12 November 2015

2016 Student Leaders Positions

Yesterday, I met with Year 5 students who have nominated for a formal 2016 school leadership position (e.g. captain and student councillor roles) to ensure that these students understand the process that they will now undertake. Students were also given an outline of the process and key dates to take home to parents/carers.

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, the selection process is comprehensive and includes:

- A shortlisting process using staff nominated preferences and review and consideration of each student’s written captain/councillor suitability statement and their school record
- Shortlisted school captain nominees presenting a speech to their year level group, undertaking a panel interview and a student year level secret ballot
- The selection panel considering all presented information (e.g. student written statements, staff nominated preferences, speeches, interviews and school records) to determine a suitable candidate for each captain and councillor position
- The Principal ratifying the panel’s decision

The quality of the pool of students who have nominated for leadership positions is extremely high. The pool of nominees is also quite large with 92 nominations for 22 leadership positions. The selection panel will consider all of the presented information for each candidate to make what will be a difficult decision.

I also spoke to students about approaching the selection and decision making process with “good sportsmanship” — respecting yourself and others through the process, respecting the selection process itself, respecting the decision of the panel, offering encouragement to others, understanding that not everyone who has nominated will receive a position. But most of all understanding that you don’t need a badge to be a leader — that true leadership is not about a badge but about a genuine desire to guide and assist others without acknowledgement.

Semester 2 Report Cards

Don’t forget that Bald Hills will be moving to emailing report cards to parents/carers for Semester 2. This will provide benefits for both parents/carers and the school, including parents/carers now being able to have a permanent electronic copy of their child’s reports for future access and use if required.

If you haven’t already done so, could you please check that the school has your current preferred email address. If your email address needs updating please contact the office. If you do not have an email address could please let the office know so alternative arrangements can be made.
Senior Badges
At this week’s assembly a further 3 students were presented with their Senior Badges:
- Lily F from 6F
- Laura D from 5B
- Charlotte S from 5B

It was wonderful to be able to congratulate these 3 students and recognise the development of their leadership skills.

Libby Bond
Acting Principal

From The DP
Rule of the Week
Our rule for this week is ‘Use the Forestry safely’ with Safety Sam. Teachers will be explicitly teaching the following expectations to students this week:
- Follow directions
- Listen at all times
- Walk carefully
- Stay on the paths
- Use all equipment correctly
- Work in pairs or teams
- All students must be accompanied by an adult when in the Forestry.

Some of our classes visited the Forestry yesterday to practice these rules. Several of our Prep children showed excellent behaviour in the Forestry and have already earned themselves a Safety Sam card for this week.

Kindy Visits
I had the pleasure of visiting Bald Hills Childcare Centre yesterday morning and sharing some picture books with their kindergarten group. The books we read were ‘Where is the Green Sheep?’ by Mem Fox, and ‘The Very Itchy Bear’ by Nick Bland. The kindy children seemed to really enjoy this time and the experience linked in very well with their farm animal visit that occurred on the same day. Thank-you to Bald Hills Childcare for inviting me. I also saw our kindy friends from Bald Hills C&K visiting to have their lunch in our Prep area again yesterday, and I will be visiting them later today to see a project that they have been working on with Channel 10. It is wonderful to see the children becoming part of our school community before they even start Prep.

Chaplaincy Support
At last night’s monthly P&C meeting, discussion was raised about whether the P&C could annually fund $5000 to enable our Chappy to work an extra day per fortnight in Year 2016 (and potentially for future years). Chappy Kylie has been a great support to many families and students at our school and she is finding that the need for her services is rapidly growing.

Overall the P&C committee generally supports this idea but requires more in depth involvement, discussion and approval from our school community before this would be voted on and implemented.

Please get involved and have your say about this matter by attending our next P&C meeting on Wednesday 9 December, 2015 in the Library, where voting will take place.

Sharon Blake
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program
Use the Forestry safely with Safety Sam

From the Office
Does anyone have spare school shorts for both boys and girls—sizes 4-14? The spare clothes cupboard in our First Aide room is almost bare.

Outstanding Accounts
Please ensure that all outstanding accounts are fully paid by Tuesday 1 December. Overdue invoices have been sent home with your child/children.

Absences
Please contact the office if your child is absent from school by phoning 3261 1554 or emailing absence@baldhillss.eq.edu.au or admin@baldhillss.eq.edu.au.

Students of the Week
Congratulations to this week’s students who received the Student of the Week Certificate for Creating, Imagining and Innovating.

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Prep News
Prep S have some budding engineers!!

Music Notes
Showcase - Can you help?
On Wednesday 25 November, the Music Department will be presenting our End of Year Concert commencing at 7.00pm for ALL instrumental groups and choirs. We will have a sausage sizzle prior to the concert, along with raffles, drinks, tea and coffee. Please let me know if you are able to help in ANY way - selling raffle tickets, working the door, selling food, cooking. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Marion Wood
Music Teacher

Library News
As the school year draws to an end, so does borrowing from the library. All books need to be returned by Friday 27 November, and it would be appreciated if parents and caregivers ensure that their child has no outstanding books on loan. Payment notices will be issued for unaccounted books.

Josephine Bacayo (Librarian)
Student Council News

CRAZY HAT/HAIR DAY FUNDRAISER FOR THE PRINCESS CHARLOTTE ALOPECIA PROGRAM

Ella Wilkes from 6D is cutting off her VERY LONG hair and is raising much needed funds to help kids with Alopecia to buy a wig! The hair that Ella cuts off is also being donated to make a wig. Join in the fun on Wednesday 25 November by coming to school with a crazy hat or hair do for a gold coin donation. Your valuable donation will go a long way to making a child in need very happy.

Chappy News

HAMPERS OF HOPE

Thank you so much to those who have helped with items for our Hampers Of Hope cupboard. This time of year seems to be particularly trying for many families so if you are able to pop that extra item in your grocery basket for someone else that would be greatly appreciated. Special items like tea, coffee, jam, honey, juice, cereals, biscuits, cake mixes, toiletries or Christmas treats would be fantastic. A yellow drop off hamper bin is available outside the Chappy Room as well as at the Tuckshop.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE DATE CLAIMER

Our annual Christmas Service is going to be held on Tuesday 1 December at 9:00am. We would love to extend an invitation for extended families to attend. (Please note date change from Wed 2 to Tues 1 December).

BRACKEN RIDGE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Great Opportunity for students from local schools to be involved on stage in Kids Segment of Bracken Ridge Christmas Festival on Sunday 13 December at Norris Rd State School. For rehearsal schedule and more information contact Bracken Ridge Baptist Church Office on Ph: 3261 5045.

Chappy Kylie

Tuckshop News

We have some new items on our menu - Gluten free chips-Monster Munches $1.00 & our Island Way Sorbet that are walking out the door for $2.50.

ROSTER

Monday 16 November — Mel M
Tuesday 17 November — Kay H
Wednesday 18 November — Tanya Mc & Kat M
Thursday 19 November — Donna & Joy
Friday 20 November — Mel B, Leanne H, Kay H & Teena L.

The Tuckshop Team

P&C News

We are having our very first Christmas stalls this year — Tuesday 1 December for Year 6 and Wednesday 2 December for Prep to Year 5. There will be all sorts of wonderful gifts to purchase for your family members. More details to come.

150th merchandise is still for sale.

The Bonnyview Hotel is having a market day this weekend and we will be there selling 150th merchandise. Come down and have a look or if you can help out it would be greatly appreciated.

To contact P&C email pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au

Thank you

BHSS P&C Executive team

Uniform News

All hat sizes are now available along with school bags.

Regular hours are
Wednesday 8am - 10am
Friday 2:30pm -3:30pm

Mel
Uniform Shop Convenor

Important Dates

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WAVELLI STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Orientation Day for students in Year 7 2016
Monday 7 December 2015
Assembly Hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights
8:30am for 8:45am start
3:00pm finish
(Morning Tea provided for parents at 10:00am)

Students to bring/wear:
Primary School Uniform
Notepad & pens
Morning Tea & Lunch

Applications still welcome.
Enrolment Enquiries: Contact:
Sandra Lock
Enrolment Officer on 3350 0328