26 November 2014

Our Connection with Community

As the year draws to a close it is opportune to say thank you to parents and others, who have worked to better connect the school and the local community. One of the strengths of the school highlighted in this year’s review was its place in the community and I am particularly proud of what has been achieved over the last few years, and appreciative of those who have contributed to this work.

On Monday the Local Chaplaincy Committee met for the last time for 2014. The outstanding support this important program receives from local churches, members of the local community and parents has resulted in many positive and supportive activities for students of Bald Hills State School. Their guidance, time and effort is greatly appreciated.

The Turrwan Circle, the Parent and Community Engagement committee, has ensured our students have learnt about, and celebrated, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through our local community. The range of activities, and the partnership with St Paul’s to provide reading tutors, doesn’t just happen. Thanks to the parents, families and staff for their input this year.

In my time at Bald Hills State School the P&C has always contributed so much to the school in terms of financial support for projects like the provision of air conditioning, electronic white boards or new playground equipment, and facilitation of excellent community events. Thanks to all who have contributed this year to the Music Sub Committee, Year 6/7 Camp committee and the small but dedicated P&C generally. Next year is a fete year and additional people power will be needed.

A recommendation of the review undertaken this year was that the school reintroduces the Parent Rep roles to facilitate better communication between the classroom, home and the P&C. I will call for nominations early next year.

Another group committed to the local school and community, that only met for the second time last week, is the 150th Anniversary Organising Committee. 2016 is a real milestone year for the school and that people are already committing to the work in organising a weekend of celebrations is another example of the links the school has to its community.

There are many other connections – our tuckshop, committee and classroom volunteers to name a few. The old adage that it takes a village to raise a child is evident at Bald Hills State School. Thanks to all who have contributed in 2014!

David Turner
Principal
From the DP

School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)
As most families in our community would be aware, Bald Hills State School is an SWPBS school. This means that the school proactively uses a prevention-oriented approach to student discipline that is focused on defining and teaching behavioural expectations, rewarding appropriate behaviours and the targeting of integrated behaviour support for individuals and groups on a case by case basis.
With a whole-school focus on positive support comes the use of positive language and positive reinforcement for all students. However, SWPBS does not mean that students are not held accountable for inappropriate behaviours. Students are always accountable for their own behaviour choices, both positive and negative. Students who demonstrate inappropriate behaviours move through a school consequences flow chart. Depending on the inappropriate behaviour being displayed, students may be given warnings and redirected to the appropriate behaviour, a time out or reflection space in their classroom or a buddy classroom, withdrawn from the playground, have privileges withdrawn (e.g. interschool sport, excursions, camps, etc.), or for more serious incidences be issued with a school disciplinary absence (suspension). Just as students are held accountable for inappropriate behaviour choices, students are equally held accountable for their positive behaviour. This accountability focuses on celebrating and reinforcing appropriate behaviours. The school has an ongoing reward program with students earning collectable cards and exchanging these cards for prizes. We also have a term celebration for students who have consistently showed the behaviour expectations of the school throughout the term.

Term 4 Tall Tree Celebration
So yes, it is that time of term again.....the time when we celebrate with our tall tree students. This term the celebration will be a Water Play Party held here at school on Thursday 4 December for students in Prep to Year 5. Each year level will be allocated a lesson to attend the water play. Students who are tall trees this term will receive a letter to take home on Monday explaining the celebration and what students need to bring (e.g. swimmers, water toys, etc.).
Libby Bond
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Be Safe!
Safety Sam says:
Use the Forestry safely

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the students who received Student of the Week
Habit of the Mind—
For Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations

| Prep B | Paige | 3D | Lilli |
| Prep K | Dylann | 3P | Jaiden |
| Prep S | Aleena | 3T | Coby |
| Prep T | Hayden | 4B | Kyla |
| 1K | Cody | 4C | Elise |
| 1M | Florence | 4W | Halie |
| 1W | Phoebe | 5H | Taiya |
| 1Y | Zoe | 5M | Portia |
| 2B | Julian | 5S | Matthew |
| 2C | Madeline | 6B | Rafael |
| 2R | Regan | 6/7F | Corban |
| 2W | Jhaelein | 7C | Rachel |
| 3A | Maddy |

Chappy News

Christmas Service – Next Tuesday
2 December 9am
FREE DRESS – CHRISTMAS CLOTHES
ALL WELCOME!

Our fabulous Mr Young was the recipient of a cute little goat on parade last week thanks to some sneaky Year 6 helpers, Kynan and Cameron!
One of our Bald Hills traditions has been to raise 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 return their hard earned coins and form before the Christmas Service. All funds will be used to buy goats through the “Gifts of Compassion” catalogue - www.compassion.com.au

All parents and family members are most welcome to attend our Christmas Service next week. We will have involvement from the Senior Choir, Strings Group and our School Band. This will be a child-friendly Non-Denominational service. Alternate arrangements can be made for students as we respect that there may be families that would prefer their children not to attend. Please inform your child’s teacher if this is the case.
Regards,
Chappy Kylie

From the Office

Students Leaving
If your child is currently in Prep—Year 5 and will be attending another school next year, please let the office staff know which school they will be attending so all their work can be forwarded on.

Report Cards
If you require an extra report card for another parent, please let the office staff know so we can print extra copies.

Awards Night
BHSS Awards Night is on Monday 1 December starting at 7:00pm.

Payments at the Office
As we move forward into 2015, parents are reminded that we do not operate a till and we are unable to give change, so it would be greatly appreciated if you are paying cash to have the correct money.
We do have an eftpos machine so parents are welcome to pay by eftpos during the day.
Thank you
Kursty, Leesa and Helina

Music Notes

Instruments
If there are any parents wishing to sell an instrument at the end of the year, please contact either Mr James or Miss Moore so they can pass the information to any family looking to purchase an instrument.
Instrumental Program 2015
We have had a great response of children wishing to learn an instrument next year. Both instrumental teachers have completed their testing and have commenced forwarding the results. Congratulations to those children who have been successful. Please return forms as quickly as possible so that another child on the list can be offered a place if you do NOT accept the offer. Those who did not get accepted, please understand that we have VERY limited instruments and also VERY limited time of the teachers – you may be chosen next round.

Music Camp 2015
Music Camp 2015 will go ahead as planned in the 3rd week of Term 1 (Feb 11 to 13). Letters will be forwarded to you by the end of this week.

String Lessons NEXT week
Please note, Miss Moore will be at school Monday afternoon for normal lessons but will be ABSENT on Tuesday.

A Huge Thank-you
On behalf of the Music Staff, I would like to thank Mrs McAuliffe and the members of the Music Support Group for their endless support and work during the year. Without their work, we wouldn’t be able to purchase the handful of new instruments. We would also like to thank all the parents for their support throughout the year.

Wishing you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS. Looking forward to a great year next year.

Marion Wood
Music Teacher

Tuckshop News
Just a quick reminder that the last day for ordering tuckshop will be Friday the 5th December. We will be open on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday on the last week of school to sell any ice blocks that we have left but NO NORMAL ORDERS please. As we wind down we may also run out of certain stock, although a replacement shall be offered to your child.

Thanks Kylie and Mel
ROSTER
Monday 1 December—Laura

Tuesday 2 December—Penny C
Wednesday 3 December—Nat P, Tanya M, Kay H
Thursday 4 December—Helen M, Cherisse M, Donna V
Friday 5 December—Alicia S, Judy J, Leanne H, Zita J, Mel B

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 polo’s, however we are taking pre orders for these.

Thanks Mel.
Book club—due this Friday. Please get orders in on time. Late orders risk books not getting back to school before the holidays.

Community News
Camp Australia
Camp Australia’s holiday program is out now. Please see the website for details or on the notice board under Admin.

Important Dates

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