10 September 2015
The Significance Of “Carpe Diem”

Four and a half years ago I made a decision to bring my family to Brisbane. This was a big change, moving from the Sunshine Coast hinterland town of Maleny to “the big smoke”. The decision considered many personal and professional factors, but the confirmation that it was the right thing to do came one Saturday morning when I drove down to have a look at the prospective school and saw its motto was “Carpe Diem.” Seize the day, make the most of every opportunity, is an optimistic philosophy and it appealed to me instantly.

It is therefore with mixed feelings that I advise the community today that I have been appointed to a new position and will be leaving Bald Hills at the end of this term. The role is a new opportunity but I am very proud to have been the Principal of Bald Hills State School. Over the last few days I have reflected on how I believe I have built on the solid foundations of the school, and trust that I have helped prepare it for an even stronger future in the years ahead.

• The introduction of a school teaching (or pedagogical) framework and a focus on the professional work of teachers has been an essential and rewarding piece of work. No profession is immune to change and it has been a particularly exciting time for teaching as educational research has made clear “what works”. This school’s pedagogical framework embeds that research into consistent practices across all classes. It will be most evident to the community through the “Habits of the Mind” student of the week awards and various “Tall Tree Celebrations”, but there is a great deal more teachers are doing in their classrooms every day to ensure students get the very best education. I am particularly proud that I could also facilitate two study tours from a grant I won, taking teachers to Melbourne last year and Perth earlier this year. I believe that this investment in teaching and what we learned on those trips is having a significant positive impact on the school and will continue to influence how teachers work at Bald Hills into the future.

• The strengthening of the “behind the scenes operations” and strongly improved financial position of the school may not be as evident to the community but has been a significant undertaking over the last few years. The recruitment of an experienced Business Services Manager has ensured effective school operations across all areas, including significant and ongoing improvements to school facilities.

• The establishment of the “Turrwan Circle” and the outstanding leadership the community members and staff have provided in building relationships within the school and community, and celebrating and educating about Australia’s indigenous cultures.

• And the school’s work with science contributing to an agenda to better prepare students for a changing economic and technological future.

I will have more to add in next week’s newsletter but I wanted to let the community know that it has been a privilege to be Principal at Bald Hills State School and I will be working with senior executives of the region to ensure that a smooth transition to a new Principal is achieved.

David Turner
Principal
**Positive Behaviour Support Program**

Be a Learner
Learner Lenny says:
Participate cooperatively in individual and group activities.

**Students Of The Week**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to the students who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. We had 180 students complete the challenge, which is a wonderful effort! Parents may be interested in viewing the table below, which shows how the number of minutes spent reading each day converts to the number of words read over a year:

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As you can see reading just 20 minutes per day is able to expose students to 1,823,000 words per year, which is approximately 227 times the number of words that a student who is not reading to each day will be exposed to. The minutes indicated above are inclusive of children reading to themselves, or being read to by an adult. It is also important to remember that reading occurs in many forms and may not necessarily be a picture book or novel. It may also include newspapers, magazines, dictionaries, websites, ebooks, newsletters, etc. Reading a variety of mediums will help further develop a broad range of vocabulary, which in turn helps students with comprehension.

**From The Office**

- Take turns
- Put their hand up to speak
- Are good listeners
- Respect the opinions and ideas of others
- Encourage and support others

Teachers have their Learner Lenny cards and are ready to hand those out to students doing the right thing over the next week.

**Year 6 Graduation**

Just a quick reminder to ‘Save the Date’ for our Year 6 Graduation night! More details will be provided closer to the time.

However, if you have a student in Year 6 this year you may like to let family members who will be attending know that they need to keep this date free. The event will be held in our school Hall on the evening of Tuesday 8 December.

**Sharon Blake**

Deputy Principal

**From The Office**

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**From The Office**

**Payments At The Office**

We are unable to accept foreign currency at the office so please when you are making cash payments at the office, please ensure you pay with Australian currency.

**Artslink Refunds**

There are still a number of parents yet to collect their Artslink refund. If you have been contacted by phone or email requesting you to come into the office to sign and collect, can you please do so this week. If you cannot collect the refund yourself, please contact the office staff to make alternative arrangements. We need all refunds collected before the school holidays.

**Spellathon**

A reminder that all money needs to be collected and returned to the school office.

**Farewell Leesa**

Next week will be Leesa’s last week at Bald Hills State School. Her family is relocating to Central Queensland. We will miss her and we wish her all the best in her new adventures.

**Thank you**

Kursty, Leesa, Mel & Helina

**Music Notes**

**Instrumental Program**

This coming week is your last chance to return forms for the Instrumental Program. Please remember the form must be returned by the end of the last day of Term 3. If you still need a copy of the letter, please contact the school.

**Parent Meeting**

A reminder there will be a Parent Meeting NEXT Monday evening—14 September, commencing at 7:00pm in the Music Room.

**Marion Wood**

Music Teacher

**Forestry News**

Lots of children were keen to go for a walk in the Forestry at Friday lunchtime. We walked along an old track that has been made "new" again by Mr Hay. He has made the path more even and therefore safer to walk on. We are now able to get to a part of the Forestry that we have not been able to access in years. Students noticed lots of spider webs, butterflies and birds. The Prep Planting session will happen on Fete Day. We do not want the time to clash with the Prep dancing, so the time will be advised closer to the date.

Louise Brennan
**Literacy and Numeracy Week**

National Literacy and Numeracy week ran from 31 August to 6 September. Students across all year levels were set a challenge over the week to create impressive works of art to share with family and friends. Prep—Year 2 students art work was called Changing Shape and Years 3—6 was called Create Your Own Tessellation. There were some very creative entries in both categories.


Years 3—6 Winners were: Arabella 5B, Zoe 3P, Oscar 3T, Breanna 6F, Sofia 6S, Abby 6D, Jackson 6F, Lucas 3P, Deacon 3P, Caitlyn 6S, Brielle 4C, Asha 4C, Riley 4C, Oliver 4C, Ariel 4C, Bailey 5B, Ben 5B, Gemma 5B, Jack 3P and Laura 5B. Thank you to all who participated.

Margie Toon
3T Teacher

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**Chappy News**

CHAPPY DISCO THIS WEEK!!
Friday 11 September.

Sausage Sizzle starts at 6:00pm, Disco from 6:45pm—8:00pm—SPORTSMANIA!! Wear your favourite team colours or sporting uniform or come dressed as a famous sportsperson! $6 single entry or $15 for 3 or more. Every entry receives a ticket into the lucky prize draw as well as McDonald’s certificate for a Happy Meal! Prizes for most creative costumes!!

By attending our Chaplaincy Disco not only can you enjoy a wonderful night out as a family but you also enable many more children and families in our school to be supported through the Chaplaincy Program! Thanks!

Chappy Kylie

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**P&C News**

A big thank you to all the ladies who helped out at the Fathers Day stall. These events can not exist without your help. The volunteer rosters for the Fete are up in the classes, please fill out a time suitable for you. If you want to help out on a different stall please contact the P&C by email pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au.

A flyer will also be coming home. If you could please give an hour of your time to help make this Fete a successful one, that would be appreciated. We are still looking for donations of 1.25L bottle soft drinks, cans of soft drinks, filled bottles/jars for Bottle stall.

We are also looking for any old plates, cups saucers etc for the Smashing Plates stall.

We need anyone who is First aid & CPR qualified or RSA qualified for the beer tent.

There are still availabilities for a stall in the Hall, if you are interested or know of someone who would be, to contact P&C.

Next week we will be asking for craft & books, trash and treasure, plants.

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**Thank you**

BHSS P&C Executive

**Tuckshop News**

As the weather warms up the children are enjoying a nice cold ice block at lunch times. Ice block prices range from 50c - $2. Preps must still order on bags. Thank you to all of the fantastic volunteers who helped out over the last week in the Hall serving lunches, while we were getting the Tuckshop fixed. And also for putting up with me while we were down there. It was a bit hectic, but we made it.

**ROSTER**

Monday 14 September—Sharon C
Tuesday 15 September—Mel B
Wednesday 16 September—Tanya Mc & Kat M
Thursday 17 September—Stacie G & Joy
Friday 18 September—Alicia S, Tina L, Leanne H

**Tuckshop Team**

**Uniform Shop News**

Regular hours are:
Wednesday 8:00am – 10:00am
Friday 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Mel

**Uniform Shop Convenor**

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**Important Dates**

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