24 October 2013

Another Successful Fete!

A big “thank you” to all members of the school community for your contribution to Saturday’s successful fete. It was wonderful to see a big crowd enjoying the day. This would not have been achievable without the many volunteers working on stalls, and the support the P&C had through significant donations, and other offers of assistance. Can I also thank the members of the school staff who also made a significant contribution to the day.

While final figures are yet to be confirmed, the P&C has cleared well over $20000 again. This money will be invested in the school for the benefit of all students. I want to congratulate the executive and all members of the association, and on behalf of the school community, thank them for their efforts. I know there were a couple of very long days in setting up, on the day, and in the cleanup!

Our Chaplaincy program also benefited financially, as did the Seasons Program, thanks to the dedication of more volunteers happy to contribute to the school.

It is personally rewarding to be associated with such a successful school event and supportive school community. I trust all who assisted feel the same way.

Welcome Mr Taylor!

I also want to extend a warm welcome to our new Head of Curriculum, Mr Matt Taylor. Matt commences his permanent appointment at Bald Hills State School on Monday and brings a wealth of educational experience to the school.

Looking to 2014

The school’s leadership team will start looking at class structures for the school in the coming weeks. This is an extensive undertaking, as we consider student numbers, individual educational needs and the staffing mix for the coming year. At this stage planning will be around 26 classes, with a school population of approximately 630 students. This is one additional class over this years school structure and reflects the growth in the junior classes.

I am primarily relying on the extensive teaching experience we have at Bald Hills, and the knowledge about the students collated by teachers over this year. Student academic performance, educational needs and, in some cases the relationship between individual or small groups of students, is being considered by teachers in this process. If parents would like any additional information considered in this process I am asking that you either email the school, or put this information in writing to Deputy Principal Ms Libby Bond.

David Turner
Principal
ICAS Mathematics
The school has now received the ICAS mathematics results. These are the last of the ICAS competition results. Fourteen students participated in the ICAS mathematics competition from across Year 3 to Year 7.

Congratulations to the following students for their ICAS Maths results:

- Nicholas (Year 3), Henry (Year 3), Elise (Year 4), Luke (Year 5), Phoenicia (Year 7), Oscar (Year 7) and Siobhan (Year 7) who received a participation certificate
- Fletcher (Year 3), Lisa-Marie (Year 4), Aiden (Year 5), Rachel (Year 6) and Eamon (Year 7) who were awarded credits
- Attalia (Year 4) and Priscilla (Year 5) who received distinctions. Both Attalia and Priscilla had outstanding results. Attalia performed in the top 6% of students in her year level and Priscilla within the top 4% of students in Year 5 across the state.

Next year I would like to encourage more Bald Hills students to enter these competitions. They provide a further opportunity for students to receive diagnostic information about their knowledge and skills in particular learning areas as well as allowing students to be recognised for academic performance.

Pick-up zone
For safety, students are reminded to remain inside the school fence when waiting to be picked up in the afternoons and not on the footpath. The pick-up zone in Ana St is very busy in the afternoon. So to ensure a smooth flow of traffic could parents/carers picking up children please remember to move down to the end of the pick-up zone when the traffic in front has moved on. Currently, there are some vehicles stopping at the beginning or the middle of the pick-up zone. This means that fewer vehicles can access the pick-up area. Could I also remind you that there is no parking in the pick-up area during the following times: 7-9am and 2:30-3:30pm as per the zoned signage.

Students who have not been picked up by 3:15pm are required to go to the office. A bell rings to signal to students that they need to move to the office. The office will then contact parents/carers.

Libby Bond

Music Up-Date
Fete
Thanks to everyone who performed on Saturday. We had some very good performances.

Lamington Drive
Order forms for this has been sent home with the children this week. Please remember to return forms AND money to the office by Friday November 1. Your orders can be collected on Wednesday November 6.

MusicFest
Next Monday, October 28, the Band is performing at Iona College. The group will be travelling to & from the venue by bus, departing BHSS at 1.00pm. The group will return at approx. 4.15pm. If you haven’t already returned your form and money, please do so immediately.

Showcase
Our final concert for the year will be held on Thursday November 28, commencing at 7.00pm. There will be a sausage sizzle before the concert. More details will come shortly.

Music Support Group Meeting
Our next meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday of November - 18 - commencing at 3.15pm in the Staff Room. Please try to attend as we will be going through the final plans for the concert the following week. All help greatly appreciated.

Trivia Night

Saturday 2 November
7pm in the school Hall
Come on your own or book a table of 6-10 people.
Bookings can be made at the school office on 3261 1554

Great Raffle
Framed State of Origin Jersey signed by Greg Inglis.
A night for two at Treasury Casino with breakfast valued at $770.

P & C News

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to the many many people who volunteered their time and energy by manning stalls, baking, serving, creating, building and packing up and those who donated anything at all; we could not have done this without you. Thanks also to all our sponsors and to parents who had fete signs up on their fences for us. Together we have raised over $20,000! All of this money is going straight into your school!

Also a very big thank you to our wonderful teachers and Kylie and Helen for all your assistance over the last 6 months of planning and preparing for the fete.

Thank you for your support!
Your P&C Exec:
Brenden McClennen
David Stinchcombe
Leanne Horton
Zita Janis

Flyers home this week
Lamington Drive
In the Australian forest we see
The gliders gliding peacefully.

This term 3S have been studying Australian poetry and they have written a poem about sugar gliders. The poem is illustrated by Finn W.

**Community News**

**The Pine Estuary Clean Up Group**

A new group has formed to help clean up Tinchi Tamba at Bald Hills.

There will be a clean up morning this Saturday October 26 at 7.30am. Meet at the BBQ area.

At our last clean up we picked up several metres of fishing line, bait bags, plastic shopping bags and other debris that can harm sea life and water birds.

Phone 3261 4884 for more information.

**Important Dates**

- **Thursday 24 October**
  - Prep Interviews
- **Friday 25 October**
  - Prep Interviews
- **Monday 28 October**
  - Music Festival—Concert Band
  - German Day Celebration
- **Friday 1 November**
  - Interschool Sport
- **Saturday 2 November**
  - Trivia Night in Hall
- **Monday 4 November**
  - Yrs 1 & 1/2M Excursion
  - Science Centre
- **Friday 8 November**
  - Chaplaincy Disco
- **Tuesday 12 November**
  - Swimming Yrs 1,3,5,7
- **Wednesday 13 November**
  - P & C Meeting 7pm
- **Friday 15 November**
  - Interschool Sport
- **Tuesday 19 November**
  - Swimming Yrs 1,3,5,7
- **Thursday 21 November**
  - Prep Assembly
- **Tuesday 26 November**
  - Swimming Yrs 1,3,5,7
- **Wednesday 27 November**
  - Swimming Carnival
- **Thursday 28 November**
  - 2013 Music Showcase
- **Friday 29 November**
  - Dinner for Dr Barry Shaw
  - Kedron Wavell Services Club
- **Tuesday 3 December**
  - Swimming Yrs 1,3,5,7
  - ARTSLINK—Whole School
- **Wednesday 4 December**
  - Xmas Service Assembly
- **Thursday 5 December**
  - Yrs 4 & 3/4R Excursion
- **Friday 6 December**
  - Yr 3 Movie Excursion
- **Friday 29 November**
  - Swimming Yrs 1,3,5,7
- **Yr 3 Movie Excursion**
- **Thursday 12 December**
  - Yr 7 CAMP
- **Monday 9 December**
  - Swimming Yrs 1,3,5
- **Yr 7 CAMP**
- **Tuesday 10 December**
  - Swimming Yrs 1,3,5
- **Wednesday 11 December**
  - Swimming Yrs 1,3,5
- **Yrs 5 & 6 Excursion**
- **Thursday 12 December**
  - Swimming Carnival
  - Aquatic Centre Chermside
- **Tuesday 10 December**
  - Xmas Service Assembly
- **Tuesday 12 December**
  - Yrs 6 & 7 Awards Night
- **Friday 13 December**
  - Yr 3 Movie Excursion
- **Friday 15 November**
  - Swimming Yrs 1,3,5
- **Friday 29 November**
  - Swimming Yrs 1,3,5
- **Yrs 5 & 6 Excursion**
- **Thursday 12 December**
  - Final Assembly
- **Friday 13 December**
  - Last Day of School

**Tuckshop News**

Please be aware that due to the work commitments of some of our volunteers we may have to close the Tuckshop one day per week. If you are able to volunteer any time please come and see me, Kylie, at the Tuckshop or email the P&C and they will let me know. This is not something we want to do, but without volunteers it’s just not possible to run the tuckshop.

Donations of beetroot required.

**Roster**

- **Monday 28** – Helen J
- **Tuesday 29** – Helen M
- **Wednesday 30** – Tanya M, Nat P
- **Thursday 31** – Mel and help needed
- **Friday 1** – Danni K, Lee-Ann G, Leanne H
  
  **Sugar Gliders**
  
  **By 3S**

In hollows of trees the gliders call,
As they leap from the trees I see them fall.

They can leap the length of a football field,
And fruit they like especially not peeled.

They sleep and leap,
They glide and slide,
They eat flowers and use their superpowers.

I hear the gliders calling,
As they are falling,
The gliders eating flowers with their superpowers.

During the day they have a sleep.
During the night they play gliders leap.
The gliders leap into a glide,
It’s like they’re flying along a slide.

The gliders sleep in a hollow tree,
And frolic in the night with great glee.