way. If you are after one please let me know.

Please note a slight change in opening times.
Wednesday 8am - 10am
Friday 2:15pm - 3:15 pm

Thanks Mel

**Community Notices**

**FUNKY HAIR FRIDAY IS COMING!!**

This Friday, 14th March from 8.00am in the school hall—come to school with your crazy hair or for a gold coin donation there will be some colour stylists available to do it for you. There will be a light breakfast available for a gold coin donation also. If you are brave and want to shave, contact Kendell B on 0438 163 714.

All proceeds go to the Leukaemia Foundation for Team Emmett! If you are willing to lend a hand on the morning, please also contact Kendell B.

**Important Dates**

**Friday, 14 March**
Funky Hair Friday
Interschool Sport, Yrs 5—7

**Monday, 17 March**
Artslink Performance—NO WAY!

**Wednesday, 19 March**
Yr 4 Science Excursion—Kumbartcho
Yr 5 Excursion—Deadly Sport Workshop

**Thursday, 20 March**
Yr 1 Excursion—Build a Bug Workshop

**Tuesday, 25 March**
Prep Excursion—Easter Bilby Adventure

**Friday, 28 March**
Interschool Sport, Yrs 5—7
Family Disco & BBQ 6—8pm

**Friday, 4 April**
End of Term 1
**Friday, 18 April**
Good Friday

**Monday, 21 April**
Easter Monday

**Tuesday, 22 April**
Start of Term 2
**Friday, 25 April**
ANZAC Day