18 June 2014

BIRKDALE STARS
This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

‘Espressivo’ IS HERE!

GRAND OPENING
Friday 20 June
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Art Display, Art Sales, Free Activities,
Drinks and Nibbles, Entertainment!

LIVE ART DEMONSTRATION FROM
DE GILLET - ARTS TREE WYNNUM

Tickets: Adults $8.00 Kids Free
(Complete the form at the end of the Birkdalian for your Opening Night tickets)

‘Espressivo’ Saturday 21 June –
Art Workshops and Performances
9.30am – 2.00pm

Gold Coin donation for entry

RAFFLE DRAWN AT 2.00PM

HELP SETTING UP ON SATURDAY MORNING AT 8:00AM WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Bakers Wanted
On Saturday 21 June, morning tea items will be sold for Espressivo. If you would like to contribute a baked item for the morning tea it would be greatly appreciated. Please follow these simple instructions:

- bake either a sweet or savoury item
- make sure it is in individual portions
- use only disposable plates or containers
- attach a list of ingredients used
- drop to the Hall kitchen on Friday 20 June before or straight after school

Daniel Morcombe Child Safety
Parent Information Session
The school will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum for students in Prep to Year 7 next Semester. This curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: Recognise, React and Report.

A collaborative approach between schools, families and the community is the best way to provide safety education to children. To ensure parents are fully informed, an information session about the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum will be held for parents of students on Thursday 19 June at 3.15 pm in the library. The presentation will be approximately 30 minutes and there will be an opportunity following the presentation to ask questions. There will be another session on Monday 23 June at 10.00 am in the library.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the curriculum and the messages your child will be receiving. We encourage you to attend so that you are able to discuss and reinforce these key safety messages with your children. We understand that this time may not suit everyone. If you are unable to attend the parent session, information about the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum can be found at www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum.

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Principal’s Message:

Kids online: The statistics:

Primary-age children are connected, mobile and social. Parents and carers see evidence of this every day – children appear to be going online younger and younger, with the rapid uptake (and almost hypnotic appeal) of tablets and other touch screen devices. But anecdotal evidence is also supported by research findings. In 2013, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) released Like, tell, share: Young Australian’s experience of social media and some of the highlights included:

• The vast majority (95 per cent) of eight to 11 year olds had accessed the internet ‘in the last four weeks’, with almost all having accessed the internet at some point in their lives.
• Children in this age group use multiple internet-enabled devices (up to three) for a 10 to 11 year old. And these are all sorts of devices, not just computers and laptops but also handheld mobile devices such as iPads, iPods and game consoles (Nintendo DS, PlayStation Portables, PlayStations).
• Thirty-seven per cent of eight to nine year olds and 51 per cent of 10 to 11 year olds have – at some time – accessed the internet via a handheld mobile device.
• Mobile phone ‘ownership’ increases significantly with age. The report found that 11 per cent of eight to nine year olds have their own mobile phone, increasing to 67 per cent of 12 to 13 year olds. (According to 2012 ABS data1, 29 per cent of children aged five to 14 years of age have a mobile phone.)
• While the majority in this age group accesses the internet at home, increasing numbers are using technology at school and at a friends’ house, away from direct parental supervision.

Even at this young age children are avid social media users. Forty-five per cent of eight to 11 year olds use social networking sites. For the eight to 11 year olds the report found that the top four sites were YouTube, Moshi Monsters, Club Penguin and Facebook*, with the most popular activities being playing games, private messaging, posting comments and posting status updates. In other words, they ‘like’, they post, they share just the same as their older counterparts. And they value it, very much. In fact, the proportion of eight to nine year olds who rated the internet as ‘very important’ had doubled since 2009.

*To be eligible to sign up for a Facebook page, children must be at least 13 years old.

Keeping children safe online. Rosalie O’Neale is a senior advisor with the Australian Communications and Media Authority’s Cybersmart Outreach division, which empowers children to be safe online. She discusses the potential pitfalls of internet usage and offers safety tips for families.

What are the main issues arising from children’s high internet usage?

They’re online, they’re connected – and they’re also confronting the challenges that being online can bring. For most kids, the experience of being online is a good one. However, our research shows around one fifth of eight to 13 year olds reported seeing or experiencing something on the internet in the last year that bothered them. Also, we saw a slight rise in the number of children aged eight to nine years reporting that they had been cyberbullied (up from one per cent in 2009 to four per cent in 2012). Around 10 per cent of 10 to 11 year olds and 17 per cent of 12 to 13 year olds also reported that they had been cyberbullied.

Being active on social networking services also means raising the risk that personal information will be made public. While the majority didn’t post personal information, quite a large proportion of eight to 11 year olds did post details such as their full name, phone number, a photo of themselves, name of their school, full date of birth and home address.

What are your top tips for parents and carers?

Overall, follow these five steps:

• Talk to your child about staying safe online and keep the discussion open as they grow up.
• Monitor your child’s time online, particularly younger children.
• Set house rules – what’s okay to do and what’s not, how much time is ‘online’ time and what kind of personal information is okay to make public.
• Consider using filters or other technological tools to help limit exposure to potentially harmful or distressing material.
• Model the kind of positive online behaviour you would like your children to use.

Another important element is education. Find out what your children are up to, create your own accounts and play with the services they are using so that you become familiar with the privacy settings and reporting mechanisms.

For more information: see these sites
www.cybersmart.gov.au/
http://qaci.eq.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/cyberbullying-
cybersafetyprintfriendlyguide.pdf

Always Our Best

Jayne Barnett Acting Principal

Social Skill of the Week: A Win Win Class

This week’s social skill is “A Win-Win Class.” Students will be learning about how to negotiate to find a positive outcome with social issues.

This includes:

• Making good choices
• Working together positively
• Resolving conflicts positively
• Showing respect to each other
• Appreciating each other

Kelli Harvey | Acting Deputy Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL

DRESSES FOR YOUR FUTURE

A HUGE thank you goes out to all Birkdalians - students, parents and staff for your support of the ‘Dress For Your Future’ Free Dress day. Successful fundraising means that the Student Council can begin to consider what they will buy for the school and students in the near future. Your support is much appreciated.

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)

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

Struddies has House tees available with the house name printed on the back.
$12.00 Children & $14.00 Adults
Our kids go fresh and healthy

The students from Year 3 are well on their way to eating all their vegetables after attending a Brisbane Produce Market “Kids Go Fresh & Healthy” presentation recently.

The information session was a fun way to promote healthy eating choices to our students. The students learnt how many serves of fruit and vegetables to eat every day, the different parts of the plant vegetables come from, and they also taste-tested some fruit and vegetables they may not have tried before.

The students each received a healthy eating goodie pack, including a banana to give them lots of energy to get through their day. The Brisbane Produce Market also brought along some delicious fruit and vegetables from local greengrocer, Paradise Fruits, for the students to taste.

Overall, the fruit and vegetables got a big ‘thumbs up’.

Library News

Hand Pointers FOR SALE - $6 – this week ONLY

These items weren’t available at the Book Fair but Scholastic has sent us some as a special order. If you would like to purchase one (or two!!) please see Mrs Small in the Library.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone in the Birkdale State School Community who supported our Book Fair. It was a huge success and we will be able to purchase some excellent resources for our Library. Keep a watch on the “NEW” books stand to see what we have purchased.

A special thank you to Mrs Critchell and the Collett Family for very generously purchasing books and donating them to the Library.

Did you lose your books or wallet at the Book Fair ?? Please see Mrs Small if you did as there are a couple of lost property items.

Music Notes…

Redlands Ukulele Festival – June 14 & 15

The Birkdalian Ukuleleians performed with great confidence for a massive, and very supportive, crowd at this year’s Redlands Ukulele Festival. It was a very encouraging and friendly atmosphere. Well done kids on your wonderful performance!

We had an exciting visit with Mike Jackson and Ryo Montgomery, two stars of the Redlands Ukulele Festival. Kids were able to listen to, and sing and play along with the two entertainers. FANTASTIC!

News from the P&C...

All money raised by the P&C volunteers goes to making your school better! How? Interactive whiteboards, computer equipment, wi-fi for the whole school, just to name a few. This year alone the P&C, with your help, has donated over $66,000 to the school community.

During the Saturday of ‘Expressivo’, the P&C will be operating a Sausage Sizzle. Yummy food for hungry performers and their hungry families… Prices are low, drinks and other items also available. All money raised goes to making your school better!

House colour hairspray for Senior Sports Carnival will be available from 8 am on the day, under the Year 7 building. All you need is a gold coin donation – come on Mums and Dads, join in the fun!

Any cupcake cooks out there? We would love for anyone who loves to bake to donate some cupcakes for sale at Senior Sports Carnival. Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate to warm cold hands and cool big thirsts will also be available.

SPORT NEWS

Regional Reps: Two of our students have been selected in Metropolitan East Softball teams. Emily has been selected in the girls’ team and will travel to Bundaberg in August whilst Callum gained selection in the boys’ team which will travel to Rockhampton in September. We wish both Emily and Callum the best of luck at their respective State Championships.

Interschool Sport: The final round of interschool sport was played last Friday. Our soccer and netball teams were very competitive every week with both of our Senior Girls’ Netball teams remaining undefeated. After some tight contests over the last six weeks, all four of our netball teams won premierships. This is a great result for the girls and the teachers involved. We are still waiting to hear from the soccer coordinator on the results of this competition. The year five students playing in the touch football development program improved their skills and it was great to see the students enjoying the chance to play a sport against the other schools. I would like to thank Mrs Baxter, Ms Consiglio, Mr Youitt and Mr Schroder for the time they gave to coach our netball and soccer teams. I would also like to thank Cody, a student from Wellington Point High School, for his support with the junior touch football program. Well done Birkdalian and I look forward to our next round of interschool sport in term four when we compete in softball, teeball and cricket.

Senior Athletics High Jump: Children in Years 4-7 competed in the high jump event of the Interhouse Athletics Carnival last Thursday. Woodgate House have hit the ground running this year with their competitors dominating this event. Molly, a Year Seven student broke a record that had been established in 1994, setting a new record of 130cm. Well done Molly.

Senior Track & Field: The remaining events of our senior athletics carnival will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday. Long jump, shot put and 200m heats will be conducted on Tuesday with the program for the main day, Wednesday, listed below:

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The P&C are catering on the day and there will also be a coffee van on site. Let’s hope for some fine weather and a great day of cheering to support our three sports houses as they compete for the trophies on offer.

Refer: Alan Menzies

Expressivo’ Tickets GRAND OPENING Friday 20 June

Number of Tickets: ____ @ $8.00 each (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 ____.