16 July 2014

Principal’s Message

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust all our students and staff had an enjoyable break with family and friends.

Birkdale SS farewelled Ms Harvey acting DP in the last week of term 2 and I know that Ms Harvey will be missed by all. DETE will advise us of a replacement later this week. Mr Logan will not be returning for the remainder of the year due to health reasons. I know everyone wishes Steve a speedy recovery. I have been asked to remain in the acting Principal role in the interim and I thank you for your on-going support and co-operation.

All families will receive two important letters in the coming days.

1. A letter with information on School Opinion Survey

2. Another letter with details on how to book your parent/teacher interview timeslots through our school website. It will also have details for families who do not have internet access. Date Thursday 31 July.

The annual School Opinion Survey starts next week. All families, school staff and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students this week, and parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school next week.

School computers will be available in the library at the following times. Please bring your log in details from the letter sent home.

- 9:00 a.m. Wednesday 23 July
- 2:00 p.m. Friday 25 July.
- 9:30 a.m. Monday 28 July

Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Jo Small on telephone 07 3286 0777 or email admin@birkdaless.eq.edu.au.

Please be on the lookout for both of these important notes.

Safety of our students

Unfortunately, there are people in our community who, from time to time, circulate in the vicinity of schools and who do not have positive intentions towards children. As a school we discuss “Stranger Danger” in class and have reminders on Assembly across the year at various times. It can never replace families having these discussions, regularly, at home and also being pro-active in how children can be safe when travelling to and from school or around their neighbourhood outside of school hours. It is with dismay that I need to inform our community that there has been an occurrence outside of school hours. The good news is the child is safe. I strongly encourage all our families to continue these “Stranger Danger” discussions with your children as well as your pro-active steps when it comes to your children safely travelling to and from school or the neighbourhood. As another precaution, this year all classes will be doing Daniel Morcombe health units to enable BSS to support its families in keeping children safe. I thank you for your support.

Always Our Best

Jayne Barnett  Acting Principal
SPORT NEWS

Senior Athletics Carnival
The weather stayed fine and the track was good which ensured a great day was had by all at the Senior Athletics Carnival. The day started with the march past and all of the houses were loud and colourful which helped set the tone for the day. It was pleasing to see the students cheering on their housemates and the judges of the House Spirit trophy certainly had a difficult time selecting the winner. McNeilly House took out the major trophy on offer for the day by claiming the Marion Parr-Smith Interhouse Aggregate shield. A lot of work occurs before we can hold a carnival of this size and with the support of John, Leanne, Christine, Liana, Natalie and the P&C, the day was enjoyable and everything ran smoothly.

It was another great day on the sporting calendar and every student who attended is to be congratulated for their efforts on the day! Well done, Birkdalians!

Winners of the 5 major trophies and age champions are listed below:

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A squad of athletes has been selected to train over the next two weeks with the final team being named next Friday. The team will compete at the District Carnival on 7 and 8 August at Capalaba College.

Interschool Sport: Six of the eight premierships on offer in the interschool sport competition were won by Birkdale. All four of the netball teams won their divisions and in the soccer competition the Senior A Boys and Junior Boys were also top of their tables. Well done to all of our students and a special mention to the coaches who gave their time to ensure our students were prepared for their games.

National Swimming: Rylee heads to Melbourne this weekend to represent Queensland at the Australian Swimming Championships. Rylee will compete in five individual events and two relays. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing of her accomplishments when she returns to Birkdale.

State Cross Country: Charlie and Dominic will compete in the Queensland Primary Schools’ Cross Country Trials this weekend. Both boys have been training since the beginning of this year and will compete against runners from the other eleven sports regions in Queensland. Good luck boys!

After School Program: This term, an after school program focussing on basketball will be held on a Wednesday afternoon. The Aussie Hoops program will commence in week three with information being sent home next week.

Refer: Alan Menzies

STUDENT COUNCIL

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)
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.

Library News

Hand Pointers FOR SALE - $6: A special order has been received so if you would like to purchase one (or two!!) please see Mrs Small in the Library.

Volunteers needed: 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.

Birthday Book Club: To help us celebrate your birthday don’t forget you can donate a book to the library. Each child who donates a book will receive a certificate.

Scientists in Schools
Mathematicians in Schools

Are you a scientist, IT professional or an engineer? Would you enjoy inspiring our teachers and students in science, maths or information technology? Would you like to become our school’s scientist, mathematician or IT professional?

Our school is registered for Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools and we’re looking for scientists, mathematicians, engineers or IT professionals who are interested in working with our staff and students – it would be great to have someone from our local community.

Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools use a broad definition of ‘scientist’ which includes professionals working in a science, maths, IT or engineering-related area, encompassing research and applied scientists, technologists and engineers, medical and allied health professionals and mathematicians.

There are no fixed hours – it’s up to you and the teacher to decide how you can contribute.

Register or find out more information online at www.scientistsinschools.edu.au

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If you’d like to contact the Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools team, they’re on 3833 5561 or email them at sis.sqld@csiro.au.