20 November 2014

Adult Interactions with Students

I first became a Principal twenty-six years ago. I know my youthful looks and full head of hair makes that hard to believe. Over my time in educational leadership there are a few truths that I have come to know: The default reaction for some younger boys is to push and shove; keeping all students in uniform, all the time, has its challenges; girls in the pre-teen and early-teen years can be involved in “nasty” peer conflict… and when parents get too closely involved in attempting to solve schoolyard conflicts, the outcome is rarely a good one.

I’m a Dad and, like all parents, have a great deal invested in my three children. Their difficulties with friendships or peers, situations when I suspected they were being harassed, or came home from school in tears over something that rocked their confidence, were devastating and brought into play my parental protective instincts. This is a natural response and is understood by teachers. However, a parent approaching another parent’s child to try to resolve a situation, or worse still to try to correct their behaviour or “warn them off,” is simply unacceptable adult behaviour. For a child this is too readily perceived as threatening and does not contribute to a safe and supportive learning environment – something all adults in the school community should be striving for, and want. For the parent of that child the response can only be one of anger. That an adult, not employed by the school, would interact with their child in this way is rarely going to be okay.

If something that has happened, or is happening, at school brings about that parental protective response, please contact your child’s teacher or a member of the leadership team. I have said it before - in a community with 620 students, 70 staff and more than 400 families, there will always be times when there is a disagreement – that is the nature of social groups. In a school the people best positioned to deal with these issues are the staff. This can be true even when there are outside of school connections between families.

As a school we do believe in developing “life-long learners who are confident, resilient and independent”. This is one of our school values. The old saying that we should “let the kids sort it out for themselves” holds some truth, but the school’s staff are charged with the responsibility of maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment - counselling, supporting, investigating and, at times issuing consequences for inappropriate behaviours. We do this every day and, in the vast majority of cases, achieve the outcomes parents want and that help build resilient and independent students, ultimately helping them better deal with situations that life will present to them in the future.

David Turner
Principal
Senior Badge Recipients
I would like to congratulate the following students who were presented with their Senior Badges at this week’s assembly. These students have shown that they have met the criteria of the Senior Leaders’ Program.

From 5M: Bailey C, Xander C, Zara N and Kelly T

Students entering their final year of primary schooling can complete the school’s Senior Leaders’ accreditation process at any time during Term 4 this year or at any time during 2015 and on completion receive their Senior Badge.

I know that there are students in Year 5 continuing to work hard to demonstrate the senior badge criteria and I look forward to congratulating more of our students over the next few weeks as they progress through the accreditation process.

Swimming
Swimming lessons have run very smoothly this term and it is good that we can provide students with a water safety opportunity particularly leading up to what is looking like a hot summer.

There are now only 2 swimming lessons left to run in the program:
- Years 1 to 3 — 21 Nov and 28 Nov.
- Years 4 to 7 — 24 Nov and 1 Dec.

Please remember that all students must be sun safe when attending swimming lessons. This includes the wearing of swim shirts/rashies. The pool venue also requires that all students wear a swimming cap.

Libby Bond
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program
Be Respectful
Respectful Rosie says:
Use good manners in all areas of the school

Students of the Week
Congratulations to the students who received Student of the Week
Habit of the Mind—
For Managing Impulsivity

| Prep B | Reuben |
| Prep K | Liam |
| Prep S | Edward |
| Prep T | Charlotte |
| 1K     | Sophie |
| 1M     | Riley  |
| 1W     | Raheem |
| 1Y     | Elise  |
| 2B     | Catrell|
| 2C     | Peta  |
| 2R     | Rocky  |
| 2W     | Connor |
| 3A     | Soren |
| 3D     | Ava |
| 3P     | Ella |
| 3T     | Emma |
| 4B     | Lillie |
| 4C     | Korbyn |
| 4W     | Hannah |
| 5H     | Isabella |
| 5M     | Alex |
| 5S     | Linsen |
| 7C     | Blake |

Report cards
If your child needs an extra report card, please let office staff know so we can print another one.

Lost glasses
If anyone has found a pair of glasses with black and white checkers on the frame, please hand them into the office.

Booklists
Booklists will be coming home with the newsletter today. If your child doesn’t receive one, please see staff at the office.

Thank you
Kursty, Leesa & Helina

P&C News
Kids Art Works products (calendars, diaries etc) submission date has been extended to Wednesday 26 November. These products make great personalised gifts for family & friends. You choose your own picture, submit photo & design on line & payment goes to the P&C. Christmas gifts couldn’t be easier! For more info contact Leanne 0410 632 562.

Chappy News
Christmas Service –
Tuesday 2
December 9:00am
FREE DRESS –
CHRISTMAS CLOTHES

You may have heard that we had a special little visitor on parade yesterday.
One of our Bald Hills traditions has been to raise some funds for Children and their families living in poverty. “Jobs for Goats” is a great way we can all make a difference together at Bald Hills State School. Each child has the opportunity to do a couple of jobs at home and then return their hard earned coins and form by the Christmas Service. All funds will be used to buy some goats through the “Gifts of Compassion” catalogue - www.compassion.com.au

Two years ago we bought 9 goats. Let’s see how many goats we can buy this year!!

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Chappy Kylie

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**Student Banking**

Please be aware that our last Student Banking Day for 2014 will be Wednesday 26 November. Student Banking will resume on the first Wednesday back in 2015. I would like to thank both the students and their parents for supporting Bald Hills State School’s Student Banking Program. This year has gone exceedingly fast and it is that time where I wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

*Sincerely Sharon Cherry.*

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**Tuckshop News**

As we get closer to the end of the year, please note we will start to run out of certain stock.

*Thanks Kylie and Mel*

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**Uniform Shop News**

The uniform shop will be open the following additional hours:

- **Wednesday 3 December** 8am—1pm
- **Thursday 4 December** 1pm—3pm
- **Friday 5 December** 2:15pm—3:15pm
- **Wednesday 10 December** 8am—10am
- **Thursday 11 December** 8am—10am
- **Friday 12 December** 8am—10am
- **Saturday 13 December** 9am—1pm
- **Thursday 22 January** 9am—1pm
- **Friday 23 January** 9am—1pm
- **Saturday 24 January** 9am—1pm
- **Tuesday 27 January** 9:15—11:15am
- **Wednesday 28 January** 8am—10am
- **Friday 30 January** 2:15pm—3:15pm

If anyone is wishing to sell their second hand uniforms please see Mel in the uniform shop for the appropriate paperwork that needs to be completed before uniforms can be sold.

We are also waiting for a back order on our prep polos however we are taking pre orders for these.

*Thanks Mel.*

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**Community News**

**Three Important Dates for our Year 7 and 8 Families Commencing in 2015 at Craiglea State High School.**

**Parent Information Evening for Parents and Carers of our Year 7 and 8 Students commencing in 2015.**

- **Thursday 27 November** at 5:30pm in the Auditorium on Hamilton Road—“Starting Secondary School” is an evening presented to assist parents and carers in supporting their child in the smooth transition from primary school to secondary school. You will hear from and meet a number of the Craiglea State High School staff who will be involved in the wellbeing and teaching of your child.

  - **Year 7 2015 Orientation Day**
    - **Tuesday 2 December**—commencing at 9:00am in the Craiglea State High School Hall. This is a full day program where students will meet their Buddy Leaders, teachers, support staff and be able to become familiar with secondary school before they commence their 2015 school year.

  - **Year 8 2015 Orientation Day**
    - **Wednesday 3 December**—commencing at 9:00am in the Craiglea State High School Hall. This is a full day program where students will meet their Buddy Leaders, teachers, support staff and be able to become familiar with secondary school before they commence their 2015 school year. We look forward to welcoming you to the Craiglea State High School community at these occasions.

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**Bookclub** is due back by 28 November. Any late orders risk books not being back before school finishes for the year.

Have a great week.

*P&C Association*

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