11 September 2014

**Safety on the roads**

I am seeking support from the school community to ensure the safety of our students before and after school, particularly in relation to road safety. I have reminded students on assembly this week of some clear expectations we have of them in regard to getting home in the quickest and safest manner.

- Students must use the crossing if they need to get to the other side of Gympie Road. It has been observed that some students and, disappointingly some adults, have been crossing in other areas.
- Bikes and scooters are not to be used in the school grounds. It is law in Queensland, cyclists wear an approved helmet when riding on the road.
- There are no games to be played after school. Students are either moving out of the grounds to find their way home, or waiting quietly in the pickup areas on Ana Street and Gympie Road. When students are not in their pickup area and a vehicle is forced to wait this has a significant negative impact on traffic around the school.
- If a student has not been picked up by the 3:15pm bell it is essential they report to the office. Staff will then contact a parent or caregiver to seek information about expected arrival times. Importantly, the students are safe and supervised in the office area.

Your support in ensuring the safety of our students is greatly appreciated.

**Thanks for supporting our School**

Two important school events are happening this weekend. On Friday night the last Chaplaincy Disco for the year will take part in the hall. All money raised goes towards the chaplaincy program, so it’s not only a great night for the students but also benefits the students too! Saturday night the Year 6/7 subcommittee of the P&C is holding the 18th annual Trivia Night! Money raised directly supports the end of year camp.

Please also put in your diaries Thursday 6 November for the 2014 Arts Fair. This will be a special night celebrating the Arts and an important fundraiser for the P&C. The event will be promoted strongly from the start of next term, but please lock the date into your Term 4 planning.

David Turner  
Principal
Secure September

Every September Education Queensland focuses on online safety and positive online behaviour. If your children are like most kids, they probably use whatever technology they can get their hands on at home and love to spend hours on social media or online gaming sites. On such sites children can post messages. Our children need to be aware of the importance of always posting positive online messages. Kids need to remember what they post today — messages and photos — could still be there tomorrow, next week, next month, next year... It is really important your children think before they share their next status update, comment or photo. Kids should ask themselves the following three questions before they post a message.

- Is it true?
- Is it useful?
- Is it positive?

If the answer is ‘no’ to one or more of these questions, encourage them to think very hard about editing the post or making the decision to avoid posting it online. All children should be aware that there is a chance a silly or unthoughtful post from today could still be there in 50 years’ time — and that the information could be seen by future friends, bosses and even their children.

And now for some fun stuff:
Test how good your children are at recognising phishing with the quiz How cybersmart are you? — (http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Home/Kids/Have%20Fun/How%20cybersmart%20are%20you.aspx)
Explore the online game Webonauts to learn about safe, respectful ways to interact online — (http://pbskids.org/webonauts/)
Check out the Creep Quiz and give online creepers the flick — (http://www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au/)

Libby Bond
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Be A Learner
Learner Lenny says:

Attend school every day and be on time for class. Have all your equipment ready to start the day.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the students who received Student of the Week

Habit of the Mind—Questioning and Posing Problems

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Chappy News

LAST SCHOOL DISCO for this year!!
SAUSAGE SIZZLE – 6pm
DISCO – 6:45pm start
Animal theme – Onesies included but not essential!
Prizes for the most creative costume plus lucky door gift with each entry!!
Great prizes and sponsorship from Bonny View Hotel, McDonalds Bracken Ridge, Hon. Tracy Davis MP, Bold Coffee, Market 4036, Bald Hills Post Office and Members of ‘Local Chaplaincy Committee’.

MENTORING PROGRAM
We are hoping to expand the Chaplaincy Mentoring Program in Term 4 this year. This would involve volunteers having half an hour each week or fortnight to spend alongside a child at school who would benefit from a little extra support. A blue card (for non-parents of BHSS students), SU screening process and training session would be necessary. Grandparents would be a great asset too!

To apply or for more information please contact Chappy Kylie or email kcono4@eq.edu.au.

KRAVE KIDS SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY CLUB
September 30—October 2
Over 200 children from local schools (over 40 children from BHSS attended last year)
Lots of fun and I will be there too!!
Get your brochure at the office or chappy notice board or for registrations see - www.brbc.org.au

MORE GREAT PARENTING IDEAS

- Expect Kids To Behave Well
- Catch Kids Being Resilient and Persistent
- Attend to your Kid’s Mental Health
- Don’t be a family that’s always On The Go
- Make sure kids help at home without being paid

Read more on this topic by Michael Grose parentingideasclub.com.au
Chappy Kylie
From the Office

Trivia Night!

Don’t forget to book your table for this year’s Trivia Night.

Trivia Night is on this Saturday 13 September in the School Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Make a table of 6–10 or book as an individual, couple or small group (we will fit you onto a table).

Tickets are $15 per head, great prizes, raffles and games. Bar at cheap prices.

Quiz Master Phil Langley returns. The best night of the year!

Book now, phone Bald Hills State School on 3261 1554

Tuckshop News

Thank you to Fiona L for all of the fresh baked goodies she makes and donates each week.

ROSTER
MON 15 September—Mel M
TUES 16 September—Lembe L
WED 17 September—Tanya Mc, Mel B,
THURS 18 September—Helen M, Cherisse M
FRI 19 September—Alicia S, Liz H, Leanne H, and anyone else who can lend a hand.

Thanks
Kylie and Mel

Uniform Shop News

Hours: Wednesday 8am—10am, Friday 2:15pm—3:15pm

Thanks Mel

Library News

Thank you to all of the parents and students who visited, and purchased, at our book fair this year. The school sold $6,717 worth of books and variety items. This raised $2,350 worth of commission, which we have used to purchase new books for the library! Hopefully, these new books will be available to borrow early next term.

Any books that were on back order from the fair were delivered to classes this week.

Community News

Wavell State High School is having a Parent Information Evening for Years 7 & 8 in 2015 on Monday 15 September 2014. Commencing at 7:00pm in the Assembly Hall, Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights. For further information please contact the Enrolment Officer Ms Lock on 3350 0328.