4 September 2014

Entrance Redevelopment

I’ve included the Landscape Architect’s concept drawings of the planned redevelopment of the school entrance off Gympie Road. This is part of a larger project that will also enhance the playgrounds in this area of the school. As I said in last week’s newsletter we have applied for Grants to complete this work and the P&C is working towards investing $60000 into this project. Your support of P&C fund-raising activities helps - keep a watch for the Arts Fair planned for November.

David Turner
Principal
From the DP

School attendance — Every Day Counts

Did you know?
Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

So regular attendance at school is very important and will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day. Children who regularly miss days of school risk missing important learning concepts which in turn can mean that they have gaps in their learning. Sometimes these learning gaps have an immediate effect on a child’s learning and achievement. While for some children the gaps are not evident until they reach high school.

Not attending school one day a week might not seem much, but missing one day each week means that a child misses out on about 2 weeks of lessons each term. This would amount to 8 weeks a year, almost an entire term of learning would be missed.

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, or competing in a school sporting event, etc. are acceptable reasons for being absent from school. School principals decide if the reason given for your child’s absence is acceptable.

Parents should avoid keeping children away from school for birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as haircuts. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays if possible.

Every day does count. Providing our children with every opportunity to learn and succeed is important and one way parents can do this is by ensuring that their children attend school regularly.

Libby Bond
Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour Support Program

Be Safe
Safety Sam says:
Use the playground equipment safely

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the students who received Student of the Week

Habit of the Mind— Thinking Interdependently

| Prep B | Hafsa |
| Prep K | Phoenix |
| Prep S | Tristan |
| Prep T | Amiella |
| 1K     | Mia |
| 1M     | Lydia |
| 1W     | Debashish |
| 1Y     | Noah |
| 2B     | Georgia |
| 2C     | Alyssa |
| 2R     | Tobi |
| 2W     | Jessica |
| 3A     | Ella |
| 3D     | Matthew |
| 3P     | Nakaya |
| 3T     | Brian |
| 4B     | Bridie |
| 4C     | Sascha |
| 5H     | Caitlyn |
| 5M     | Dami |
| 6B     | Johanna |
| 6/7F   | Johnny |
| 7C     | Billy |

Chappy News

LAST SCHOOL DISCO!! for this year!!
SAUSAGE SIZZLE – 6pm
DISCO – 6:45pm start
Awards for the most creative costume plus lucky door prizes including $50 dinner voucher at Bonny View Hotel.
Animal theme – Onesies included but not essential!
If you are able to help with set up (1pm), pack down (8pm), home bake or sponsoring a prize or purchases needed for the night please email kcono4@eq.edu.au.

KRAVE KIDS SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY CLUB
Sep 30—Oct 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

GREAT PARENTING IDEAS
• Do more things with kids than for them
• If you want happy, resilient kids you go first
• Raise your small family with a big family mindset
• Make the most of the opportunity years (before teens)
• Work on your relationships as they give you leverage

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 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

Mobile Phones at school

The use of mobile phones is prohibited during school hours. All students must sign their mobile phones in at the office when they arrive at school. Students may collect their mobile phones at 2:55pm.

P&C News

Happy Spring everyone! Fathers Day is just around the corner. Buy Dad something special at our Father’s Day stall this Thursday. Items range from $1 - $5 with $5 and $10 mystery bags. Any volunteers for the day would be greatly appreciated, all day, half day, half an hour. It all helps.

Year 7 trivia night is on 13 September. Parents get a group together and book a table for a night of fun, laughs and a li"le trivia too.

Tanya May
President

Tuckshop News

Just a reminder that we have EFTPOS at Tuckshop. Also please remember to clearly mark your child’s name and class at top of their bag, when placing an order.

Thanks
Kylie and Mel

ROSTER
MON 8 September—Mel M
TUES 9 September—Penny C

Uniform Shop News

Many thanks to the Fraser, Rutch and Parr families who came along to help weed the Forestry. Plants were planted, madeira vine was pulled, chinese elms were cut down and some slashing was done. It was a very productive afternoon enjoyed by all.

Also, thanks to Trish from Bald Hills Bushies, David Coster and Bob who came to help as well. Look out for the next working bee in November.

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Forestry News

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Community News

Would you like the opportunity to receive $500 to help with your child’s education expenses? The Smith Family’s Saver Plus program is a matched saving program offering dollar for dollar matchings to help with your family’s education expenses. To be eligible to join the program you need to have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and some form of employment in your household other than Centrelink payments. If you would like more information about how to join the Saver Plus Program please call 1300 610 355, or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email saverplus@bsl.org.au.

Important Dates

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PINE RIVERS COMMUNITY AQUATICS CLUB

Sign on Day Saturday 6 September 10am to 2pm, at Pine Rivers High School Pool (Gympie Rd Strathpine) LTS Classes (4yrs+) Stroke Correction Squad Training Ph: 3205 7682
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