27 March 2014

Quadrennial School Review

I wish to thank the members of our community who contributed to the first phase of the QSR. This first phase was to discuss the process and canvas areas to include in the review. This phase has come to a close with a meeting of staff on Wednesday this week. Next term a committee of staff and parents will start to gather and analyse information related to five review areas, and look at examples best practice to inform the review process on “what is possible”.

The five review areas are:

- Inclusivity – can we improve the supportive and positive learning environment for all students?
- Teaching and Learning – how effective are we in achieving high quality results for our students, especially in literacy and numeracy, and how can we do better?
- Information Technology – what is the future of ICTs in education and what needs to be done to ensure we are using these technologies to best support learning?
- School Ethos – looking at community engagement, operational processes, and staff welfare.
- Environment and Facilities – how do we best utilise and improve the school’s facilities, grounds and learning spaces?

Parent Teacher Interviews – Correct Dates

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, teachers and parents of our prep students are meeting this week and next to discuss the important start to formal schooling. For all other students interviews will be held in Week 3 of next term, which is 5-9 May!

Cross Country and Fun Run

Our 2014 Cross Country and Fun Run will go ahead on Friday 4th, the last day of first term. However, if, as expected, rain results in the cancellation of this week’s interschool sport, and postpones the round to the scheduled catch day on next Friday, some changes to the timing of the cross country will be necessary. We will confirm any changes as soon as possible, but I expect the championship events (selection of our team to represent us at Bramble Bay) will be the first events conducted on the day, allowing students to then compete at interschool sport.

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.
From the DP

Extending Learning Outside the Classroom
The past fortnight has seen many of our students have opportunities to participate in learning experiences outside of their classroom environment.

ArtsLink visited the school last Monday and all year levels attended the performance ‘No Way’, a performance with a no bullying message for students.

Last Wednesday, Year 4 students extended their science learning with a visit to the Kumbartch Environmental Education Centre while Year 5 students have the opportunity to participate in the Deadly Sports program.

Our Year 1 students also enriched their science learning last week with a visit from the ‘Bug Lady’. The Build a Bug Workshop engages students in further learning about the characteristics and features of living things as they create their own insects.

This week our Prep students visited the Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre for a Bilby Adventure. After learning about the Bilby and ‘that feral cat’, students went on a bilby egg hunt. Despite the rain, a great learning time was had by all.

Learning opportunities outside the classroom are an important part of an enriched curriculum.

Lost property
Large amounts of lost property have accumulated in the office this past fortnight. We will aim to clear and return all lost property by the end of this week.

Unfortunately many items are not named.

Please remember to clearly label all student property. If your child has lost any of their belongings and you think that their items may not be named, please have them go to the office to check the lost property.

With Term 2 just around the corner and students starting then to bring jumpers to school, please remember that jumpers are to be either red or green (our school colours). Please also remember to name your child’s jumper.

ICAS — INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS
If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the ICAS competitions please collect an application form from the office and return with payment to the school office by Monday 14 April 2014. Please note that late applications can not be accepted. Libby.

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Be Respectful
Respectful Rosie says:
Always use good manners.
1. Say please and thank you.
2. Wait your turn patiently.
3. Listen when others are speaking.
4. Be polite and respectful at assembly.
5. Line up quietly and respectfully at the office.

Chappy News

DAYS AVAILABLE – Mon Tues Wed
BREAKFAST CLUB – TUESDAY 8AM
CHAPPY ROOM/NOTICEBOARD – Under Staffroom
FAMILY DISCO & BBQ!
THIS FRIDAY 28 MARCH 6—8pm
SAUSAGE SIZZLE & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
BYO PICNIC BLANKET
$6 CHILD $15 FAMILY INCLUDING GLOW STICK AND LUCKY DOOR PRIZE ENTRY!
WEAR ORANGE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OF ANTI-BULLYING AND HARMONY DAY!
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE – 2 X IPOD SHUFFLES
MOST CREATIVE ‘ORANGE WEAR’ PRIZE – 2 X $20 SMIGGLE VOUCHERS PLUS GIFT FOR EVERY CHILD!
THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY SPONSORS
Rod Chiapello Bracken Ridge McDonalysts
St George Bank Strathpine
Bold Coffee & Market 4036
‘I’m Cruzin’ Café’ Coffee Van
BHSS Tuckshop
CHAPPY KYLIE

Music News

No String Lessons Next Week
Reminder – Miss Moore will be absent NEXT week as she will be on Sandgate High’s Music Camp.

String Soiree Tuesday, 6 May
This function is very low key but provides the opportunity for ALL children learning a STRING instrument to perform – either individually or in a group. Please put this date in your diaries now.

Talent Night – Thursday, 26 June
I know this seems like a long way away, however it will come around very quickly. Auditions will be held AFTER NAPLAN but you will need to start thinking about your act soon. Holidays might be a good time to start.

Marion W.

Bunyaville Photos

Flyers home this week
No Flyers
**P & C News**

All raffle tickets should be in by now. Monday is the very LAST (31-3-14) day for any stragglers. We are looking for volunteers for Anzac Day and the Mother’s Day stall after the holidays. Helpers are also needed for the Fun Run next Friday. A notice should have arrived home today letting you that the entertainment books are arriving after the holidays. If you don’t want one simply fill in form and put in box at the Tuckshop.

Have a great week.
Tanya - President

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**Community News**

**Ross’ On Court Tennis**

**Tennis Coaching—Term 2**

at Bald Hills State School

Taking new enrolments for Term 2

Open to all from Prep to Year 7

Classes — Before School and After School on a Thursday and Friday.

To sign-on

**phone Ross on 3264 3976**

**Confident Kids + Teens**

**Does your Child have the Resilience Edge?**

Confident Kids + Teens is a highly successful resiliency group program for 5-14 year olds to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Kids gain simple tools to reduce stress, anxiety, negative thinking or low self-esteem so they can build resilience to meet life’s challenges. Enrol your child in our new and updated 5 week group program run by experienced psychologists.

It’s still packed with all the same practical strategies to help your child thrive, but now the program is even more convenient and affordable for families. (Medicare & Private health fund rebates apply.) Only available at Positive Families Paddington. Places are limited.

Visit [www.confidentkidsandteens.com.au](http://www.confidentkidsandteens.com.au) for full details and Book Online to secure your child’s enrolment. Or email us at info@positivefamilies.com.au

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**Tuckshop**

A form has gone home for a meal deal special on 2 April. If your child didn’t receive one please come to the Tuckshop to get one.

We are in need of plastic cutlery if you wish to donate.

**Correction:**

Monday 31 March is when the orders for meal deal special needs to be returned to the tuckshop—Pizza Special.

**ROSTER**

MON 31 - Mel M
TUE 1 - Penny C
WED 2 - Kay H, Tanya Mc, Mel B, Danni K
THU 3 - Cherisse M, Helen M
FRI 4 - Alicia S, Judy J, Mel B, Kay H

**Thanks Kylie and Mel**
(Tuckshop Convenors)

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**Uniform Shop**

**OPENING HOURS:**

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

Jackets in all sizes are on their way

**Thanks Mel**

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**Important Dates**

**Friday, 28 March**

Interschool Sport, Yrs 5—7
Family Disco & BBQ 6—8pm

**Wednesday, 2 April**

Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday, 4 April
End of Term 1
Cross Country / Fun Run

**Friday, 18 April**

Good Friday

**Monday, 21 April**

Easter Monday

**Tuesday, 22 April**

Start of Term 2

**Wednesday, 23 April**

No Assembly

**Thursday, 24 April**

Anzac Service and Assembly

**Friday, 25 April**

ANZAC Day

**Tuesday, 6 May**

String Soiree

**Thursday, 26 June**

Talent Night