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12 February 2014

BIRKDALE STARS
This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

SCHOOL LEADERS
BADGE PRESENTATION CEREMONY
Monday 17 February 2014

START OF SCHOOL BITS & BOBS

IMPORTANT PAYMENT INFORMATION

Voluntary Contribution – there are no forms to fill in. Payment can be made by Internet Banking, Visa, Credit Card and cash at the Cash Window on Tuesday and Thursday.

Music Payments – there are forms to be filled in. Please make sure you fill these in when payment is made.

STUDENT PAYMENTS

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

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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.

TUCKSHOP MENU 2014

Keep an eye out TODAY for your latest TUCKSHOP MENU for 2014, being sent home today with the eldest in family.

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**P&C NEWS**

Please help with this year’s P&C Easter Fundraiser. After much feedback, Birkdale State School has decided to go ahead with a Cadbury Easter Mix Box.

Each box contains a bagged mix of Easter Eggs priced at $4 per bag. Each box is valued at $80 from which we will get $30 per box, so let’s make this a success! As the chocolates are Easter themed we only have a limited quantity and cannot order more, therefore boxes will be distributed on a first in first serve basis. Participation forms need to be returned to the red box in the Administration Foyer by 3pm Friday 14 February. Boxes will then be distributed to your child on Friday 21 February. Those who return their money by 7 March will go into the draw to win a wonderful Cadbury Easter Hamper for their family.

Payments can be put in the red box in the Admin foyer in a clearly named envelope, further payment information will come home with your box. Thank you Bev Casey

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**JUNIOR YEARS CORNER**

**What are the benefits of parents reading to their child?**

Reading aloud to children teaches them about print concepts. As children track the print with their parents, they learn that text is read from left to right, that there are spaces between words, and that sentences begin with capital letters and end with punctuation marks. They also learn the parts of a book such as the front cover, the back cover, the title and the author’s name. Most importantly, children learn that the meaning of the story is expressed through written word.

Children whose parents read to them regularly have better comprehension of text. As parents read to their children, they spend time discussing the pictures, the actions of the characters and the meaning of the text. This activity encourages children to ask questions and use inference while reading.

Reading aloud to children helps build vocabulary and encourages language development. Children benefit more from reading with their parents if the children ask and answer questions, discuss the events as they unfold during the story and make predictions about what will happen next. This approach allows children to listen to new vocabulary words and to practise using those words in speech, which builds their language skills.

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**How to Support Early Readers**

Early readers confidently read familiar texts. When meeting new texts they may read slowly and deliberately as they focus on the printed word, trying to read exactly what is on the page. Early readers express and justify their own reactions to texts they have read or listened to.

**Early readers benefit from a range of experiences. Please consider any of the following suggestions.**

- Read to your child every day. Early readers benefit from hearing ‘good’ readers. This is also an opportunity to share and discuss information presented in texts.
- Encourage your child to choose texts to read on a daily basis.
- Expose your child to a wide variety of texts and give them encouragement to read new material, e.g. books by a new author, a different type of text such as poetry.
- Give encouragement and praise whenever your child chooses to read.
- Ensure your child sees other members of the family reading, and talking about their reading.
- Talk about characters, people, settings, plots and events in texts.
- Encourage your child to express their opinion about texts and to justify their reactions.
- Point out and discuss common words with your child.
- Encourage your child to try different ways to work out a word they don’t know:
  - predicting (guessing using clues)
  - skipping the word and reading on to the end of the sentence
  - re-reading the sentence.
- Encourage your child to talk about how the meaning of an unknown word was worked out or could be worked out.

**Warm regards**

Jayne Barnett

Deputy Principal
**INFINITY ROCK BAND**

Auditions for guitarists and drummers were held on Monday and they were of a FANTASTIC standard! It was great to see so many talented kids giving it their all.

Singers who are wishing to audition for Rock Band are reminded to have prepared a solo piece, (to perform with a backing track if possible). Bring your best ROCK STAR attitude to your performance. GOOD LUCK. If necessary, students may be shortlisted and asked to perform again with a larger panel of judges. All going well, the new INFINITY ROCK BAND members will be announced on Monday’s assembly.

**ALL REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS WEEK**

CDP AND SENIOR CHOIR: Tuesday 1pm
JUNIOR CHOIR: Thursday 8:00am
PERFORMANCE GROUP: Friday 8:00am
(All rehearsals for these groups are in the Music Room with Mrs Deagon.)

Please bring a plastic display folder for all your choir sheets to go into. This folder must come to EVERY rehearsal.

**REMINDER!**

Anyone who loves to sing is invited to attend our new singing groups, starting up this week in the Hall from 1:10pm (after eating,) Mrs Henderson will meet you outside the Hall.

Super Singers (Yr 3 - Yr 7): Tuesday
Mini Singers (Prep – Yr 2): Wednesday

**Recorders**

If you are in Year 4 – 7 you must have a Music Book (with staff lines) and a recorder for your music lessons. I have a small number of Yamaha recorders available for sale from the music room. Please send $10 CASH ONLY, in a NAMED envelope.

**Sports Notes…**

**NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school now**

Where: Birkdale State School Oval
When: First session is on Thursday 13 February 2014
Time: 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm
Length of program: 8 weeks*
Cost: $65

When you participate in Auskick you also receive your very own football, backpack with a hat, drink bottle, pump plus heaps more!

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**SPORT NEWS**

**Girls In Sport**

There will be no ‘Girls in Sport’ this Friday as Mr Menzies will be at an off-campus sport event.

**Before and After School Programs:** This term, AFL Qld and the Brisbane Roar will be conducting their Auskick and soccer programs. Information about the soccer program will be handed out this week. Registration for these programs can be completed online.

Refer: Alan Menzies

**CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE**

Are you aware that recently there has been a Medicare Australia funded dental scheme introduced which provides benefits for basic dental services? Further information can be found on the rack in the office or check with your local dentist.

**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.
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