The future starts today, not tomorrow.

-- Pope John Paul II

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE - Jayne Barnett

On Assembly this week, the school community was made aware of Bullying No Way Day which is on 20 March (Friday). I’d like to share the information below and it is taken directly from Bullying No Way website. Mrs Kirsons has other information regarding BNW Day, so please check her article.

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:
- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

Online bullying (sometimes referred to as cyberbullying) is bullying carried out through the internet or mobile devices. Not all online issues are bullying.


To download a great app for children go to:

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Parent Volunteers and Work Place Health + Safety procedures

Parent volunteers are valued members of our community and are of great assistance in classrooms. There are certain DET procedures that all schools must adhere to, that relate to parent volunteers working in classrooms. In case of an emergency situation occurring, the school needs to account for all persons on the school site at that point in time.

The policy outlines that all parents who volunteer their time at school must sign IN and OUT at the front office and have a VISITOR label clearly visible on their person. The visitor label is important. Staff are encouraged to question and redirect to the front office, visitors they see in the school grounds in class time who are not wearing a visitor label. This is of course for safety purposes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Agnes Street Drop off / Pick up Zone.

A friendly reminder that this zone is for the benefit of parents / families to drop off their children within a couple of minutes or collect children in the afternoon, who are already waiting on the footpath. Unfortunately this area is not a parking zone. This zone is to allow for a flow of cars to park, have children enter or exit vehicles quickly and safely, then allowing the family car to move back into road traffic. This area and the bus zone are monitored regularly by officers of the local council and state transport department. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

DEPUTY DESK - Leesa Kirsons

Throughout Week 7 students explored how to be an effective listener. The following classes demonstrated that they could appreciate the ideas of others, provide eye contact, use good manners, respond to questions or instructions and respect the ideas and opinions of others.

Prep A, Prep B, Prep C, Prep D
1B, 1C, 1E
2B, 2C, 2D
3A, 3B, 3C
5C
6A, 6B, 6C

This week Birkdale State School’s Social Skill is demonstrating good manners. Our school has aligned this with Bullying. No Way! Day and students are learning to speak politely to others, use manners, be helpful and listen when others are speaking. Classes will receive a special Bullying. No Way! Day package which will include arm bands, pocket reminder cards, colouring pages and anti bullying information. When our arm bands arrive from the organisation, students will be allowed to wear them up until the end of this week (20th March 2015).

Prep Parent Information Session: How to Support Speech and Language Development at Home

Our Education Queensland Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) will be running a prep parent information session about the importance of language development and suggestions of activities and strategies that you can implement at home to support your child’s speech and language development.

Date:                           25 March 2015
Time:                           2.00 – 3.00pm (Information session and opportunity for discussion)
Location:                     Birkdale State School SLP Room

National Young Leaders Day

On Friday 20 March, our 6 School Captains will be attending Young Leaders Day along with 3000 school students from across Queensland. The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event created in 1997 by the Halogen Foundation to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. Our School Captains will be inspired by guest speakers including Bindi Urwin, Juliette Wright and Coen Ashton. We look forward to our leaders reflections on this motivating day.

CURRICULUM CORNER - Jo Small & Kate Hyder

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Student Internet Agreement
Parents of Year 1 to 6 students, you will receive the Student Internet Agreement that needs to be read, signed and returned to school. It is a departmental requirement that this Student Internet Agreement is renewed each year.

Interim Student Reports

To strengthen home and school communication and facilitate discussion at our Term 1 parent and teacher interviews, our teachers will be sending home an Interim Report which will give a snapshot of how your child is travelling so far this year. It is not in a formal report format. Teachers will indicate on the Interim Report if an interview is requested.

PTO - Parent Teacher Online

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 31 March 2015 from 3.15pm – 8pm. All interviews will be 15 minutes in duration and will be held in the School Hall. A letter detailing instructions on how to book your interview timeslot online will be sent out on Friday 20 March. Each student will receive a letter. If you have any concerns with this process please contact Mrs Jo Small (jsmall47@eq.edu.au) or the Administration Office.

EngQuest

EngQuest is an initiative of Engineers Australia and, amazingly had more than 100,000 students participate in 2014.

Students work in teams, at their own pace, applying their problem-solving skills to design, construct and unravel exciting engineering projects. Six students from year 4 have spent the last 6 weeks learning about engineers and common features of bridges. They were then able to design, build and test their own bridge using plastic drinking straws, masking tape and cardboard.

Click on PowerPoint link below to see the students in action.

Here’s what our students learnt

“A civil engineer designs buildings, roads and bridges.” - Nathan

“You can strengthen a square by adding a brace to support it.” – Lilly Belle

“I enjoyed working with friends as a team to design and build a structure.” - Elodie

“Every bridge starts as a beam bridge, and can be strengthened with arches, trusses and cables.” - Daniel

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BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER (BSM) - Cheryl Rafferty

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Student Absences

We would appreciate when you phone to advise of your child’s absence, that you please press Option 2 to leave your child’s name, reason for absence and the date. This can be phoned through at any time of the day, although before 9.00am would be preferable.

Student Payments

Cash Window:
Tuesday and Thursday 8 am to 9 am

Internet Banking:
Account Name: Birkdale State School
BSB Number: 064138
Account Number: 00090369
Reference Code: Name and Class
Activity Reference Code: As per top of excursion note

Voluntary Contribution:
Code: VOL
Cost: $80

Credit Card/EFTPOS:
To make payment: Phone 3286 0710

Please remember to put your child’s name and class as reference as well as the Activity Reference Code.

Administration of Medications in Schools

Birkdale State School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to support your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone 32860777.

How do I download the QSchools app?

To download the app visit the application store for your device:

- iPhone/iPad
- Android
- Windows phone
- Windows PC

Features

The app integrates with the department’s preferred school website platform, allowing users to:

- find and favourite your school by searching for the school by name, searching a map or by searching for schools near your current location
- receive real-time notifications about state-wide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications and important updates through the app
- access the latest news, events and newsletters from your school
- easily access your schools tuckshop and uniform shop information
- view information about your school including class times and contact details
- view social media feeds.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.

Push notifications

QSchools push notifications are here!

Push notifications will allow your favourite Queensland schools to push essential information directly to your device, including notifications of upcoming events and emergency alerts and important updates.

To receive push notifications, download the QSchools mobile app or ensure the app is up to date if you already have it.

HOT DATES

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Don’t forget to add these dates to your calendar.

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It is possible for a child to learn how to sort out problems in a way that makes everybody happy. Often though, people deal with conflict aggressively and try to convince other people that their way is the best by force or argument. Good conflict resolution skills do not seem to be used in most of the conflicts we see or hear about, (such as in the family home, in films and on television, in the school yard, on the news). However there are excellent ways of dealing with conflict that lead to a peaceful solution.

The following steps are useful in helping children find peaceful ways of solving problems with other people. You can change the way you ask the questions depending on the age of the child, but the general steps are the same for all ages.

- Begin by letting children know that it is possible to find a good solution. Parents could say something like: “I’m sure if we all think about this we might find a way of everyone getting what they want.”
- Help children identify how they are feeling and help them to label and express their emotions. (e.g. “You’re looking cross – I’m wondering if you’re feeling cross, but also a bit sad and hurt, that you can’t join in their game”).
- Help children to work out what they really want by asking them what they would like to happen. Help them to work out what the underlying need is, (e.g. “You say you wish your friend would go away. I’m wondering if you are also wishing that you could help the group build the cubby”).
- Help your child to understand the other person’s point of view and to learn how to take their perspective. Ask them what they think the other person might be feeling, or how they might feel if they were in the same situation. You could get them to ask the other person to say how they are feeling and what they would like to have happen.
- Together, you could encourage the children to brainstorm different ways that they could solve the problem. Encourage them to come up with several different and interesting ways that they could go about it. Help the children to choose the options that they think work best for everyone and get them to have a go at putting them into practice. Stay around to see how they get on and help them fine-tune the solution if needed.
- Reading children books that teach conflict resolution skills through stories can also be helpful. (e.g. Wise Ways to Win children’s story book – see below).

Resources

- Good Australian resources for parents can be found at –
  - www.bullying.com.au
  - Bullying: Spotting it, Stopping it poster from Psychologists for Peace – an interest group of the APS.
  - Conflict resolution posters and Wise Ways to Win story book for families and children from Psychologists for Peace – an interest group of the APS.

MUSIC NOTES - Helen Deagon

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Our Birkdale students are showing lots of interest in this exciting competition, which will showcase their brilliant skills and great talents. If you are entering the competition, please check that you will be available on Saturday 30 May for the Finals, (if you are lucky enough to be selected). Entry forms are available from the Music Room. Only one entry form is required per item whether it be a solo act or a group. Please bring 50c to pay when you submit your entry form to Mrs Deagon – this money will be used to purchase some fantastic prizes.

Entry forms must be submitted by the end of this term as HEATS will be held in the first four weeks of Term 2. Students will be notified of their HEAT day and time at the end of this term.

Finalists will be announced on assembly in Week 5. They will then perform for a panel of judges at Fun Fair on May 30, starting at 11.30 am. Prizes will be issued for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The overall winner will also have the added bonus of an interview on NOVA! They will be broadcasting from BSS at the Fun Fair. Get your entries in soon.
Music Uniforms

Last week all students involved in the Music Program for Year 3 – 6 were measured for performance uniforms. We are currently in the process now of preparing the uniforms to send home with the students. A detailed information sheet outlining the requirements will accompany the uniform. Uniforms will not be issued to families who have not finalised payments. To check if your payments are up to date, please contact the office on 3286 0777 or email admin@birkdale.qs.eq.edu.au.

South East Region Choral Camp

Paige is a long standing member of the Music Program. As well as being a Music Prefect, she is currently a member of the Senior Choir, Performance Group, Senior Strings and Senior Band and works each Tuesday lunch time in the Choral Development Program to develop her singing skills. She is off to Mt Tambourine next week to participate in the regional choral camp. This is a wonderful opportunity for a Birkdale student to work with professional singers and musicians. It is a three day camp with students from throughout the region. A culminating concert will be held on the final night.

If you wish to order a CDP shirt please click on link below.

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If you wish to order a BSS music bag please click on link below.

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SPORTS NEWS - Alan Menzies

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Softball

Click here to download 1426478694_WildcatsFlyer.pdf

If you are interested in playing softball in 2015, see attached flyer.

LIBRARY NEWS - Jo Small & Jenny Calderbank

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Life Education

The Life Education Mobile Classroom arrives at Birkdale State School this Friday 20 March. All classes will be attending sessions in the mobile classroom over the next couple of weeks. Parents are reminded that the Parent Information Session will be held in the Mobile Classroom, in the staff carpark, on Friday 20 March at 2pm. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Jo Small (joal47@eq.edu.au).

Birthday Book Club

Don’t forget to mark your birthday in 2015 by donating a book to the Library. You too can be a STAR!

STAR STUDENTS

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This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

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