7 May 2015

NAPLAN
The term is now well underway, as are preparations for the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Students in Years 3 and 5 will complete NAPLAN tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. This testing takes place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week, 12-14 May.

Students have been well prepared for this testing by their classroom teachers, and should be familiar with the types of questions they will experience. However, we know from past experience that some students will still experience anxiety next week. We ask that parents and caregivers stress to students that this is simply another school activity where applying effort is the most important contribution a student can make. Parents and caregivers can also assist by ensuring their child has a nutritious breakfast each morning before testing, arrive at school on time and have a good nights sleep.

We will not have assembly next Wednesday, and in addition to the Chaplaincy Breakfast Club on Tuesday, students in Years 3 and 5 will have the option of having a little extra food before school starts sponsored by the school and P&C. If your child would like to participate in these breakfasts then they will need to go to the Tuckshop area before school.

Under 8’s Celebrations
National Under 8’s week will be held from the 15-22 May this year and the theme is Voices of children—Look, listen, hear and respond. There is also another Early Childhood event scheduled on 27 May, which is National Simultaneous Storytime. We have decided to combine these two events and have students in Prep to Year 2 celebrate these events through their Library lessons over the next 2 weeks. The Library teacher will explore the book being used for National Simultaneous Storytime, which is “The Brothers Quibble” by Australian author Aaron Blabey.

Due to NAPLAN testing and some other commitments this term we have decided to delay our usual celebration activity morning on the oval until Friday 17th July. This day will be open to students in Prep and Year 1, and children from local kindergartens.

Bramble Bay Cross Country
Due to the wet weather last Friday, Bramble Bay Cross Country will now be held this Friday 8 May. We wish those students competing at St Paul’s the best of luck!

Sandgate District State High School Arts/Science Day
All of our Year 6 students have been invited to attend Sandgate DSHS’s Arts/Science day this Friday 8 May. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 students to experience a day at high school and explore the high school options that are available in our local area. If your child has not returned their permission form for this day then please ensure this is sent to the office by Thursday 7 May. There is no cost involved in this activity.

Sharon Blake
A/Deputy Principal
**From the DP**

BHSS Maths Olympiad Team

30 of our highest-testing Maths students in Years 4-6 will be invited to participate in the 2015 Maths Olympiad through a letter to selected families this week. Selection has been made on the basis of PAT-M Maths scores from our March testing round.

Maths Olympiad Team participants extend their problem-solving skills over the course of a month, meeting Thursday lunchtime each week to investigate possible answers to the questions, and exchange effective problem-solving methods.

The school is covering the $150.00 cost of the team as part of our commitment to Gifted and Talented extension activities in Maths this year.

Matt Taylor
Head of Curriculum

**Positive Behaviour Support Program**

Be Respectful
Respectful Rosie says:
- Line up quietly

**Music Notes**

NO Rehearsals during NAPLAN week

Please note that there will be NO before school rehearsal NEXT week due to NAPLAN (12, 13 & 14 May). Rehearsals will return to normal times and days the following week (19, 20 & 21 May).

I am a little disappointed with the number of children arriving very late or not at all for rehearsals. Absences due to illness or medical appointments are understandable, however there have been quite a few NON arrivals without any explanations.

QYMA – Friday 29 May

Young Voices Choir will be participating in this competition again this year. It is being held at The Gap High School – Waterworks Road, The Gap. Letters with final details will be sent out next week.

Please make every effort to attend this function as the section we are in includes choirs of up to 60 voices. We currently only have 40 if everyone attends.

Talent Night—Friday 19 June 2015

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.

**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 4s and Year 5s 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**

**Interschool Sport**

A reminder that ALL forms and payment must be returned to the office by 9:00am this Monday, 11 May 2015.

We will NOT be taking late forms and payment as we need to order buses for the sports venues.

We will also not be accepting forms with no payment (if applicable). If your child has ticked a sport with a required payment, payment must be made when the form is handed in.

**ArtsLink**

We have received an Arts Link 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.

**Students of the Week**

Congratulations to the students who received the Student of the Week Certificates for Habit of the Mind: For Remaining Open to Continuous Learning

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**Forestry News**

Last time we were in the Forestry, we had a lovely surprise while walking past the native raspberry bush. We saw some lovely ripe red raspberries. All of the students had a taste and agreed that they were quite delicious. Unfortunately, the lovely red berries will now be muddy and inedible due to the flooding in the Forestry on Friday. Oh well, there is always next season. A sign that winter is coming was heard by the sweet song from the grey fantail while we were picking raspberries. This little bird looks a bit like a willy wag tail. It flies down from the mountains to winter over in the lowlands. Here is Jack enjoying a handful of raspberries.

Louise Brennan

**Library News**

A reminder that bookclub orders are due this Friday 8 May. All orders need to go through Scholastic loop from the Scholastic loop.

Sharon Blake
Librarian
**Chappy News**

**CHAPPY WEEK 17—24 May**
Chappy Week is coming up very soon and to celebrate we are having some special guests ‘JC Action Sports’ perform at our School Assembly on Wednesday 20 May 9:00am as part of their Super Schools Tour.
JC Action Sports will give an exciting BMX half pipe stunt demonstration (on the Junior Oval) and will talk to the students about making positive life choices. On behalf of the LCC (Local Chaplaincy Committee) we are very excited to be able to provide this event for our students.

During Chappy Week we would also like to raise the profile of our ‘Hampers of Hope’. Each term we are able to distribute some hampers to school families or staff members who may be going through a rough patch. We would like to encourage every student to bring in one item towards this ongoing project. Any non-perishable grocery items would be appreciated. The class with the most items will win ice blocks at the tuckshop!

Thank you in advance!

**Tuckshop News**

**ROSTER**
- **Monday 11 May** — Mel M
- **Tuesday 12 May** — Kay H
- **Wednesday 13 May** — Kerri W & Leesa S
- **Thursday 14 May** — Michelle K & Stacie
- **Friday 15 May** — Alicia S, Leanne H, Jade & Tina

Every now and again we do a call out for donations. This helps keep the costs down. If anybody is able to donate items we are in need of tinned beetroot, eggs and baking paper. Items can be dropped off at tuckshop. Enjoy your week.

**Having a great week.**
**Tuckshop Team**

**Uniform Shop News**

Our new Music polos have arrived and are available in a variety of sizes. The price is now $40.

Jumpers have now arrived in a variety of sizes. Due to increased supplier cost we have had to increase the price to $30.

**Thank you**
**Mel**

**Uniform Shop Convenor**

**Artslink Terms 2 & 3**

Please note we have two more Artslink performances scheduled for this year. Performances are planned for Week 10 of this term and Week 1 of Term 3.

Due to the close time frames of the bookings, letters have been sent home for this Term’s performance and letters will go home towards the end of the term for the Term 3 performance so that payments can be spaced out.

Thank you for your continued support of this program.

**Carolyn Borrows, 4C Teacher**

Entertainment books are available for purchase. A great Mother’s Day gift. $65 per book and $13 from every book sold goes towards our school.

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Thank you to Lisa Geddes for her generous donations for our Mother’s Day stall, plus some items we can use for our fete this year.

**Thank you**
**BHSS P&C Executive**

**P&C News**

The Mother’s Day stall is this Thursday 7 May. Gifts are selling from 50c to $5. Students can buy a gift for their Mother or Grandmother and raise funds for our school. Any leftover products not sold will be available for purchase after school until 3:15pm.

We are looking for volunteers on Wednesday and Thursday mornings next week from 8:00am to help out with the NAPLAN breakfast, at the Tuckshop.

Please contact the P&C if you can help.

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