4 December 2013

BIRKDALE STATE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Date: Thursday 12 December
Venue: Birkdale State School Hall
Time: 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Sausage Sizzle: from 5.30 pm

Please join us for a fun-filled night with family and friends at this year’s Community Carols. Songs will be led by the very entertaining Performance Group, with some special guest appearances from Steve Sparrow, Julie Minto and the Birkdalian Ukulelians, and selected performers from the Junior Choir. The evening will be a lovely, family friendly event where all school and community members can come together to celebrate and share the Christmas spirit. Song booklets will be handed out on entry to the Hall so everyone can join in on the singing.

Please bring a rug/blanket and some cushions so you can find a comfy spot to sit on the floor. Chairs will be available at the sides and back of the venue, but not through the middle floor area. Glow in the dark items and electrical candles will be on sale on the night.

(No open flames will be permitted due to Workplace Health and Safety Regulations.)

ALL WELCOME – SEE YOU THERE!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

A HUGE thank you goes out to all Birkdalians students, parents and guardians and staff for their generosity of spirit, very deep pockets and wallets.

We have been able to send substantial donations to World Vision to help the victims of Typhoon Haiyan and also to support the Redlands Community Care, Capalaba, an organisation that supports homeless and ‘at risk’ youth in our local area.

I am sure that our donations will help ease the pain for many and hopefully, make their Christmas a little happier than it might have been. Congratulations to our loving school community that always helps others cheerfully and willingly.

The Student Council wishes everyone a joyful and restful Festive Season and looks forward to working with you next year.

Look out for and save your ‘treasures’ for our Birkdale Car Boot Bonanza early in 2014.

HOT DATES

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 6 pm
Academic & Citizenship Ceremony 11 Dec. 9am
BSS Community Christmas Carols 12 Dec. 6 pm
Christmas School Holidays 16 Dec

LOST PROPERTY

LAST CHANCE! Lost property will be on display under the Year 7 building from 8 am – 11.30 am this Thursday, 5 December ONLY.
SPORTS NEWS

Sports Awards: Our annual Sports Awards Ceremony was held in the Hall on Monday. Presentations were made to selected students involved in the interschool sports competition to recognise their achievements. Invited guests presented trophies and medallions to students to recognise not only a high level of skill, but also sportsmanship and commitment to this valuable program. The two major award recipients were Samantha winning the Anne Lee Memorial Award for the Senior Netballer of the Year and Corey receiving the Darryl Bell Sportsperson of the Year Trophy. A special thank you to our school band, Infinity, who opened the ceremony with their version of ‘That’s My Team’. It certainly set the mood for a memorable morning. Thank you Mrs Deagon for all the support you have been willing to give to our sports program.

Swimming Carnivals: It is a busy week in the pool this week with our swimming carnivals taking place. The Years 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 Years 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.

Interschool Sport: The final round of interschool sport was held last Friday and Birkdale had a successful result, winning four of the six premierships on offer. Our Senior A Girls and Boys softball teams, Junior Boys A tee ball and Senior cricket team all finished on top of their respective sports. The students, parents and teachers involved in this competition are to be congratulated on their dedication to the sporting program at Birkdale. Their commitment to training, sportsmanship and development of skills is commendable. Well done, Birkdale!

Thank You: As this is the final newsletter for the year, I would like to thank the parents and teachers for their support throughout the year. Birkdale continues to set the benchmark in sport within our district and this is only possible due to the support from the students, teachers, parents and administration team at our school. I would also like to thank the wonderful group of parents who have helped with swimming throughout the year. A special mention is given to Graham, Alison and Christine who have been at the pool nearly every day supporting our program. I would also like to thank Leanne and John for their invaluable assistance throughout the year. We are indeed fortunate to have such dedicated people who are only too willing to support the students in the PE and sports programs. Refer: Alan Menzies

National Athletics Championships: Marcia recently competed at the Australian Primary schools’ Track and Field Titles which were held in Brisbane. She finished 10th in her individual shot put event and 1st in the teams event. It was a just reward for Marcia and Mrs Baxter as all the training over the last 3 years had paid off.

Music Notes...

Please return all Music Uniforms (except Yr 3 – 6 Performance Group) as soon as possible. Uniforms should have been cleaned and ironed. Please return them in a NAMED plastic bag to the Music Room. Any items missing will be billed for.

Group Rehearsals Continue for Choirs

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

- 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)

As this is the last Birkdalian for this year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in the Music Program for their wonderful support throughout the year. I hope you enjoy a safe and Merry Christmas. I can’t wait to start all over again next year, for an even bigger and better year with the launch of the Music Performance Centre and three new exciting programs.

Kids: remember to keep up some kind of practice on your instruments so you keep your skill level up. No one wants to start back at the beginning again, I’m sure. Mrs Deagon

PARTY TIME

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

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

The party will be held in the second break, at 1pm. 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.
P&C Association Wrap-Up
2013 has been a very successful year for the P&C. We have held Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls, a Hot Cross Bun drive, a Lite N Easy drive and our annual Fete. We have also supported many school events with sausage sizzles and we still have our Community Christmas Carols to come. We have launched a Facebook page and have had great success with that. We have also had a successful year with applying for and receiving grants. These grants have been used, and will continue to be used, for the replacement and upgrade of our playground facilities. Our final fundraising figures have been very healthy and we would like to thank our members and volunteers for their invaluable support throughout the year. It has truly been a team effort and we appreciate every gesture we receive. We have donated over $30000 to the school this year mainly for the upgrade and repair of the school’s IT platform. To end the year, we have committed to donating an additional amount of $66000 to the school for the specific purpose of improving the IT infrastructure and resources in the school. This will include completing network cabling, providing Interactive Teamboards to the Year 3, 5, 1 and Senior classrooms, 30 new laptops for the Senior computer lab, reliable computers in all classrooms across the school and ipads for the use of the Music and Arts Department. This could not have been possible without the hard work of the P&C members, volunteers and sub-committees such as the Tuckshop and Birkdale Breakers. We would like to acknowledge everyone’s support and extend an invitation to the entire school community to join us in 2014. Our first meeting, including nibbly, for the New Year is on February 17, 2014 at 7pm in the school library. We look forward to meeting new members and, of course, welcoming back our current members. Again, THANK YOU from the 2013 P&C Association. See you in 2014!

SCHOOL BUS ROUTE CHANGES
Transdev Queensland (TDQ) has been granted approval by Translink to make a number of school services changes, which will commence 27 January 2014. We strongly encourage all students and parents to revise their route prior to their school commencement in 2014. You can find all school bus route and timetable information for 2014 on TDQ’s website at http://www.transdevqld.com.au/ from 20 December 2013. For any further information please contact TDQ on 3248 6100.

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 to our school for every pair of shoes sold to a Birkdale State School family. Help support our students while you’re supporting your child.

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

UNIFORM ORDERS 2014
To ensure stock is available, please place your order prior to the Christmas vacation
STRUDDYS SPORTS CAPALABA
123 REDLAND BAY ROAD CAPALABA
PH:3245 7200
You are able to order with a deposit, layby or purchase outright.
Orders can be collected prior to the commencement of school 2014.

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STUDENTS LEAVING IN 2013 (YEARS PREP – 6)
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Last day at Birkdale:       /     / 2013

Note: Please use the form below to record the information of the students leaving. If you need to make any changes, please return to the office.