30 April 2014

BIRKDALE STARS
This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

Principal’s Message:
Welcome back. I trust everyone had an enjoyable Easter break with family and friends.

I’d like to welcome to BSS, Miss Kelli Harvey who is Acting Deputy Principal. Unfortunately Mrs Naomi Meerwald, who started in this position last week, has been placed at another school. I’m sure you will give Miss Harvey a warm Birkdalian welcome.

Term 2 is another busy term. NAPLAN for our Years 3, 5 and 7’s is in Week 4 (Tues 12, Wed 14 and Thurs 15 May). Birkdale State School is also having a Discipline Audit (School Behaviour Management) on Monday 12 May. The Audit will be completed on that same day with the tentative report being tabled at our staff meeting and P + C meeting on the same day. The final report will be uploaded to our school website shortly after. More on the Discipline Audit will be in the next newsletter.

BSS has a Uniform and Dress Code that is fully endorsed by our P + C. I have included this excerpt – see p.2 from our Parent Handbook (also on our school website) as a refresher for our community about our expectations.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Birkdale State School, Always our Best

Jayne Barnett (Acting Principal)

Birkdale Behaviour Expectations

Last week, you received a letter from your child’s class teacher outlining the Behaviour expectations of the school and the specific classroom rules. This follows the behaviour triangle that all staff refer to.

The three school rules are:
1. Responsible
2. Respectful
3. Safe

If students break one or more of these rules they are given an opportunity to acknowledge the rule they are breaking and choose to change that behaviour.

If the student continues with their inappropriate behaviour they are given “Time Out” – a quiet area where they can reflect on their behaviour. If the inappropriate behaviour continues after returning to class, the student will be referred to the RTR room at lunch time, where they will negotiate their behaviour with a teacher to ensure a positive return to class.

You will be informed of this referral by letter which will be mailed home.

Each week the school has a focused social skill which is...
introduced at Assembly. To enhance student’s understanding, class teachers instruct students about what this means. This week’s skill is “An organised class”. Our data shows that overall, the behaviour of students at Birkdale School is good and, with your continued support, this data can only improve.

Well done Birkdalians!

School Uniform and Dress Code

Birkdale State School is a uniform school and expects students to wear the appropriate school uniform, take pride in their appearance and follow the school dress code. BSS Uniform and Dress Code is fully endorsed by the P + C. Participation in school sport, music performances and school excursions requires students to wear the appropriate uniform.

- **Students must at all times wear reasonable dress.** Students wearing inappropriate dress will be withdrawn from class and work on an individual education program until reasonable dress can be obtained. Parents/ Carers of students attending school wearing inappropriate dress will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing to the school or collect the child and return them wearing reasonable dress.

- **Inappropriate dress refers to** clothing or apparel that the student wears, that is, or could be deemed to be: offensive; likely to disrupt, or negatively influence, the normal operation of the school; unsafe for the student or others; or likely to result in a risk to the health of the student or others. Reasonable dress refers to clothing or apparel that would be socially acceptable, although it might not conform to the student dress code.

- **Students must wear sun safe headwear** to participate in all outdoor activities. A “No sun safe hat, no play” policy applies. Students are expected to remain under covered areas/buildings should they not have the correct hat.

- **Hair should be neat, naturally coloured and without embellishments** (tracks, highlights, rats tails or Mohawks are not allowed). **Girls’ hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back and hair accessories should be minimal and match the school uniform. Boys’ hair is to be kept above the collar, neat and tidy.**

- **Make up and nail polish are not appropriate for school**

- **Permissible Jewellery** - watch / one flat ring only / one pair of studs or sleepers

  (For safety reasons, sleepers should not be worn while participating in sporting activities)

  - **Jewellery not permissible:** other face/body piercings are inappropriate

  - Necklaces and bangles are not to be worn

  - The only jewellery permitted to be worn is watches and sleepers or studs for students with pierced ears. For safety’s sake the wearing of large earrings and long necklaces is not permitted.

  - Only clear nail varnish should be worn.

  - Students may wear the District, Region or State sport uniform.

  - Free Dress Day Clothing must be appropriate to be worn on a school day and also be sunsafe.

For inter-house athletics carnivals it is preferable that students have a T-Shirt of the house colour eg:

- **McNEILLY HOUSE** - yellow; **WILSON HOUSE** - green and **WOODGATE HOUSE** - red. Similarly, for inter-house swimming carnivals, swimming caps of the appropriate colour are desirable.

**ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICE**

Last Wednesday, the school captains represented the school at the ANZAC Day Commemoration Service in the city (along with about 3000 school leaders from schools in the Brisbane area). Lynette, Hudson and Joel laid the wreath at the Eternal Flame. Hudson, who was wearing his Grandfather’s medals, was interviewed by Channel 9 and was featured in a short segment during the news that evening. I’d like to compliment the eight school captains on their behaviour. They are truly “young leaders” – Refer: M. Boyle

**Mother’s Day Stall**

The P & C Mothers’ Day Stall is being held on Thursday and Friday 9 May. The children are able to shop in their class groups. It is a great time for them to show how much they care for the special ladies in their lives. Gifts range from 50c to $8.00. The Wish List has been distributed to the classes. Please support our school in this fundraising activity, the kids love it.

If you are able to give some time in helping on the stall to sell, please contact LYN MAESEP 38228095 or 0403 956 196

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**NEW TO TUCKSHOP – “TERRIFIC TUESDAYS”**

As of next Tuesday, 6 May, we will be having a “Terrific Tuesday Special” every Tuesday of this term. You will be able to order our “special” for either Morning Tea or Lunch. The “specials” will ONLY be available on Tuesday. There will be a different “Tuesday Special” each week.

Our first special on Tuesday 6 May will be:

- **NACHOS (with corn chips and cheese) $4**

Hot chocolate is also on sale now for $2. Refer: M. Bean (Tuckshop)

**HOT DATES in May**

8 May         Mothers’ Day Stall
9 May         Mothers’ Day Stall
13-15 May   NAPLAN
20-26 May   Book Fair
30 May        P&C Disco

Jnr YrP-3 3.30-5 pm Snr Yr4-7 5.30-7.30 pm
Music Notes...

RedFest Vocal Contest
The heats for the 2014 Redlands Spring Festival Vocal Contest will again be held in August in the main lounge of the Redlands Sporting Club. The heats will be as follows: Juniors (age 12 years and under) will compete on Monday 4 August. Intermediates (age 13 – 16 years) will compete on Monday 11 and 18 August. Depending on the number of contestants competing on the night, twelve to fifteen will be selected to compete in the semi-finals in the main lounge of the Club on Saturday 6 September. Six contestants are then selected from each age category of the semi-finals to compete in the finals at the Cleveland Showground on Sunday 7 September. I would love to see lots of Birkdale Choir students entering this. If you are interested in participating in the competition, please see Mrs Deagon for Entry Forms and start practising now.

VOICE FUSION - SENIOR CHOIR
At the end of last term it was my great pleasure to attend a vocal workshop held by the South East Region with our fabulous students in the Senior Choir. Mrs Clay also attended to assist with supervision of the day. We both agreed that it was an absolutely fantastic day!

The very entertaining (and educational) presenter, Harley Mead (left), was a standout. He kept the students engaged in a variety of vocal tasks throughout the day. The students were able to learn many new skills to improve their vocal quality. Each school presented songs for Mr Mead and he provided an adjudication sheet.

Birkdale’s feedback was overwhelmingly positive and made mention of being very in tune and with vocal tones rich in quality. It also commented on fabulous harmonic security, security of text and rhythmic precision. Mr Mead finished the adjudication with “Sensational Singing”. I truly believe the hard work being done through the Choral Development Program is beginning to pay off, and it was very evident in the quality of Birkdale’s presentation compared to the other schools. Well done kids, keep up the good work ready for the Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod later this term. Refer: Helen Deagon

Beginner String Recital
Thank you for your support, parents at this week’s string recital. It was lovely to see so many parents taking an interest in the progress of their children. The kids played very well and were delighted to put on the performance for the audience. Many thanks to Miss Schmidt for her hard work with the students.

KEY DATES OF UPCOMING PERFORMANCES:
(more info closer to dates)
- Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod
  - ‘Harmony Quartet’, 6.30 pm, Wednesday 21 May
  - Junior Choir and Senior Choir Thursday 22 May (in school time)
- Fanfare – 28 May (in school time) – Senior Band, Senior Strings, Intermediate Strings
- ESPRESSIVO – 20th (Night) & 21st (Day) June – ALL MUSIC GROUPS

SPORT NEWS

Regional Reps:
Ryan has been selected in the Met East AFL team and will now compete in the State Championships which are being conducted in early June in Townsville. Great work Ryan and good luck in Townsville.

Rianah was also selected in a regional team and will represent Met East in the Junior Girl’s Netball team.

District Reps:
Two students were selected in Redland District soccer teams in recent trials. Reece was selected in the boys’ team and Carley gained selection in the girls’ team. Both will now compete in the regional trial in May. Well done Reece and Carley!

Redland District Cross Country:
Seventeen students competed at the District Cross Country trials last Monday. Our school finished fourth overall which was a great result from all of our runners. Five students gained selection in the District team and will now compete at the regional trials on Tuesday 20 May. Molly, Ethan, Dominic, Charlie and Taiyo will compete against runners from the 3 other districts at Capalaba College. We wish these runners the best at the Met East trials and congratulate all members of our school team.

Interschool Sport:
Interschool sport will commence this Friday, 2 May. Netball and soccer will be played over the six week competition. Students participating in our interschool sport competition will need to return permission notes before Friday and pay any levies at the cash window Thursday morning. Refer: Alan Menzies

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.