12 September 2013

**Bramble Bay Sports**

Over the last 24 months I have chaired the Bramble Bay Sports District Committee. All organisation, appointment of coaches and managers, oversight of the three main carnivals (athletics, cross country and swimming), organisation of trails and management of teams competing at Regional Carnivals, and district finances have been managed from Bald Hills State School. Carol Fitzmaurice, the district’s secretary, has done a large part of this work and I want to acknowledge her fantastic contribution to Bramble Bay Sport over the last two years. From today Bramble Bay Sport will be located at Boondall State School.

**PTO Trial Successful**

The online booking process for the parent – teacher interviews taking place this week has seemingly worked well. About 40% of our students will receive feedback about “where to next”, through the conversations between parent and teachers as they head into the last term on the 2013 school year. We have already identified a few areas we can make the process run a bit more smoothly next year and I am more than happy to take feedback from parents on how they found using the system.

**Fete Help**

This week students took home an important note from the P&C Association. As the fete draws closer we are trying to complete stall rosters. As you will know each class takes the responsibility for a stall at the fete and parents are asked to donate a little of their time to run the stall on fete day. Please complete the form and return it to your classroom teacher. If you can assist on the day your help is greatly appreciated.

We still need donations of drinks, sweets, popcorn etc., and you can also still make donations for the trash and treasure. More detail is in the P&C section of the newsletter today, and please come to the fete meeting, this Friday after school.

David Turner

Principal
Chat rooms and interactive communities

Last week as part of the Learning Place’s ICT Secure September launch, I passed on some of EQ’s tips if your child is using social networking sites at home. This week I will pass on some of their safety tips for chat rooms and interactive communities.

The internet is an amazing place and most students use it for both school work and for fun. While at school students can only access sites that are approved by EQ. Teachers and students use the EQ Learning Place to access and create safe online spaces such as edtube and edstudio to chat, blog and share work.

However, at home if students are accessing chat rooms or online communities they may not have the protections that the Learning Place provides. While there are lots of good points about chatting online, there are also some dangers and both students and parents should be aware of these. Most students have heard stories about kids who have got into trouble in chat rooms or interactive communities. It is important that students understand that some people online may not be who they say they are.

If you have given your child permission to access internet chat rooms, you should ensure that they:
- be careful who they trust online — especially if you don’t know them personally
- don’t meet someone they have only been in touch with online
- stay in charge of their conversation — keep their personal information secret
- think before they answer private messages
- use a nickname, not their real name or one that attracts the wrong type of attention
- log off and tell you if someone or something makes them feel uncomfortable or worried.

It is also useful to learn how to save a copy of the conversation in chat as this may be beneficial if you want to report something.

Libby Bond

Music News

String lessons this week
There will be NO string ensemble before school OR lessons this Friday as Miss Moore has had to change her days due to Junior Music Camp. Ensemble & lessons will be as normal next week.

Music Supporters Meeting.
There will be a meeting next Tuesday - September 17 - commencing at 3.15pm in the Staff Room.
All welcome.

Forestry News

Lunchtime Forestry.
For the past few weeks, students have been weeding an area in the Forestry to clear it of Madiera Vine. Now we have commenced planting out the area mainly with Lomandras. We are using Lomandras because the area we are planting in is floods after heavy rain. Lomandras do not mind having wet feet and they are a great butterfly host plant.
Here is a photo of Emma, Zoe, Coco and Milly from 6B planting out Lomandras.

Bush Tucker Garden
For part of the Arbor Day celebrations, I am going to be planting some Bush Tucker with 6B. The garden bed that I will be planting in has seen better days. The soil is quite compacted and depleted of nutrients. Would any of the school community be able to donate some bags of potting mix, chicken manure, horse manure, anything like that to freshen up the soil a bit. If you can help, could you please contact Louise in Prep A. Many thanks.

P & C News

FETE NEWS – ONLY 5 WEEKS TO GO
Don’t forget the Fete meeting this Friday the 13th at 3.15pm – children are very welcome. Come along and find out what the plans are and bring any ideas you might have along.
Forms for ride armbands are going home this week so keep a look out for the bright yellow form!
We are desperately needing cans of soft drinks, 1.25L bottles of soft drink, piñata or happy meal toys, individually wrapped chocolates and lollies, chips and popcorn. All these items are used as prizes for the Fete, so please donate anything you can.

Trash and Treasure – Please call the office on 3261 1554 to arrange a time to drop this off.

Jams and Preserves stand – So far we have lots of strawberry jams and tomato relish but we are in need of lots more jams and preserves. If you can help out please let Judy know (0409 903 862).

Cake Stall – If you are baking for this, please let Lisa know (0431 856 148). Trays are available at the tuckshop. Also please be sure to supply a list of ingredients along with your baked goodies.

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers on Election Day who helped cook and serve sausages to the many people who were voting. Mr Vincent, Mrs Bell, Mrs Parr, Mr Janis and the Exec team were certainly kept busy for the duration of the day.

Student Cards—Yr 2

Year two student cards are to be returned to the teachers by Friday 13 September, 2013. Amended and signed or if no amendments please return signed.
**Tuckshop News**

Please note a new price list will be starting in Term 4. Due to supplier price increases we have had to pass these costs on. If anyone can bring in empty glass jars they would be very much appreciated. Lots of thanks to all the volunteers who helped P-3 Sports Day.

**ROSTER**

Mon 16th – Mel M
Tue 17th – Penny C
Wed 18th – Tanya M & help needed
Thu 19th – Mel B & help needed
Fri 20th – Lee-Ann, Leanne H & help needed x2

**Uniform Shop Hours**

Uniform Shop Hours for Term 4
Monday 8am—11am
Friday 8am—9.30am
We will also have extra opening hours towards the end of the year

**Grade 7 Trivia Night**

Yes, it’s on again. Saturday 2 November in the Hall. Put it in your diary. This is one heck of a fun night. This is the 17th year this has been on our school calendar. We’ll start around 7:30pm.

For those who haven’t been, this is a great night to catch up or meet our wonderful school community. There’ll be food, refreshments and entertainment at very reasonable prices.

After last year’s success, the adult-style Slushy Machine will make an appearance again. Money raised will go towards the Year 7 end of year excursion, but this is a night for all our school to come along and enjoy.

Bookings can be made at the school office or via email (plang3@eq.edu.au). Tickets are $10 / person. Tables of 6-8 are recommended. Book early to avoid disappointment. Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Phil Langley, Grade 7 Teachers*

**Community News**

**Ross’ On Court Tennis**

Tennis Coaching here at Bald Hills School. Ross is now taking all new enrolments for his tennis coaching classes for Term 4. Coaching is open to all from Prep to Grade 7. Classes are before school on Tuesdays and after school Thursdays and Fridays. Small class sizes. Sign on now! Phone Ross on 32643976.

**Important Dates**

**Friday 13 September**

Parent Teacher Interviews

**Tuesday 17 September**

Breakfast Club 8am - 8:45am under Admin

**Thursday 19 September**

Year 4 Sparks Program
Prep Assembly 2:40pm Hall

**School Holidays**

21 September—7 October

**Tuesday 8 October**

Start of Term 4

**Friday 18 October**

Round 4 Summer Sport
Cricket, Softball, Tee ball and Touch

**Saturday 19 October**

School Fete

**Monday 21 October**

Student Free Day

**Thursday 24 October**

2014 Compulsory Prep Interviews
Call 32611554 to make appointment

**Friday 25 October**

2014 Compulsory Prep Interviews
Call 32611554 to make appointment

**Friday 1 November**

Round 5 Summer Sport
Cricket, Softball, Tee ball and Touch

**Saturday 2 November**

Trivia Night
7.30pm Start School Hall

**Friday 8 November**

Chaplaincy Disco

**Tuesday 12 November**

Year 1, 3, 5 & 7 Swimming

**Friday 15 November**

Round 6 Summer Sport
Cricket, Softball, Tee ball and Touch

**Tuesday 19 November**

Year 1, 3, 5 & 7 Swimming

**Tuesday 26 November**

Year 1, 3, 5 & 7 Swimming

**Wednesday 27 November**

Swimming Carnival (To Be Confirmed)

**Thursday 28 November**

Music Showcase

**Tuesday 3 December**

Year 1, 2, 5 & 7 Swimming

**Wednesday 4 December**

Christmas Service Assembly

**Thursday 5 December**

Prep Assembly 2:40 Hall
Awards Night 6pm Hall

**Monday 9 December**

Year 4 (3/4BR) Leisure Centre Excursion
Year 7 SeaWorld Camp

**Tuesday 10 December**

Year 1, 2 & 5 Swimming
Year 7 SeaWorld Camp