Next week is Chappy Week across Queensland. Our Chaplaincy program adds significantly to the social fabric of Bald Hills State School and is a vital part of the student support offered to the school community. We have a very special assembly on Wednesday to help celebrate our program and our fantastic Chappy Kylie. This will be held on the junior oval at the normal time, but will run a little longer than usual.

Well Done To Our Year 3 and 5 Students
This week, and in all primary schools across Australia, our Year 3 and 5 students took part in NAPLAN. I want to acknowledge the great work done by the Teachers in these classes in ensuring students were prepared and relaxed for these tests, particularly our Year 3 students who have not been exposed to this type of assessment before. Despite some media reports about high levels of anxiety I am very pleased to say all our classes were positive, ready to “do their best” and the tests were completed without tears or too much stress. It must also be remembered this one “point in time” test provides information that is more reliable at the school and system level, and reporting to parents at the end of the semester offers a far more comprehensive picture of an individual student’s growth and performance.

Student Absences
In line with the information system that we use to monitor student absences, Bald Hills State School requires all student absences to be reported directly to the school office via the absence email absence@baldhillss.eq.edu.au or the school email admin@baldhillss.eq.edu.au or phone on 3261 1554 before or on the day of absence.

We no longer accept an absence note to the class teacher when the student returns, we need to know prior to or on the day to avoid administration staff phoning you to follow up on your child’s absence.

David Turner
Principal
From the DP
Focus – “Be Safe”
Our focus rule for this week is “Be Safe”, play safely. Teachers will be looking for students who are able to play using “soft touch”, follow the rules of the game and problem solve any issues before seeking adult guidance. We will also be revisiting designated play areas and ensuring that year levels are playing within their area. This also includes utilising playground equipment during lunch breaks when teachers are able to supervise. We would like to remind parents and students that all adventure playgrounds are out of bounds before and after school, and no student should be at school after 3:30pm unless booked into after school care.

ICAS – Digital Technologies
A reminder that the ICAS Digital Technologies test will be held next Tuesday 19 May. If your child is participating in this test please ensure that they are well rested, have had a nutritious breakfast and are at school on time. Students and teachers will be advised of the time and location of the test later this week. If you would like to access practice questions then some can be found at https://www.eea.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions. These questions are available at no cost.

Sharon Blake
A/Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Be Safe
Safety Sam says:
- Play safely

Music Notes

String Soiree
What a night! Congratulations to everyone who performed. You all did a great job! Thankyou to the fantastic audience who supported all the acts (34 in total). Although there was a large number of acts the night went very quickly. Thanks to Mr Taylor for his work on the sound system and of course Miss Moore for organising the night. It gets better each year.

Rehearsals
Rehearsals for ALL groups will resume NEXT week—Strings Tuesday morning, Band—Wednesday morning, Young

Voices—Thursday morning
Talent Night - Auditions begin NEXT week
This year Talent Night will be held on FRIDAY 19 June. Auditions will commence in Week 5 – 18 May—after NAPLAN. There are a few changes being made, so please read carefully if your child is planning on auditioning.
If music is to be used:
1. It MUST be either on a USB stick OR CD formatted to be played on a CD player not MP3 format submitted on the day of the audition.
2. Backing tracks must be used if singing with a recording.
3. Choose the song carefully looking at the lyrics and appropriateness of the words – even for dancers.
When selecting costumes remember school guidelines for free dress – NO bare mid riffs – and consider the overall performance.
Start practicing now. If you need help deciding what to do, please talk to one of the teachers. I know there are lots of teachers willing to help.
BYB15 - Sunday 24 May
Letters have been sent out to those children involved in the String Ensemble. This function is a community based market/fair held in McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge. Our group will perform at 11:50am. Please come along and support the group.

QYMA—Young Voices—Friday 29 May
Notes have gone out this week. If you have received one and your child is a member, please contact the office.

Northside Junior Music Camp
This year the Junior Music Camp is being run differently. The children who have started a BAND instrument THIS year will have one Workshop day at Bald Hills State School on Wednesday 10 June. The children in their SECOND year of STRING are being offered Tuesday to Thursday (9 to 11 June). Letters outlining details have been sent to eligible children. If you wish your child to attend, you MUST return the medical form by 15 May. Please note that school photos are being taken on Tuesday 9 June. If you wish your child to attend Junior Music Camp AND have school photos taken, Year 4 and Year 5 will be taken first which will allow those children to attend Music Camp after the photos have been taken.

Marion Wood
Music Teacher

From the Office
Artslink
We have received an Artslink payment envelope at the office with no name. If you think you may have dropped in the envelope with no name, please contact the office.

Artslink payments for Term 2 are due no later than 9:00am Wednesday 20 May.

School Photos
Our School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 9 June 2015. Please see the attached note.

Thank you
Kursty, Leesa, Mel & Helina

Forestry News

Before we did some weeding in the Forestry on Friday afternoon, we went for a walk to see how high the water had risen during the floods. Here is a photo of students standing on one of the bridges. Above their heads you can see the mud on the leaves of a tree. They were all quite incredulous at how high the water had risen.

Louise Brennan

After School Care

New Before and After School Care Coordinator.
Camp Australia in its partnership with Bald Hills State School is pleased to introduce Jade Ruger, as the new Coordinator of the Before and After School Care program.
Jade comes to us with a great knowledge of the industry as a qualified educator, currently studying her Bachelor of Primary Education. She is very passionate and enthusiastic about providing the best care for children at the service and will be bringing these attributes to the program. Jade has been a part of the Camp Australia team for three years now and is very excited to be joining the Bald Hills State School OSHC Program.
We have a lot to look forward to with a new coordinator, lots of exciting activities and new smiles!
The before school care program will continue to operate as usual; between 6:30am—8:45am and after school care program between 3:00—6:00pm each school day.
For more information on the After School Care program or specific requirements, contact the team on 0452 247 969. For all other enquiries contact Camp Australia’s friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

Leanne Cosgrove
Regional Manager
PE News
Last Friday 46 students represented Bald Hills State School at the Bramble Bay Cross Country Championships. Thank you to the parents who helped supervise and cheer on our athletes. Everyone performed well and can be proud of their achievement. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent Bramble Bay in the Met North Cross Country Championships on 26 May at St Paul’s School. Blake 4V and Bree 6S both finished 4th in their age groups. Chloe 4V finished 5th and Brayden 6F finished 7th. Training will continue on the senior oval Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:45am until regionals. Good luck!

Mrs Innes
HPE Teacher

Year 6 Arts Day
On Friday 8 May Year 6 went to Sandgate High. In the Manual Arts rooms, we made paper rockets and then launched them on the oval. Some of them went 60 metres high. After that, in the Art room, we made paper cameras out of a matchbox containing paper slides with pictures. Then we walked to the Science block to experiment with bunsen burners. We also got to do five other experiments. At the end of the day we all received a gift bag. Lily H & Michael T 6S

Chappy News
JC ACTION SPORTS!! – CHAPPY WEEK WEDNESDAY 20 MAY
Chappy Week is being celebrated state wide next week by nearly 700 schools in Queensland who now have a Chappy. On behalf of the LCC (Local Chaplaincy Committee) we are very excited to be able to bring ‘JC Action Sports’ who will perform BMX stunts and speak to our students about “Positive Life Choices” next Wednesday 20 May at 9:00am on the junior oval. Parents Welcome! Students are also being encouraged to bring in a NON-PERISHABLE grocery item for our “Hampers of Hope”. These hampers are regularly given as gifts to families and staff from our school community who are going through a particularly tough time or in need of some extra support.

NEW LOOK BREAKFAST CLUB!
We are so proud of how the students have adapted to our new look Breakfast Club. We have moved to the Tuckshop area to create a Breakfast Club Zone. The students are also helping to recycle by washing up their own cups and plates as well as contributing by picking up a piece of rubbish as payment for breakfast. This is a great way to reinforce the need to keep our school tidy and that we can all help together. Tongs to pick up rubbish and hand wash basins are provided.

DISCO DATE CLAIMER TERM 2 – Friday night 12 June!!! DISNEY THEME!!
PARENTS NIGHT OFF! – BROCHURES AVAILABLE
C3 Church Bridgeman Downs have created a special night out for kids on Friday night 29 May between 6:00-9:00pm. This is specifically to honour sole parents in our community so that they can have a few hours respite. There is no cost involved. See Chappy Noticeboard for more details.

CHAPPY KYLIE

P&C News
A BIG thank you to all the lovely volunteers for helping out at the Mother’s Day Stall. Thank you to Gillian for making heart biscuits to sell and also Margaret for making brooches and teddies. I hope all our Mothers and Grandmothers loved their gifts. It was a successful day.
On Wednesday 27 May there will be a free dress day for State of Origin. Come to school dressed in your favourite team colour. MAROON or BLUE. Gold coin donation. Please remember Entertainment books are available for purchase. $65 per book, every book sold we receive $13. Please contact via email at pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au to order.

Thank you
BHSS P&C Executive

Tuckshop News
Red food day forms will be coming home this week. If your child doesn’t receive one they are available at tuckshop.

Important Dates

ROSTER
MONDAY 18 May—Mel M
Tuesday 19 May—Kay H
Wednesday 20 May—Tanya Mc, Kat M.
Thursday 21 May—Donna V, Bec R
Friday 22 May—Mel B, Alicia S, Leanne H, Jade, Tina

Tuckshop Team

Uniform Shop News
Jumpers have now arrived. These are available in both green and red, however red is selling fast. The new price is $30. Hours are Wednesday 8:00-10:00 am and Friday 2:30-3:30 pm

Thank you
Mel
Uniform Shop Convenor

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