25 June 2014

BIRKDALE STARS
This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

Principal’s Message:

Semester One Wrap

This being the penultimate newsletter before the Winter Vacation it is a good time to pause to reflect on the last six months. This semester we have done some very satisfying work for our students including the fine tuning and even redevelopment of much of our curriculum framework and planning. This includes some vital work in reading coaching with staff and students, small groups working on extension reading, phonological awareness and vocabulary development in the junior classes. The continuation of maths groupings in Years 3 to 7, with the additional provision of staff to support these students. Providing free access to all students for ReadingEggs / ReadingEggspress. Staff professional development in data analysis, differentiation, spelling pedagogy and ICT. These are underpinning our Great Results Guarantee for our students. It is gratifying to watch the very different work being done by many people all synergising perfectly to create one very large coordinated project aiming to improve the education of our children. There are so many people to acknowledge for this but as it adds up to most of the staff it is impossible to name them all without leaving some important people out.

Head of Special Education Services

I’d like to express my sincere thanks to Mrs Margaret Boyle for her time as Acting Head of Special Education Services at BSS. Margaret has very capably worked in this role with professionalism and expertise the last four years. Margaret is not leaving BSS but rather returning to her previous position in the school. Many thanks, Margaret. I know the whole school also thanks you for all your hard work while in this role. As the permanent HOSES to Birkdale SS, we will welcome Leesa Kirsons at the commencement of Semester 2. I know you will all make Leesa feel welcome at Birkdale.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Teachers will be offering parents the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress in Term 3, week 3. This will be held on Wednesday July 30 in the school hall. What this entails is, that all teachers will schedule time slots on this afternoon and evening to allow parents to maximise their time to speak with the teacher of each of their children on the same date. The school is investing in an online booking system to allow parents to book in suitable times from the allotted class teacher’s schedule. This will be on our school website in the very near future. There will be an alternate booking provision for parents without internet access. A letter with further details about PTO (Parent Teacher Online) booking system is to be sent home.

Always Our Best

Jayne Barnett  Acting Principal
STUDENT COUNCIL

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.

N.A.I.D.O.C. WEEK
Help celebrate our indigenous culture here in the Redlands and support the Kurri Kids Organization. You can buy wrist bands, beanies and pencil sets here at school in Aboriginal colours and designs. Beanies $4.00, wrist bands $1.00 & pencil sets $2.00. All items are on sale at the bottom of A block stairs, every morning before school during the last week of term two and the first two weeks of term three.

SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL SUPPORTING KIDS.
Debra Zondagh (Teacher)

Library News
Hand Pointers FOR SALE - $6
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.

Volunteers needed to cover new resources
We have purchased a large quantity of new resources which need to be covered before they can be used. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help, please come and see Jo Small or Jenny Calderbank in the Library.

SAVE THE DATE
Under 8’s Day
Thursday the 26th of June, 2014

Music Notes...
REDLANDS EISTEDDFOD
Senior Strings – Monday 28 July 7.00 pm
Senior Choir – Tuesday 29 July 7.00 pm
Junior Choir – Wednesday 30 July 5.15 pm
Senior Band – Tuesday 5 August 4.30 pm
***Keep an eye out for notes coming home with more details soon.

‘Espressivo’ – What a BLAST!
Thank you everyone for another TERRIFIC ‘Espressivo’ at Birkdale. The Festival was a wonderful success, enjoyed by hundreds over the two day event. Feedback about the entertaining performances and interactive art workshops was overwhelmingly positive. An event like this is only made possible by the many staff, parents, students, artists and members of the local community who helped out. Our special thanks and appreciation goes to the following people:

- The dedicated group of parents and family members who helped with the organisation of the event.
- Our Workshop Artists: Angel Liu, Alicia Williams, Elise O’Brien, Jo Calvert, Dan Alcorn and WPSHS teachers and students.
- The superb live entertainment from Steve Sparrow and son, Craig, and all the Music Ensembles led by their Music tutors.
- Our hard working teachers, in particular: Bernadette Jones, Kitty Boss, Monique Devine, Georgia Gibbons, Shakira Day, Sally Patterson, Julie Henville, Helen Hall & Carolyn Skinner
- Our wonderful groundsman/sound engineer: John Chapman
- Our terrific P & C Association who raised money via the Sausage Sizzle and Craft Stall.
- All the parents who donated baked goods for the Morning Tea.
- The talented team of students who were our Buskers for Birkdale.
- The squad of 51 Birkdale student helpers who manned the many stalls.
- And the many other teachers, parents and students who helped in some way over the course of the two day event.

THANK YOU ALL! Michelle Cornish and I could not have done it without you.

Refer: Helen Deagon

‘Espressivo’ Raffle Winners
Congratulations:
• Jessica 5C
• Zane 3B
• Jamie 5B
• Emma 5A
• Elizabeth PA
• Mia 2D

Espressivo Colouring Competition Winners:
• Prep - Jayla
• Yr 1 – Erin
• Yr 2 – Kayla
• Yr 3 – Craig
• Yr 4 – Brielle
• Yr 5 – Alanis
• Yr 6 – Skye
• Yr 7 - Freya
Espressivo Artwork
Would you like a 5x7 copy of your child’s class artwork from Espressivo? If so, please write your child’s name and class on an envelope with $5 enclosed and give it to your child’s teacher or Ms. Cornish by this Friday.

Yarn Bombing!

Thanks to the Friday Knitting Club for providing kilometres of finger and French knitting for our Yarn Bombing that started for Espressivo! The bike cage is starting to look like a “Garden”. This is a continuing project and the whole school community is invited to participate. If you have some knitting or crochet that you would like to add to the bike cage please feel free to do so. The winter holidays are a perfect time to get the knitting out to create pieces that can be added to the project in Term 3.

Michelle Cornish

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.

Wildlife Qld
Mother Nature’s Creatures are calling
YOU to spread the word
How simple it is
“Living Wildlife Aware”
Enter Cicada Awards 2013 - 2014
Cicadas are small but noisy!
We want YOU to create a short movie on any wildlife or a conservation issue that means a lot to YOU and our WILDLIFE!
1st Prize $1000 2nd Prize $500 3rd prize $200

Open to any SE Qld Students
Enter with friends, school, family or alone!
Enrol for Workshops – Filming & Editing
27th June – Bayside State School Terminals 9 – 1pm
1st July – Cleveland High School Film 7 TV Room 9 – 1pm
2nd July – IndigoScapes Capalaba 9 – 1pm
4th July – KiwiSun Outdoor Education Centre 9 – 1pm
5th July – Russell Island State School

Further information on the Rack in the Office Foyer.