THE BIRKDALIAN

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27 November 2013

BIRKDALE STARS

This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

Flashing lights now active at Birkdale

Beginning 25 November, flashing light school zone signs were installed on Agnes Street.

Birkdale State School was nominated to receive these new signs as part of a $10 million Queensland Government commitment to improve school road safety.

You will notice that the new signs look similar to standard school zone signs with the important addition of a red flashing ring around the speed limit as well as two flashing yellow lights at the top of the sign. The installation of flashing light school zone signs is proven to improve visibility of school zones, serving as an active reminder for motorists to slow down.

So next time you’re dropping off or picking up your child keep an eye out for the new signs and make sure you stick to the signed speed limit.

HOT DATES

Daggy Day Dress Down Day 28 Nov
Yrs 4-7 Sports Award Ceremony 2 Dec. 9 am
Yr 1 Swimming Carnival 3 Dec. 9.30 am
Yr 3 Swimming Carnival 4 Dec. 9.15 am
Yr 2 Swimming Carnival 5 Dec. 9.30 am
Yrs 4-7 Swimming Carnival 6 Dec. 9 am
Pre-prep BBQ 6 Dec. 8 am
Year 7 Awards Evening 9 Dec 6pm
Academic & Citizenship Ceremony 11 Dec. 9am
BSS Community Christmas Carols 12 Dec. 6 pm
Christmas School Holidays 16 Dec

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.
Music Notes…

**RETURNS**

String students are now finished for the year. Please return all music, folders, instruments and UNIFORMS.

Band students are now finished for the year. Please return all music, folders, instruments and UNIFORMS.

Year 7 students will not require any music group uniforms so please return them cleaned, and in a named bag, as soon as possible.

**Group Rehearsals Continue for Choirs**

There are still several performances coming up in the following weeks for our choral ensembles and Rock Band:

- Monday 2 December, Sports Awards – *Infinity Rock Band*
- Monday 9 December, Yr 7 Awards Night – *Performance Group (All Yr 3 – 6 in Performance Group uniform, Year 7 own clothes appropriate for night)*
- Wednesday 11 December, Yr 2 – 6 Academic and Citizenship Awards – *Junior & Senior Choirs Combined (all singers in school uniform)*
- Thursday 12 December, Community Christmas Carols – *Performance Group and selected soloists (wear Christmas clothes)*

**Instrumental Continuation Letters - DUE TODAY**

All students who are currently in the Instrumental Program (Band or String and Guitar/Ukulele) will have recently received a letter of continuation. This letter is very important as it assists us in knowing who will be returning to the program. It allows us to accurately form classes and groups for next year. *If you still haven’t returned your note, please do so as soon as possible or you may lose your spot in next year’s program.*

**REMINDER: All Guitar and Ukulele fees for this term should now be finalised. Please make any unfinished payments this week to the respective tutors.**

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**Guitar or Ukulele Tuition 2014**

If you are interested in beginning Guitar or Ukulele lessons next year at Birkdale, please complete the Expression of Interest form at the end of the Birkdalian and return it to the Music Room by **Friday 29 November**. Classes will be held after school on various days (to be confirmed). Costs would be similar to this year. Guitar: $11/half hour, Ukulele: $10/half hour. Please remember that age limits apply:

- **Guitar students: Year 3 – 7**
- **Ukulele: Beginning in Year 1** (exceptional Preps may be considered, though from experience, it is better to start them off in Year 1)

**PARTY TIME**

All children in the following choirs are invited to a break up party on **WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER**

- Bumblebees Choir
- Junior Choir
- Senior Choir
- Performance Group

The party will be held in the second break, at 1 pm. If you would like your child to participate, please send along a small plate of food to share on a disposable plate. These can be brought to the Music Room before school on the Wednesday.

**BOOK & STATIONERY LISTS**

2014 Book and Stationery lists have been sent home with each child.

Orders can be placed with Birkdale News, Birkdale Fair Shopping Centre, Mary Pleasant Drive, Birkdale or [www.birkdalenews.com.au](http://www.birkdalenews.com.au)

If you have any queries, please contact the Newsagent on 3207 3005.

**Athlete’s Foot Promotion**

When purchasing your school shoes next year, or any shoes for the family, the P&C would like you to consider Athlete’s Foot. With their School Rewards Program, they will donate $5 for every pair of shoes sold to a Birkdale State School family back to our school. Help support our students while you’re supporting your child.
SPORTS NEWS

Swim Carnivals: Our swimming carnivals are scheduled for next week. I am looking forward to lots of cheering from the students as they support their peers at each of the carnivals.
Year One: Tuesday 3 December 9.30 – 10.45 am
Year Two: Thursday 5 December 9.30 – 10.45 am
Year Three: Wednesday 4 December 9.30 – 10.45 am
Years 4-7: Friday 6 December 9 am – 3 pm
The Year 1-3 carnivals are fun based with the children participating in events that show their confidence and ability gained from swimming lessons. Students in the Year 4-7 carnival will be vying for the Interhouse and House Spirit shields. Ribbons and Age Champion trophies are also awarded to children at this carnival.

Sports Awards: The annual Sports Awards ceremony is being held in the hall next Monday, 2 December from 9 am - 10 am. Presentations will be made to selected students involved in the Interschool Sports competition to recognise their achievements. Invited guests will present trophies and medallions to students to recognise not only a high level of skill, but also sportsmanship and commitment to this valuable program. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend this celebration.

Interschool Sport: This Friday will be the final round of interschool sport. There are four of our teams still in contention for Premierships honours. Our coaches have been impressed with the skill development and team play on display by our students.

Before School Fitness: With our sports awards and swimming carnivals occurring next week, this will be the final week for our before school training sessions in the pool.
Refer: Alan Menzies

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

TYPHOO HAIYAN
As we all know Typhoon Haiyan has devastated areas of the Phillipines and thousands of people, including children, are suffering terribly.
The Student Council has decided to hold a raffle to raise some much-needed funds to help the children there.
UNICEF has asked for monetary donations rather than items so.....

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD BEFORE SCHOOL EVERY DAY FOR THE NEXT WEEK.
$1.00 each OR 10 tickets for $5.00.
There are 5 prizes to be won. Be in it to win it.
TICKETS ON SALE NEAR YEAR 6/7 BLOCK AND NEAR THE OFFICE

"DAGGY DAY"
Dress down for the day and donate a gold coin to support the homeless and troubled young people of the Redlands.

WHEN: THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
DONATE: GOLD COIN
WHY: SUPPORT LESS FORTUNATE CHILDREN OF THE REDLANDS DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON.
DRESS: CASUAL, DRESS DOWN.
Please make sure that your dress is sun-safe, your shoes are closed in trainers and that you have a sun-safe hat.

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 any time of the day, although before 9am would be preferable.

Guitar or Ukulele Lessons Expression of Interest

My child ___________________________ in class ____ would be interested in learning:
□ Guitar  □ Ukulele
□ My child has some experience. Provide details: ___________________________
□ My child has no experience

Parent Name: ___________________________ Contact No. ___________________________

STUDENTS LEAVING IN 2013 (YEARS PREP – 6)

Please return to the office

Student Name: ___________________________ Class: ___ School transferring to: ___________________________
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Last day at Birkdale: / / 2013