05 September 2013

Junior School Sports Day
Tuesday’s Prep-Year 3 sports day was a great success. Support for the day was very impressive with a large crowd of parents and families, and the level of student participation excellent. I was very impressed with the speed of our youngest students! Congratulations to our champion sprinters: Year 1 - Jeremy W and Brooke H, Year 2 - Clayton W and Charlie H, and Year 3 - Lewis C and Kortni R. 2nd Place-getters Year 1 Deacon B and Imarni K, Year 2 Blake R and Sunshine R, Year 3 Rayden K and Emily L, 3rd Place-getters Year 1 Cattrell C and Makenzy J, Year 2 Thomas H and Amelia B, Year 3 Liam C and Braelyn C.

With the day completed the winning house has been determined. For 2013 the champion house is Attunga on 4882 points. Second place went to Wyampa with 4850, and third, Murrumba with 4653 points. Congratulations to all the members of Attunga. With the scores so close, those points earned for participation may well have been critical!

Sports Uniforms
For the Year 4-7 sports carnival the Year Seven Subcommittee of the P&C sold house T shirts. This was a fundraiser for the Year 7 camp and seeing the students in house colours did indeed add to the spirit of the day. While these shirts are not part of the official school uniform, it caused previous discussion about our sports uniform to be revisited.

At the last P&C Meeting I presented an option for modest changes to our sports uniform that would see the introduction of a coloured panel and sleeve, along with the house name, so each student’s house is clearly identified. Any change to our uniform policy requires community endorsement, via the P&C, and following the October 19 Fete, we will revisit the issue (probably at the November meeting). Any suggestions you may have about the sports uniform can be emailed to either the school, or P&C.

Community Café
Due to unforeseen circumstances Community Café this week was postponed. The topic of “How is neuroscience improving our understanding of how the brain learns?” will now be held in the library next Wednesday following assembly. My apologies for this change.

David Turner,
Principal
Queensland Child Protection Week — 1 to 7 September 2013

This week is Child Protection Week in Queensland. As part of a focus on child protection, Education Queensland’s online Learning Place has launched Secure September. During Secure September Education Queensland is encouraging students to be aware of digital and online security.

As students access technology both at school and at home, parents should also be aware of online security. Over the next few weeks I will focus on an aspect of the online environment and pass on some of the tips that the Learning Place recommends.

Social networking

Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest or Instagram — these social networking sites are part of almost every child’s life and with access to smartphones, gaming devices, tablets and laptops students can now communicate 24/7.

Social networking can be a great communication tool, but it’s important that if students are engaging at home in social networking that they do a few things to protect themselves.

The Learning Place recommends that students always have a positive digital footprint. So encourage your child to think about the 5 Ps of a positive digital footprint when online at home:

- **Profiles** — Have your child use a nickname and a profile picture that doesn’t show their face.
- **Positive** — Make sure online information about your child is as positive as possible.
- **Permission** — Make sure your child knows they need an adult’s permission to use a new site or app.
- **Privacy** — Ensure that your child knows never to share passwords or personal details.
- **Protect** — Ensure that your child knows what to do if something goes wrong (e.g. keep evidence, do not bully back, tell someone, etc.). Make sure that your child knows that if they have any concerns about their social networking experience that they should speak to you about it.

It is important that all parents/carers know how their child is engaging with technology and that their child is safe and protected when online.

Libby Bond

**Maths Tournament**

On Monday August 26, Bald Hills sent two maths teams to the regional Maths Tournament. We had to answer a lot of challenging maths questions. Some were a lot more challenging than others. We competed in teams of five and did a team challenge and a relay for over two hours. Both our teams did very well. Congratulations to Jasmine, Eamon, Kaitlyn, Marco, Riley, Richard, Archer, Noah, Rachel and Max. A big thank you to Mrs Sayabath and Mrs Burton for driving us.

Ms Jedras and Kaitlyn

**Prep News**

The Pre-Prep Program started last week. If you missed this and would like to register for the last program it is being held on 12 September (Developing Literacy/ Numeracy Skills) from 2pm—3pm. Please contact the office if you still need to register and also arrange your compulsory Prep interview scheduled 24 and 25 October 2013.

Prep enrolments for 2014 are now limited. If you have enrolments to be filled or know of someone in the catchment area wanting to send children to the school, please submit your forms ASAP. Contact the office to collect an enrolment application if needed.
**Tuckshop News**

**September Roster**

Mon 9th – Alicia and Judy
Tue 10th – Penny C
Wed 11th – Anthea, Kerrin
Thu 12th – Mel B, Alicia
Fri 13th – Sue G, Zita, Leeanne H

**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

**P & C News**

FETE NEWS – ONLY 6 WEEKS TO GO!

FETE MEETING NEXT WEEK ON FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER AT 3.15 PM IN THE HALL, as we are all parents this meeting is child friendly and hopefully at a time where most of you can make it. If you can’t make the meeting but have questions/ideas please let us know via email at pandc@baldhillss.eq.edu.au or in the P&C mailbox at tuckshop. We hope to see you there.

Trash and Treasure – this can now be taken to school! Please contact the office on 3261 1554 to arrange a time when you can access the Junior Oval and the container next to the hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The school P&C are providing a BBQ outside the school hall this Saturday 7 SEPTEMBER, while the voting is happening. We also require volunteers to help us setup, cook and pack up. Please contact Leanne 0410632562 if you can volunteer any time throughout the day.

**Book Week Success!**

Thank You to everyone who supported the library’s Book Week activities. The book fair raised $1880.50 worth of Scholastic books to be chosen from the book fair and from Scholastic resources over the next 12 months. The character dress-up day raised $357.15. Another $74.00 worth of books were generously donated by several families. The students will thoroughly enjoy all the new books your wonderful support has provided. Happy Reading

**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 Teacher*

**Important Dates**

**Friday 6 September**
Year 4 Sparks Program—Library
World Teacher Aide Day

**Sunday 8 September**
Sandgate School’s Choir Clash

**Monday 9 September**
District Junior Beginners Music Camp
Parent Teacher Interviews

**Tuesday 10 September**
Parent Teacher Interviews
District Junior Beginners Music Camp

**Wednesday 11 September**
Parent Teacher Interviews
District Junior Beginners Music Camp
P&C Meeting 7pm Library

**Thursday 12 September**
Pre-Prep Program 2-3pm L Block
Parent Teacher Interviews
Year 4 Sparks Program

**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

**Friday 8 November**
Chaplainscy 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