Dear Parents,

HELP YOUR CHILD TO USE READING

For Young Readers

Get them reading. The first priority is to get children reading. If a game, a comic, a joke collection or a picture book will start them, then use it.

Games help the beginner reader. Examples: (1) Find a word that starts like Daad... It has four legs and barks; (2) Cut out magazine letters that have the same letter eg. Car, catch, cake; (3) Print a row of capital letters and ask your child to circle in red all the D's and another colour around...etc. (4) Print letters onto cardboard, cut them out as squares and make words from them eg. a-t-h makes hat. There are many products available for this. Magnetic letters to put small messages on the fridge are another great idea.

Reading must be enjoyed. Keep all reading and especially the earliest reading on a pleasure level. Let children read even things that you regard as slight – adults can’t impose good taste! If a child gets a ‘craze’ for an author or for ‘ghost’ books or whatever, don’t stop it; there will at least be a gain in fluency of reading.

NAPLAN testing time again

Our students in Years 3 and 5 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 10–12 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the ACARA website. (http://www.nap.edu.au/)

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN

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

MICROSOFT OFFICE 2016 - FREE OF CHARGE

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Bald Hills State School? All you need is your child’s school email address to sign in.
To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more. You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:
• For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.
• For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.


Studying the following expectations:
• Keep hands and feet to yourself
• Keep noise to a minimum
• Walk quietly on verandahs especially during class time

Stay off verandahs before school, during morning tea and lunch unless you have permission.

It would be great if you could support us by discussing these expectations at home with your child.

Prep Mother’s Day Concert
Lots of fun was had by all at the Prep Mother’s Day Concert, on Wednesday 4 May. The preps enjoyed doing activities with, and performing a concert for their mother’s, grandmother’s and special ladies. Thankyou to all who attended this lovely afternoon, and to the prep teachers for their efforts in organising this event!

University Student Teachers
We welcome six student teachers to the school next week on Monday 9 May. These students will spend between 3 and 6 weeks at our school, depending on the University that they are enrolled at. Having these student teachers visit our school is not only a learning experience for them, but also a great opportunity for our teachers to share their teaching experience and skills with the teachers of the future. Please welcome the following student teachers if you see them around the school:
Miss Gelling – Prep B
Miss Fioretti – 3D
Miss Muir-McCarey PS
Miss McPhee SC
Miss Bugeja 5D
Miss Ledwidge 5A

Sharon Blake
Deputy Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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A BIG Congratulations goes to Isabella 6H! She has been selected in the Bramble Bay team to compete at the Metropolitan North Cross Country Championships at St Paul’s on the Tuesday 31 May. We wish her all the best. Other notable performances were Layla 3D and John 4C who both came 5th in the 9 year age group. Unfortunately the 9 year old competitors do not qualify for regionals. It was great to see all of the students in their new Bald Hills State School representative shirts. A big thankyou to the parents that helped coordinate the management of the students under the tent and cheered them on for their races. Also to the parents that supervised the walk to and from St Paul’s.

I would also like to congratulate Sunshine 5S for being selected in the Metropolitan North soccer team. She will compete at the Queensland Championships to be held at Stanthorpe 9-12 June.

It was great to see so many Year 4-6 students sign up for inter school sport. During Winter inter school sport we will be playing Rugby League, Soccer and Netball. All teams have been selected and will start their training for preparation for starting on Friday 20 May. During PE Prep and Year 1 students are improving their skills in polo hockey and learning the rules and sportsmanship required to play a game. Years 2-6 are playing soccer and fine tuning their sportsmanship and skills during drills and game play. All students are getting excited for their annual beep test that will be conducted in PE in two weeks time. A score is recorded at the start of sports day preparation and at the end, to determine their increase in fitness levels. Parents please ensure that all students have a note should they not be able to participate in PE for any health reasons.

Yours in sport
Kylie Innes
HPE Teacher

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UNIFORM SHOP

Green Fleece jumpers have now arrived ready for Winter. Price $32

SHOP HOURS:
Wednesday 8am—10am
Friday 2.30pm—3.30 pm

Mel Barton
Uniform Shop Convenor

P & C

Thankyou for all who attended and volunteered at the Bush Dance on Saturday. It was a fun filled night, which everyone enjoyed.

Pie Drive forms and money are due 20 May and spare forms can be collected at the Tuckshop.

A reminder the P & C Meeting is Wednesday 11 May at 7pm in the Library and we are hoping to see you then.

Thanks
P & C Executive Team

CHAPPY NEWS

Winter Mapleton is a fantastic adventure camp for Brisbane North students in Years 5-7. Activities include rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing, archery and giant swing. This is just one of many camps run by SU QLD over our coming school holiday period. Many local school chaplains run and attend these camps. I do have access to some funding assistance so please see me if interested or for more information on the different camps available.

Entertainment Books are still available for sale at the Chappy Room or you can buy your phone app via the online link below. 20% of all our sales assist in the running of the Chaplaincy Program here at Bald Hills. Thanks for your support.

CHAPPY KYLIE

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2017 Prep Information Day
Saturday 21st May 9:30-11:00am OK Wednesday 24th May 6:00-7:00pm

- Avoid noisy ears learning programs
- Ordered pre-reading programs
- Struggling hearing student programs
- Students with hearing problems
- Noisy ears learning programs
- Hearing student programs
- Student with hearing problems

Date Claimers

Friday 6 May BHSS String Soiree Bramble Bay Tennis
Sunday 8 May MOTHERS DAY
Tuesday 10 May NAPLAN Language & Literacy
Wednesday 11 May NAPLAN—Reading
Thursday 12 May NAPLAN—Numeracy
Monday 16 May Yr 2/3T History Incursion
Tuesday 17 May Yr 2/3P History Incursion
Wednesday 18 May Bramble Bay Rugby Union Assembly
Friday 20 May Yr 3R History Incursion
Saturday 21 May Prep Information day 2017 Enrolments

ALL DOCUMENTS/FORMS REFERRED TO IN THIS NEWSLETTER CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM http://www.baldhillss.eq.edu.au.

You will need to follow this path: SUPPORT AND RESOURCES/FORMS AND DOCUMENTS/DOCUMENTS.