6 March 2014

**Turwan Circle**

In June 2013 this school signed a partnership agreement with members of the Bald Hills “Closing the Gap Committee” and Kurbingni Youth Development. This agreement was to work together to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait students have the best possible start to their schooling, and raise awareness of the rich cultural heritage of the first Australians. The group formed has been known as the PACE (Parent and Community Engagement) group.

I am very pleased to announce that this group is now known as the **Turwan Circle**. A “Turwan” in the local Turrbal language, was one who was able to do anything – a talented and powerful person! The Turwan Circle will meet on Wednesday 12 March, 5:30pm-7:00pm at the school. This will be a BBQ to welcome new families and celebrate the naming of this group. If you would like to attend and support the work of the group, or just to learn more about its work in the school, please contact the office to assist us with catering.

**Art Excellence Day – Year 6&7 Students**

Next Tuesday our Year 6 and 7 students will attend an Arts Excellence Day at Aspley High School. This day is hosted by the staff at Aspley and includes activities in music, drama, visual art, and a team challenge. I am looking forward to hearing from the students their perceptions of the day. On paper it looks like it will be very interesting and a great deal of fun.

**Quadrennial School Review – Community meetings**

Next week we will commence the QSR process. I will be conducting two parent sessions, one in the evening to give parents with office hours work commitments the opportunity to participate. This meeting will be held on Monday 10th 6:00 – 7:30pm in the school library. The next Community Café on Wednesday 12th March will be an extended meeting to cover the same information for those who prefer a day time meeting. What I am very interested in are areas the community would like to see included in the review. I am very interested in hearing what you wish for your school and ultimately wish to develop a vision for the future underpinned by values that support student learning.

The review will look at how inclusive our school is for all students. This aspect of the review will include our Responsible Behaviour Plan, including our approach to minimising bullying, how we support students with learning difficulties and how we engage our community. It will, of course, also look at our learning programs and student performance. I look forward to discussing the QSR and listening to areas you would like included.

David Turner
Principal
From the DP

ICAS — INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

ICAS is a highly regarded international assessment competition for schools in English, Mathematics, Science and Computer Skills. The assessment competitions also offer the opportunity of recognition and reward for students who participate. Participating students receive an individual diagnostic report and a certificate to recognise their achievement. Previously, ICAS has only been open to students from year 3 onwards. However, ICAS is now available for Year 2 students in English, Mathematics and Science.

Last year many Bald Hills students had great success and recognition through their participation in the competition, with several of our students performing in the top percentage of students across Queensland.

This year as part of our Science Specialist Program all students in Years 5 to 7 and Year 4 students participating in our Science Enrichment Club will complete the Science ICAS as part of their science program. The cost of these entries will be covered by the school.

Students from Year 2 to Year 7 are eligible to enter.

Competition dates and entry fees are as follows:

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If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the above 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 cannot be accepted.

Libby Bond—Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour

Support Program

Be Responsible
Hand your homework in on time

Make sure you complete all of your homework and hand it in to your teacher on time.

P & C News

Our big event this week is the morning tea with the Gasoline Alley Harley-Davidson Club at 10am on Sunday 9th March.

All are welcome to come and have a look and perhaps a photo with these awesome machines.

There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks available for purchase from 10am - 11am.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are now looking for a new Secretary to join our awesome executive team. You must be a committee member and be voted into the role at the next meeting. If you can read and write, know what a computer is and have a sense of humour please consider being our new secretary. We are also looking for a vice secretary and vice treasurer as Mel is resigning as vice treasurer and nominating for the position of Vice President.

As always we are on the lookout for volunteers. We need help on Sunday and the Mothers Day stall will be here before we know it. Keep an eye on the notice boards to register your interest.

Our next general meeting is the 12th of March in the school library at 7pm. New members are always welcome.

Committee members please note there will be a special meeting after the general meeting to discuss the new constitution.

See you all next Wednesday.

Tanya May
President.

Music Notes

Music Calendar and Instrumental Music Handbook

These items will be distributed over the next week. If you have NOT received these by the end of next week, please contact Miss Wood. Please note only children learning an instrument at school will receive a copy of the Handbook.

NO String Lessons NEXT week.

Miss Moore will have Jnr String group at lunchtime on Monday March 10 but will then be in a meeting with the District Instrumental Co-ordinator from 1.30. On Tuesday March 11, Miss Moore will be absent as she will be attending the Celtic Strings Workshop.

Tuckshop News

Next Friday 14th we are having "fresh creamy chicken pasta" $4.50 for a container. Please write your order on the bag next Friday.

If you are interested in a great quality fruit and vege box we will now be selling these. Please see form coming home with newsletter.

We would be most grateful for any donations of tinned beetroot.

ROSTER:

MON 10th - Leanne H
TUES 11th - Lembe L
WED 12th - Lisa H, Kay
THURS 13th - Donna V, Suzy W, Mel B
FRI 14th - Alicia S, Zita J

Thanks
Kylie & Mel

Uniform Shop News

We are still waiting for dresses. They may begin production in a few weeks. P&C has begun looking at other avenues. More at next weeks general meeting.

Also waiting on the smaller sizes in boys formal shirts.

Thanks Mel

Flyers home this week
Our big fundraiser for the Chaplaincy Service this term will be the Disco on Friday Evening 28th March. We are combining our Disco with Harmony Day so it will be an “Orange” colour theme. Also looking for a group of parents who are able to help out with preparations leading into the Disco as well as on the night. Love to hear from you if you have some time to spare.

2ND HAND UNIFORMS

Our school uniform shop kindly takes donations of 2nd hand uniforms that when sold all funds go to the Chaplaincy Service. Thank you to many families who have donated already this year and to Mel who is organising this for us.

CHAPPY KYLE

Forestry News

Last Friday the Lunchtime Forestry group had a visit from a past student Eric McLeod. Eric started his schooling at Bald Hills State School in 1933!! He vividly remembers planting the Hoop Pines in the Forestry as a 9 year old boy. The school celebrated Arbor Day each year and he and fellow classmates planted trees. When sewing lessons were on, he and the other boys from his class would go down to the Forestry and pull out the long grass that threatened to choke the trees. In order to get to the trees, the boys would slide down the slopes. That cannot be done now thanks to the stairs and viewing deck that Mr Johns put in during the 1990’s. Eric told us some wonderful history about the school. He remembers the oval on Gympie Rd being built. Local men who could not find work during the Depression had to work on relief projects in order to gain their “Susso”. The men flattened the slope using picks, shovels and wheelbarrows, thus creating the oval we know today. He fondly remembers Gus Davies, who has a park in Bald Hills named after him. Gus was an indigenous returned serviceman from WW1. When Gus would find some treasure, like a snake, worm or beetle while digging, he would give it to the students. They would then preserve the animals in a bottle. Very soon they had started their own museum of creatures found while the oval was being built.

Eric is one of two surviving students from his year, so we were very fortunate in having him visit the Forestry and tell us about what he did in the Forestry during his time at the school in the 1930’s. He was absolutely thrilled to see how wide and tall the hoop pines have grown. During his working life, Eric worked in Forestry and is very knowledgeable about trees and timber. In his spare time he is a wood turner. Attached is a photo of Eric McLeod and Asha.

The SWPBS Swap Shop is running low in rewards. We are calling out for donations of promotional products; handballs; small toys; pens and pencils; rubbers; stickers; note books. If you can help, please leave your donations at the office marked SWPBS.

Thanks, from the SWPBS Team.

Student Banking News

This week I have been playing Tourism Operator to my family visiting from Holland so I thank you for your patience in the delayed return of your child’s student banking deposit books this week.

Sincerely
Sharon Cherry – Student Banking Coordinator

Community Notices

FUNKY HAIR FRIDAY IS COMING!!

March 14th 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 availa-