4 June 2014

BIRKDALE STARS
This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

Principal’s Message:

**IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN’S FRIENDSHIPS**

At any age, having friends provides support and promotes mental health and wellbeing. Children’s friendships are also very important for their social and emotional development. Through friendships children learn how to relate with others. They develop social skills as they teach each other how to be good friends.

Most children want to have friends. Children who have friends are more likely to be self-confident than those without friends and they perform better academically in school. When children have difficulty in making friends or in keeping them, it often leads to feeling lonely and unhappy with themselves. Feeling rejected by others may lead to distress. Learning positive friendship skills can help children socially so they feel happier and more confident.

Friendships require give and take. By sharing toys, time, games, experiences and feelings, children learn that they can have their social needs met and can meet the needs of others. Since friendships develop through this kind of mutual exchange, close friendships are usually based on well matched needs.

**Friendship patterns in the primary years.**

Children choose friends who have similar interests and enjoy similar activities. During primary school close friendships are most often with a child of the same sex. This is related to children’s preferences in play. Boys tend to prefer active kinds of play in groups, whereas girls typically prefer gentler games in pairs or threes and use talk more than action. Such preferences may be especially strong around the ages of 8-9 when many children become more aware of social expectations regarding girls’ and boys’ behaviour. These expectations can create difficulties for boys who are interested in gentler kinds of play and for girls who prefer the kind of active play that is usually associated with boys.

Friends cooperate and communicate more with each other than with other children. They also have conflicts more often, but usually manage to settle them without upsetting the friendship. Friends influence each other’s behaviour. Over time they may take on similar mannerisms, language and preferences. Although friendships usually have positive effects, friends who have behavioural problems may encourage problem behaviour in one another.

As children’s interests and developmental needs change, their friendship patterns may also change. By the middle of primary school it is common for children to form small friendship groups based around similar interests. These groups often establish their own rules about who can join them. Setting rules and learning to negotiate them is important for helping children to develop their understanding of social relationships. However, when children lack cooperative relationship skills it can lead to friendship groups being dominated by some children and excluding others.

See: [www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au)

Jayne Barnett  Principal (Acting)
Social Skill of the Week:
A Good Manners Class

This week’s social skill is Good Manners. Good manners aren’t just about saying please and thank you but also include:

- Appreciating difference in others
- Showing positive body language
- Respecting the feelings of others
- Expanding the friendship circle

Kelli Harvey | Acting Deputy Principal

Music Notes...
FANFARE Competition
Well done to the Intermediate String Ensemble who came home with a GOLD Award from FANFARE last week. Congratulations also go to our Senior Concert Band and Senior String Ensemble who returned with BRONZE Awards. Keep up the great work kids. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!

‘Espressivo’ News
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

Buskers: If you would like to busk, either by singing or playing an instrument, at this year’s Espressivo, please prepare a sample of your set (set approx. 5 songs). Come to the Music Room next week on Tuesday at M/Tea to demonstrate your level of skill.

Raffle Prizes - You can win AWESOME Music and Art prizes in the Espressivo Raffle. Tickets are on sale before school in the undercover seating area opposite Admin block. Tickets 50c each or 3 for $1.00. Drawn Saturday 21 at 2.00 pm – be there to pick your prize!

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
Not only have the Birkdalian Ukulelians been invited to play at this year’s Redlands Ukulele Festival, we are also fortunate enough to have Mike Jackson coming to visit Birkdale. Mike is one of Australia’s favourite live children’s entertainers, and producer of Uke’n Play Music books. He will be coming to visit on Thursday 12 June, in the Hall, 1.15 pm – 1.45 pm. He will meet a selection of children and lead an educational and fun session of ukulele playing and sing along. What a terrific experience for students to participate in. Bring your ukulele book and have it signed by Mike. Parents are welcome to attend.

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

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

STUDENT COUNCIL
CUPCAKE & COOKIE DAYS
What an AMAZING response! A HUGE thank you goes out to all students, parents, Student Councillors and the Cheesecake shop who baked, donated and bought cupcakes and biscuits last Wednesday and Thursday. We had an awesome array of cakes and biscuits baked and sent in. There sure are some talented people out there. I know that everyone enjoyed having a sweet treat for their lunch on those days. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

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.
Debra Zondagh (Teacher)
SCHOOL RECORDS
State School consent forms will be sent home today to each student. 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. This has gone home to the eldest in the family. If you have more than one child and they have the same detail changes, please write the other student/s name and class on the top of the form. Alternatively, please ask for an extra form at the Office.

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.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Next week’s “Terrific Tuesday” special for 10 June
Hawaiian Sliders
(meat pattie, lettuce, tomato & pineapple)
Price: 2 for $4
Refer: M. Bean (Tuckshop)

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.

Moreton Bay 100
Sunday 10 August 2014
Lawnton Brisbane Qld
163 km 100 km 50 km
Family Fun Rides
Electronic Timing and Result provided by
Sports Timing Australia
Online Registrations:
www.moretonbay100.org.au
Queries: bikeride@moretonbay100.org.au
facebook.com/moretonbay100
All proceeds aid Lions Youth Emergency Accommodation Centre (Pine Rivers) Inc.
lionsaustralia we serve

Expressivo 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? Born in Melbourne in 1968, I am a singer-songwriter, actress, author, record and film producer, showgirl. I have a famous sister. We both like to judge and coach on TV shows.
ANSWER: ___________________________________

Expressivo 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 ____.