18 September 2013

BIRKDALE STARS

This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Well Done!

SPORTING & CULTURAL PHOTOS

9 & 10 October

Sporting and Cultural photos will be taken by Advanced Life Photography in Week 1 next term.

Cultural, Music, Yr 7 and miscellaneous photos will be taken on Wednesday 9 and Sporting photos will be taken on Thursday 10 October.

Order/payment envelopes will be sent home today and are to be returned to the photographer on the day of photos.

Sport students who made a Qld, Redland District or Met East team are to wear their representative uniforms. Music students are to wear their music group uniforms and bring all instruments. Please refer to the timetable on your order form.

STUDENT PAYMENTS

Cash Window: Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 9am.

INTERNET BANKING

School’s Bank A/c Name: BIRKDALE STATE SCHOOL
BSB Number: 064138
Account Number: 00090369
Reference Code: Name and Class, if fits
Activity Ref Code: On top of excursion note
Code for Voluntary Contribution is VOL.
Cost is $80

We have Credit Card/EFTPOS.
You can phone on 3286 0710 and give your information for a credit card payment.

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

Birthday Book Club

Thank you to these people for their birthday book donations.

Kirra
Sean

And thank you to Kaysha-Lee for her generous donation. Don’t forget to mark your birthday in 2013 by donating a book to the Library. You too can be a STAR!
**Instrumental Information Afternoon – Thursday 19 September**

We are extending an invitation to Yr 4 students to consider being a part of our instrumental music program for next year when they are in Yr 5. Students can begin to learn an instrument from the Percussion, Woodwind or Brass family of instruments. An information session will be held this Thursday afternoon, 19 September for any interested families. It will be held in the Music Room and will commence at 3:30pm. The session will be led by Aaron Tickner, the current instrumental teacher, and there will also be presentations by two local music shops. We hope to see you there.

**Guitar or Ukulele Beginners**

There are now a few positions left in the Guitar (Yr 3 – Yr 7) and Ukulele (P – Yr 3) programs for anyone interested in beginning in Term 4. The program is essentially for beginners. Classes run after school for half an hour on various afternoons. The cost for Guitar is $11/30 mins and Ukulele $10/30 mins. If you are interested please contact Mrs Deagon in the Music room.

**Music Group Photos – Wednesday 9 October**

ALL music group photos will be taken on the second day back next term. Please use the holiday time to check that you have all uniforms washed, repaired and ironed ready for this day. If you have buttons missing, return the item NOW so it can be repaired or please repair it yourself if you are able. Last year there were a lot of children who turned up with dirty, unironed uniforms with items missing. It was not only embarrassing for the students but wasted a lot of time for everyone having to arrange shirt swaps and find spares from the Music room. Especially important is the wearing of long black socks or stockings with the black shoes for most senior groups. When students sit in rows for the photos the lower legs are right in the front on display. It is also important to have the *exact* item, i.e. a black polo shirt (this has a collar, buttons and set length sleeves), Intermediate and Senior strings: a white, long-sleeved, collared, business shirt (available from LOWES at Capalaba Park if you need a new one). ALTERNATE ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AS IT STANDS OUT TERRIBLY IN THE GROUP PHOTO WHEN EVERYONE ELSE HAS THE CORRECT ITEM. Neat hair and correct jewellery is essential.

**SPORT NEWS**

**Walkathon:** Students participated in the walkathon last Friday and thanks to the wonderful support of our school community we have raised nearly $6500. A final figure will be given as soon as all money has been returned. This was a fantastic response and the PE department really appreciated the support from all involved. Leanne has been working tirelessly ensuring that all orders have been placed and keeping checklists of amounts raised from each class in the school. The money raised will be used to purchase equipment for our PE lessons and new uniforms for our sports teams. Once again – thanks for your support!

**National Championships:** Rylee returned from Adelaide last weekend after competing for Queensland in the Primary Schools’ National Swimming Championships. It was a great week for Rylee as she swam personal best times and won 2 medals. Rylee’s achievements are listed below:

- 50m Freestyle – 7th
- 50m Backstroke – 6th
- 50m Breaststroke – 6th
- 4x50m Medley Relay – 3rd - Bronze Medal
- 9x50m Composite Relay – 1st - Gold Medal

Well done Rylee – all of the Birkdale community are proud of your achievements!

**Interschool Sport:** Students will be competing in cricket, tee ball and softball in the Interschool Sport Competition which begins in week one in Term 4. Teachers have been conducting trials and permission notes will be sent home in the near future. Levies must be paid before the start of the season.

**Swimming:** Swimming in PE lessons recommences in the fourth week of next term. Please ensure that all students have the correct gear in readiness for the swim season. Lessons occur in the normal class PE time. If you are able to volunteer your assistance with our swim program it would be immensely appreciated. Notify your child’s class teacher or see Mr Menzies if you are able to help.

Refer: Alan Menzies

**School 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 anytime of the day although before 9am would be preferable.
FETE NEWS

FETE
Don’t forget our fete is on Sunday, 3 November, from 11am until 4pm (instead of 10am until 3pm). The following are still needed:
- **Volunteers** - We are still short on volunteers. Can you spare 1 hour to help out on a stall?
- **Bottles** – Many more filled bottles are still required to make our bottle stall a success. If you haven’t already donated a bottle filled with items such as wrapped lollies, toys, stationery, hair bands, etc, can you please bring your bottle in ASAP. Please take it to your teacher for counting.
- **Large Eskies** for drinks stall. If we can borrow your esky, please ensure it’s named.
- **Craft Items** – If you can make any items for the craft stall, please contact Anna on 0450 455 160.
- **Old Tea Cups & Saucers** required to pot plants in for the plant stall.
- **Plant Stall Convenor** – Lots of people are potting plants, but we need someone to convene the plant stall on the day. It’s really easy. Can you help?
- **Ice Cream Containers** – 2L tall ice cream containers (like those from the Bulla Creamy Classics Range) are needed for the Cent Auction. Please take to tuckshop.
- **Coat Hangers** for Trash & Treasure stall. Please deliver to fete room.
- **Bakers** for cake stall and sweets stall. If you can help with any of these, please contact Kerri Allerton on 0432 559 486 (allertonjk@optusnet.com.au).

NAIDOC WEEK 2013
- **Free event at Wynnum Bandstand Park, The Esplanade, Wynnum**
- **Wednesday 25 September, from 10am – 3pm.**
- **Workshops, dance demonstrations, boomerang painting and much more**
For more enquiries contact the Winnam Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation Office on 3396 3431.

“RAISE THE BAR”
Local disability group ‘Raise the Bar’ are hosting a music concert on Friday 20 September at Lingo Lin Auditorium, Ormiston College. Tickets are $10 and include a free iTunes download of their latest release ‘Open Minds’.
www.weareraisthebar.org

* Water familiarisation
Parents/Preschooler - Saturday mornings

* Learn to Swim
3 levels: from water familiarisation to stroke development – Monday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons, Saturday mornings & school holiday programs

* Squad/Fitness
Junior Squad training - Monday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons
Adult Squad training

* AquaZumba
Friday Evenings with Krista
Register your interest now with
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AUSTSwim qualified
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kym@bubbles2blocks.com.au