11 June 2014

Report Cards – Semester One
Report Cards will be sent home in Week 10. Please remember the following message in regards to your child’s report card.

Understanding Your Child’s Report Card
As you are aware, students and teachers this year have been working with the new Australian Curriculum, and where required using units as interpreted through Queensland’s C2C curriculum resources. Whilst the Australian Curriculum is similar in many respects to the previous Queensland curriculum, there are some differences which have required adjustments. For example, some concepts are covered earlier than previously expected, there is a stronger focus on specific areas and in some cases a different standard of work is expected of students.

For Semester 1 report cards, teachers are evaluating student work based on Australian Curriculum, units and assessment tasks from Term 1 and 2 in English, Maths, Science, Geography and History.

Due to the implementation of a new curriculum, report card results may also reflect students’ ‘learning curve’ in terms of the change in expectations for learning in their year level.

This is not cause for concern, as teachers are adapting and adjusting their teaching/learning to ensure that students receive the necessary prior knowledge and are supported through their learning tasks.

Also, C2C units are in ongoing review and adjustment, based on feedback from teachers. However, it is worth noting the fact that report card results in English, Maths, Science, Geography and History this semester are based on the new content descriptors and year level Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum, and as such may not be reliably compared to previous years’ results. For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards visit the online curriculum at http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/

Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland are gradually becoming more familiar with a 5-point scale (e.g. A-E in Years 4-7 / VH -SR in Years 3-1 / Applying – Becoming Aware in Prep) process for reporting in all schools.

The new system schools are using refers to attainment standards called “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria.” So what makes an “A”, “B”, “C” etc is predetermined by a scale of achievement. Any student, who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves that benchmark grade.

This is what you could consider the new difference for a “C” really means:

A “C” means that the student has met the criteria for a learner to be at the appropriate age level.

A “C” means that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level at school. The best description is to say that a “C” means that the student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be.

That means attaining a “C” for Achievement means you are ON TARGET for your age level!

With all of this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an “A” or “B”. These grades are not awarded simply to the top students in the class. They are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria required for their Year Level.

While the Australian Curriculum is still transitioning other Key Learning Areas, children are still learning the following: Arts-Music, Visual Arts, Drama, Dance and Media; Health and Physical Education; Technology and LOTE (in designated year levels). Eventually these KLAS will also be delivered through the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA). For the latest news visit: http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/ and go to F-10 Overview.

Always Our Best

Jayne Barnett Acting Principal
Social Skill of the Week:
A Confidently Speaking Class

This week is all about confidence. Confidence isn’t just about speaking in front of a group, it also includes the following:
· Confidently express a point of view
· Solve problems displaying self-control
· Express opinions positively
· Reach consensus
· Help others feel good

Teaching your children the following process when dealing with problems is a great way to build confidence.
1. Hold back your tears if you feel like crying
2. Take a deep breath to stay calm
3. Let your hands hang loose by your sides
4. Stand up tall
5. Look the person in the eye
6. Tell the person what you want
7. Don’t whisper or shout
8. Just speak clearly
9. Start with the word “I”
10. Say something like this: “I don’t like it when you call me names. I want you to stop it right now.”
11. Then walk away

Kelli Harvey | Acting Deputy Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL
FREE DRESS DAY
There is a free-dress day coming up next week to help Juvenile Arthritis and Mater Little Miracles.

WHEN: THURSDAY 12 JUNE
WHAT: ‘DRESS FOR YOUR FUTURE’ THEME.
DONATE: GOLD COIN FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING OUT OF UNIFORM.

Make sure that you have a sun-safe hat and the correct shoes for school that day too.
No sun-silly clothes, hats or thongs.
If you have PE, make sure you can move, run and jump in your costume.
If you don’t want to dress up, just wear sensible free-dress.

SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL & OUR CHILDREN’S CHARITIES.

WINTER WARMERS
The cold weather will be upon us soon, we hope!
Are you in need of a new beanie or scarf to ward off those chills?
The P & C ladies have newly-made beanie hats and scarves for sale. The Student Council will have them on sale in front of A block each morning during the last week of school and the beginning of next term.
Prepare for the wintery winds and buy a new beanie or scarf.

Debra Zondagh (Teacher)

Music Notes…

Redlands Ukulele Festival – June 14 & 15
Mike Jackson visit TOMORROW!!! Parents and students need to be seated in the Hall, straight after the eating bell (1.10 pm) ready for the ukulele sing along session. Make sure you bring your best performance spirits. It should be great fun. Remember to bring your own uke, if you have one, as Mrs Deagon only has 30 to borrow.

Students playing at the Redlands Ukulele Festival this Sunday are to meet Mrs Deagon and Ms Minto at 10.00 am outside the Cleveland Library. Please have your uke, music book and wear your Birkdale school uniform with white socks and plain black shoes. Our performance set will be from 10.30 am – 10.45 am in the small marquee in the Library Square outdoor space in Middle Street. See you all there!

$250 Bursary
There is still time to submit applications for the $250 student bursary for ukulele. See Mrs Deagon for applications.

As well as the music activities during the morning there are also artists doing live portraits, ukulele decorating, face painting and craft stalls. There will be a 4 metre big red couch and 3 metre big ukulele to get a photo on as well as a musical mystery tour bus ride leaving from the library every 30 minutes between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm for a fun strum-along and sing-along with Ludy.

There are still places available in the 14 workshops offered on Saturday 14 June for all ages and levels. Bookings are available at the Ignite Redlands website: www.igniteredlands.com and also through Binary Music store at Cleveland.

LAST CHANCE FOR
For your LAST 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!

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

CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED
There will be a craft stall at ‘Espressivo’ this year (hooray!). If you have the inspiration and the inclination to make items for sale or have any saleable craft items just lying around, please consider donating them to the stall.
Call Anna Collett on 0450 455 160.
SPORT NEWS

Interschool Sport:
The final round of interschool sport will be played this Friday. Our soccer and netball teams will be playing for premierships with at least three of our teams hoping to finish at the top of their points ladder. The year five students playing in the touch football development program have been refining their skills in a competition aimed at promoting the game.

Senior Athletics High Jump:
Children in Years 4–7 will compete in the high jump event of the Interhouse Athletics carnival this Thursday. This event will be held in the hall from 9 am.

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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.

ON THE RACK (Information Stand in Foyer)

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
• PCYC
• Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
• Lines in the Sand Arts Festival - Nth. Stradbroke

OTHER
• PPP study for children with Type 1 Diabetes

‘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: Who am I? I am a teacher who LOVES to teach art and make art. I like to wear bright colours, even in my short hair!

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

☐ Send my tickets home with ___________________________________ in Class ____ .