12 March 2014

BIRKDALE STARS
This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

Dante  Prep
Loralei  Yr 1
Matt  Yr 2
Samuel  Yr 3
Lorenzo  Yr 4
Lachlan  Yr 5
Reahanna  Yr 6
Hudson  Yr 7

‘MAKER MACHINES’ ART INCURSION

* NOW CLOSED*

No further expressions of interest or payments will be accepted. If you have any queries please contact Jo Small (jsmal47@eq.edu.au)

THE BIRKDALIAN

STUDENT ABSENCES: absence@birkdaless.eq.edu.au
DENTIST: 3822 3473  TUCKSHOP: 3207 4187  P&C Association: pandc@birkdaless.eq.edu.au
FACEBOOK: parents/caregivers of Birkdale State School  WEB ADDRESS: www.birkdaless.eq.edu.au

13 MARCH (TOMORROW)

PLEASE BRING YOUR ORDERS AND MONEY ON THE DAY!

Students are to attend in full school uniform, neat and tidy. Please see letter attached to order envelope for further details.

Family Photos (siblings) are also available. Order envelopes for family photos are on the brochure rack in the Administration Foyer. Families need to assemble in the hall at 8.00 am on Thursday 13 March for family photos. Please hand the payment envelope directly to the photographer.

If you have any queries, please contact Advancedlife Photography on 3216 8280. Refer: Jillian

THIS FRIDAY - FREE DRESS DAY

This week, on Friday 14 March, the Student Council will be running a Free Dress Day.

DATE: FRIDAY 14 MARCH
THEME: BIRKDALE BLITZ
DRESS: DANCE CLOTHES OR ALL IN BLITZ GREEN!
DONATION: GOLD COIN

for the privilege of being out of uniform.

Please make sure that even though you are dressed up, that you have a sun-safe hat, proper shoes and shirts/tops that fully cover your shoulders.

Make sure that you can do your normal school activities in whatever you are dressed up in.

DON’T FORGET- THIS THURSDAY FREE DRESS DAY!
Also, a quick reminder that tickets will be on sale from Monday 17 March at 8:30 a.m. outside the school office for our Car Boot sale.

Tickets are $10.00 per car. Further details p.3.

SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL
**THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL SKILLS**  
*by Jayne Barnett Deputy Principal*

As part of Birkdale State School’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, staff help students to develop Social Skills. Social skills are about social and emotional learning and are just as important as academic learning, musical aptitude or sporting prowess. Social and emotional learning is about developing the ability to care for others, make responsible decisions, establish positive relationships, and handle challenging situations. These are important life skills. Each week BSS has a focus on a particular social skill that supports BSS three school rules:  
Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be safe.

Children who develop positive social skills:  
- learn better and achieve more  
- are motivated and committed  
- have positive relationships  
- are better able to meet life’s challenges  
- can contribute to their families, friends and society in ways that are appropriate for their age  
- manage the transition to adolescence and adulthood more successfully.

Having weekly, school wide social skills focus, enables everyone in the school community to  
- have a shared understanding of why this is so important to develop as a life skill.  
- have a common language for talking about it  
- use their daily interactions with students to support the development of students’ social skills, in and out of the classroom  
- provide students with regular opportunities to practise and adapt their social and emotional skills to new situations in the classroom, school and wider community

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= A Caring and Sharing Class.  
This week’s Social Skill is to develop effective listening habits, through the practice of SLANT.  
- S= Sitting/ Standing appropriately;  
- L=Leaning forward;  
- A=Attending, looking;  
- N=Nodding occasionally;  
- T=Taking it in-checking for understanding.  
By practicing this week’s goals, students will aim to be Effective Listeners.

**The goals for this week are:**  
(1.) Respect for others  
(2.) Appreciate the ideas of others  
(3.) Give eye contact  
(4.) Use good manners  
(5.) Be able to give information back

Every Monday on Assembly the week’s social skill and goals are outlined to the school community as well as celebrating the classes that have worked hard and achieved the previous week’s social skill by the presentation of a class certificate of achievement.

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**Music Notes...**

**Where are the Scrunchies?**

We are in the process of sorting out Music Uniforms to issue to students and have found a huge number of hair scrunchies missing. They were not returned with uniforms as they should have been. Could you please undertake a search to see if you have any and return them to the school as soon as possible? We will need to have more made and it is an added cost that is just not necessary. Scrunchies we are looking for are:
- royal blue and gold  
- blue sequin (from String groups)  
- gold sequin (from Performance Group)  

There were also a number of royal blue ribbons handed out to Senior Choir members last year which have not been returned. Please check!!!

**Bumblebee rehearsals start this week.**

If you received a letter notifying you that your child has been selected, please return the note as soon as possible, with payment, to the office. If you do not wish your child to participate, please let Mrs Deagon know. All payment forms need to be completed. Rehearsals are held every Friday, second break, for half of the lunch hour. I would appreciate it if students could have a packed lunch, not tuckshop, for this break so we can use the whole time rehearsing, not working through a lasagne or slurpy.

**SPORT NEWS**

**Regional Representative:** Rilee has been chosen to represent Metropolitan East at the State Swimming Championships which are being conducted in Brisbane at the end of this month. Rilee will compete in five events at these trials and will endeavour to make the Queensland team for the second year. We wish Rilee all the best at the State Titles!

**State Championships:** Hayley and Freya head to Mackay this weekend to compete in the Queensland Girls’ Cricket Titles. Both girls are members of the Met East team which has been training for the last month in preparation for these games. We wish both girls all the best and look forward to hearing about their experiences at this championship.

**District Reps:** Four students were selected in Redland District rugby league teams last week. Cooper gained selection in the junior team while Rhett, Te Ariki and Ethan were chosen in the senior team. The boys will compete at the regional trials which are being held in late April. Well done, boys!

**Osprey Cup:** We will be sending four soccer teams to compete in the ‘Osprey Cup’ on Thursday, 20 March. This is a sporting competition between Birkdale, Birkdale South, Alexandra Hills and Wellington Point and is conducted at Wellington Point S.H.S. Our junior and senior teams have been selected and permission notes need to be returned by Friday.

Ref: Alan Menzies

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One of our parents has registered for the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave and we will be having a teacher shave the parent’s head on next Monday’s Assembly, 17 March. We look forward to your support.
LIBRARY NEWS

URGENT

Volunteers needed to cover new resources
We have purchased a huge quantity of reading materials for the students to take home but they need to be covered before they are sent out. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help out Birkdale State School please come and see Jo Small in the Library. No experience necessary, training provided.

BOOK FAIR
.... is coming to Birkdale State School Again!
Starts 20 May 2014 - more details next term.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB
Thank you to Jamie for donating some books to our library in celebration of his birthday. Thank you also to Sammy and Sophie for your generous book donations.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2014

CAR BOOT SALE
WHEN: SATURDAY 29 MARCH
WHERE: BIRKDALE STAFF CAR PARK
TIME: 8 am - 12 noon
COST: $10.00 per car, ticket holders only.
TICKETS: IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL OFFICE
8 am - 8.30 am MARCH 17, MARCH 28
Pack all your treasures into your boot and come and sell, sell, sell!
ALL UNSOLD ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED BY THE OWNER. STUDENT COUNCIL & BIRKDALE STATE SCHOOL TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Come celebrate St Patrick’s Day with us at the Tuckshop on Friday 14 March and Tuesday 18 March. We will be selling St Patrick’s Day cupcakes for $1. They can be purchased over the counter or in your tuckshop order.

“NEW” Paddle Pop Shaky Shakes $2
Sushi will no longer be on the menu as it is no longer available from our supplier. Please cross it off your Tuckshop Menu. Refer: Margaret Bean

P&C EASTER FUNDRAISER
Thank you to everyone who returned their Cadbury Fundraising money on Friday. The winner of the Easter hamper was Loralie from Yr 4. Congratulations!! We have two weeks left of the fundraiser and still 60 boxes to sell. If we do not sell these boxes we will not have raised our planned funds and probably will not do a fundraiser like this again. There are more than enough families in this school to meet this target. The funds we raise help pay for extra IT installations throughout the school, support children’s class excursions and pay for extra sports equipment which is used by all year levels. Let’s work together and actually make an effort to reach our goal which was the MINIMUM required by Cadbury.
I will be at school Thursday Morning from 8.15 am if you would like to collect a box or call 0411032266 to arrange an alternative drop off. Otherwise, the lovely office staff may be able to assist you.
Thanks. Bev Casey P&C President.

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.

HOT DATES for MARCH

13  Photo Day
15  Birkdale Breakers Sprint Championships
18  Birkdale Breakers Distance Championships
19  Art Incursion Yrs 3-7
24  Open Day
25  P&C AGM
29  Car Boot Sale

Soccer Season starts... NOW!!
Matches kick off on the 15 March - if you are thinking about playing during season 2014 you need to register now. All age groups for U6 (aged 5 and turning 6 this year) to U12 can accommodate players. Check out www.mfc.org.au for more info.

Head in the clouds?
Why not fly something there too? The Australian Air League is a youth organisation for boys and girls of 8 years and over who are interested in aviation and associated subjects. Parade nights are held weekly and include marching, physical activities, aviation, meteorology, and aircraft building. Cadets regularly fly RC aircraft more their size through the skies, and inspect airfields, hangars and more on day outings, along with travelling further afield on overnight camps with other Squadrons. Specialist training and leadership courses are also available. For more information about the Australian Air League Inc. and Forest Lake Squadron contact:-
Chris Chandler 0421 578 641
oc.forestlake@airleague.com.au

www.airleague.com.au

BAYSIDE AND DISTRICTS NETBALL ASSOCIATION is currently looking for players aged 7,8,9 and 10.
Would you like to join a friendly association? Would you like to play netball? Find out more at our FINAL REGISTRATION for 2014...
Saturday 22nd March 9am-11am Fox Park Lots For more information, contact us at: baysidedistricts-netball@gmail.com