28 May 2014

**BIRKDALE STARS**
This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

**Principal’s Message:**

The teaching of children to become effective readers is an important goal of schools. For children to enhance their reading development at school a supportive and active partnership between families and school is very important. Reading at home with your child on a regular basis can never be underestimated. Part of the reading process is the ability to recognise common words of our English language with automaticity - that is on sight, without the need to sound out. These are called sight words. Building a bank of sight words allows a child to build fluency with reading and develop comprehension of the text they are reading. Students in our early year classes have been building on these sight words in class and at home. Further to this though is that children need to understand and build on the meaning of words - this is vocabulary development. So talking with your child and expanding their use of words on a daily basis is a great way to build vocabulary.

I was very pleased to recognise the efforts of four boys in Prep who have achieved automaticity of the first 100 sight words on Assembly. Congratulations to: Kohen, Jack, Oliver and Hugo.

I thought you may be interested in the following research on the development of vocabulary. Research states that:

- Most children need 6-14 exposures to a new word to learn it.
- Some children need 40 exposures to learn a new word
- Most children know 6000 words by age 6
- Most children learn 36000 more words by Year 12
- Children need about 55000 words for printed English
- An average high school student needs 80000 words for a working vocabulary
- Students who have more vocabulary in Prep become better readers.
- 92% -95% of words in a sentence or story need to be known for adequate comprehension to occur.

I popped into 1D last week and was greeted with very excited children showing me their latest writing about Crunch the Crocodile. Some writing samples are included further in the newsletter.

It’s wonderful to see children’s enthusiasm for learning!

ReadingEggs/ReadingEggspress: Has your child their username and password to access this eLearning program at home? This program is highly engaging, caters for individual abilities and builds reading skills from decoding to comprehension from Prep to Year 7. Please ensure your child accesses this at home at least 3 times a week.

Always our Best

Jayne Barnett
Principal (Acting)
Social Skill of the Week: A Working Together Class

Working together is our focus for this week. Behaviours that we are wanting to see in the children are:
- Encouraging others
- Learning to share
- Working together to reach consensus
- Praising each other’s efforts
- Working towards a goal together

At home you could cook a meal together or play a game.

Kelli Harvey | Acting Deputy Principal

YEAR ONE CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

Our Year One children have been writing character descriptions this term. Here are a few to share.

Crunch the Crocodile
Crunch has bulgy eyes. He turned and ran away from the other animals. Crunch hurried and scurried and then slipped in the mud. He was a coward.

Estella

The Red and Blue Thingamajig
My thingamajig is red and blue. It has two gold waxy wings and a fire tail. It has one silver stripe near his legs. It has one pink horn near his mouth. It has ten pointy teeth.

Ethan

Rose
Rose is a short person. She wears a red dress. Rose has brown eyes. She is brave. Rose walks to Mr Wintergarten’s house. She is kind to everybody. Rose runs as she is playing.

Amy

Mr Wintergarten
Mr Wintergarten is old. He is tall and thin. He opens the curtains and sits on the step. He plays with the children around his house. Mr Wintergarten is happy.

Zack

SCHOOL RECORDS

State School consent forms will be sent home next Wednesday. These forms are to be returned to the office. The form is used to record or disclose copyright material, image, recording, name or personal information.

You may have filled out this form earlier this year, but please fill in the new form.

You will also receive a form for change of phone number, address etc. Please return only the change of details. If there are no changes it is not necessary to return this form to the school.

Thank you

Cheryl Rafferty - Business Services Manager

SPORT NEWS

Regional Representatives:
Two of our boys have gained selection in the Metropolitan East Cross Country team after competing in the regional trials last week. Charlie and Dominic both finished third in their races and will now run at the State Championships which are being held at John Paul College in July. Molly, Ethan and Taiyo also competed at the regional trials and achieved personal best times in their races. Well done to all of our runners and we wish Charlie and Dominic all the best at the State Titles.

Interschool Sport:
The second round of interschool sport was played last Friday and our teams recorded some good wins against Hilliard State School. Six of the eight teams won their games with our netball teams winning all of their games. A team of year five students has been selected to compete in a three week touch football competition which commences this Friday. This is a development program which aims at introducing the students to the skills required to play touch football.

PE Lessons:
It is important that students wear suitable footwear to PE lessons this term as we prepare for our track and field carnival. The Senior Athletics carnival is being held in the last week of this term.

Refer: Alan Menzies

JUNE at a Glance

2 Yr4-7 Cyber Safety
2-14 Enrolment Fortnight for 2015
9 Queen’s Birthday Holiday
12 Snr. Athletics –High Jump Trials
12 Yr3 Healthy Food presentation
16-20 Beginners Music Week: Band & Strings
17 Beginners Strings Workshop
20 Espressivo Opening Night
21 Espressivo Art. Workshops & performances
24 Snr. Athletics- Long jump & Shot Put
25 Snr Athletics Carnival: Sprints, Ball Games
25 Pre-Prep session
26 Under 8’s Day
27 Yr6/7 Spinal Education Awareness
29 School Holidays
Music Notes…

Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod

WOW! Last week Birkdale reached a new high with Music results the best we’ve ever had:

• Harmony Quartet – 1st place
• Junior Choir – 1st ($25), 2nd, 2nd and Championship Choir Overall - $100
• Senior Choir – 1st ($25), 1st ($25), 2nd and Championship Choir Overall - $100

The students were so professional in their presentation and delivery of performance. The Birkdale motto: ‘Always Our Best’ certainly shone through in all our students. Well done kids! Many thanks to Miss Devine (Junior Choir) and Mrs Venn (Accompanist) for your outstanding work with the choirs.

Mrs Deagon

‘Espressivo’ News

Buskers: if you would like to busk, either by singing or playing an instrument, at this year’s ‘Espressivo’, please see Mrs Deagon to book in a time. Have a song/piece prepared to demonstrate your level of skill.

Raffle Prizes - The ‘Espressivo’ Raffle kicks off today, with several TERRIFIC Music and Art prizes up for grabs. Tickets will be on sale before school in the undercover seating area opposite Admin block.

Tickets 50c each or 3 for $1.00.

For your chance to win two free tickets to the ‘Espressivo’ Grand Opening on Friday 20 June, correctly answer the question at the end of the Birkdalian and return it to the Music room. Winners will be drawn each week at assembly. GOOD LUCK!

Redlands Ukulele Festival – June 14 & 15

Birkdale Ukulele students have been invited to play at this year’s Redlands Ukulele Festival. It is a wonderful, two day event which will be held in the Cleveland area. There will be many wonderful activities which you can participate in including performances and workshops (see the flyer outside the Music room). It should be a fantastic event for all of the family, whether you play ukulele or not. There is also a Bursary of $250 for Ukulele players to apply for. If you don’t have a form and you are interested in applying, see Mrs Deagon as soon as possible.

LOWES at CAPALABA PARK have now restocked with Music Uniform items including black polo shirts and white, long-sleeved business shirts.

Performance Group on Assembly

Performance Group will perform on assembly, Monday 2 June. Please come to school dressed in your Performance Uniform with your school uniform in your bag to change into later. Meet at the Hall at 8:00 am for a sound check.

BUMBLEBEES CHOIR PERFORMING ON ASSEMBLY:
MONDAY 16 JUNE IN PREPARATION FOR ESPRESSIVO.

BACK GATE CLOSURE

The back gate will be closed from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm to prevent trespassers entering the school.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Next week’s “Terrific Tuesday” special
Roast Beef & Gravy Roll
Roast Pork & Gravy Roll
Price: $4
Refer: M. Bean (Tuckshop)

CLEANING POSITION

Permanent cleaning position available at Birkdale State School:

16.75 hours per week, pm shift

Application package is available from the Administration Office. The successful applicant will be required to complete a “Working With Children Check” at a cost of $76 and will be employed on the basis of obtaining a Suitability Card from the Commissioner of Children and Young People.

Applications should be marked “Private and Confidential” and a copy forwarded to:

The Business Services Manager
Birkdale State School
Agnes Street
BIRKDALE QLD 4159

Applications close on Friday 20 June 2014 at 3.00 pm
Late applications WILL NOT be accepted.

'Espressivo' Free Tickets Competition

For your chance to win two free tickets to the Friday night Grand Opening (20 June), simply answer the following question and return it to Mrs Deagon in the Music Room. Correct answers will be drawn from a raffle at Assembly.

Name: _________________________          Class: __________

Question: Which French artist, born 14 November 1840, was a founder of French Impressionist painting? (HINT: initials CM)

ANSWER: ___________________________________

'Espressivo' Tickets - GRAND OPENING -
Friday 20 June

Number of Tickets: ____ @ $8.00/ticket (Adults only – kids FREE)

Name: ______________________________________

Total enclosed: $_____

☐ I will pick up my tickets from the music room before/after school

OR

☐ Send my tickets home with

_________________________ in Class ____.

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