23 July 2014

BIRKDALE STARS
This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

Principal’s Message

Congratulations to the following students who received Best of Birkdale Awards (Semester 1) on assembly this Monday. To receive the Best of Birkdale Award, students must have 100% attendance for the semester, as well as receive ‘A’s for Effort and Behaviour on their report card. As a bonus to this prestigious Award, each student received a free Movie ticket.

Congratulations to: Craig; Elodie; Jack; Hannah and Rikki. Super effort! I truly look forward to congratulating many more students at the end of Semester 2, with the Best of Birkdale Award.

Welcome to Jane Leishman, who is taking up duties as acting Deputy Principal here at Birkdale State School. I know you will extend a warm welcome to her.

This week Mrs Kirsons, Mrs Leishman and myself attended a required, 2 day professional development entitled “Quality Schools Inclusive Leaders”. This is part of the DETE More Support for Students with Disabilities project. The program focussed on Legislation, School Culture, Delivery of Curriculum and School Program Delivery.

Our leadership team engaged in a reflective and future focused process to continue the on-going support of highly effective inclusive educational practices at the school level.

School Opinion Surveys
The annual School Opinion Survey starts this week - 21 July through to 3 August. 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.

- 2.00 pm Friday, 25 July
- 9.30 am 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.

Queensland Education Accord
The Queensland Government is undertaking extensive consultation with parents, schools, unions and schooling sectors to map out the future of education and create Queensland’s first Education Accord.

The Queensland Plan, due for release in mid-2014, will outline the state’s shared vision for the next 30 years, identifying local and state-wide priorities.

If you would like to get involved in helping to shape the Queensland Education Accord contact your local MP. You can also provide your thoughts on the seven key questions by completing our online questionnaire. Visit- http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/educationaccord/education-accord-feedback-form.html
**Students, have your say!**

Students can provide their feedback by submitting a short video.

All Queensland students from Prep to Year 12 are invited to have their say on the future of education in Queensland. We want to hear your suggestions on how we can ensure all students are given the best education and outcomes.

Students are invited to submit video feedback on the seven Queensland Education Accord student questions. This feedback will contribute to the development of the Queensland Education Accord, a 30-year vision for education in Queensland. Chosen entries will be shown at the Queensland Education Accord Summit on 25 September 2014 and will go into the draw to win one of four $50 iTunes vouchers.

Entries close Friday, 8 August 2014. Go to the website below.


For further information, contact the Queensland Education Accord project team via email.

education.accord@dete.qld.gov.au

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**Always Our Best**

**Jayne Barnett**  Acting Principal

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**SPORT NEWS**

**Junior State Netball:** Rianah competed at the Junior Netball State Championships held at Caloundra recently. She was a member of the victorious Metropolitan East team and due to her positive outlook and effort during the carnival, she was awarded the coach’s Player of the Tournament. Well done Rianah!

**State Cross Country:** Charlie and Dominic competed in the Queensland Primary Schools’ Cross Country Trials last weekend. Both boys ran great races with Charlie finishing 23rd and Dominic 17th in their respective individual races. On Saturday, Charlie’s relay team came second and he became a silver medallist at these championships. Dominic was asked to run in two relays due to a boy being injured on the previous day. His first relay team finished 4th and even though he had injured his calf he backed up for the second relay without hesitation. We congratulate both boys on their achievements and all the effort in preparing for this event!

**After School Program:** This term an after school program focussing on basketball will be held on a Wednesday afternoon. The Aussie Hoops program is aimed at students from prep to grade five and will commence in week three in the hall from 3.15 - 4.15 pm. An information sheet was sent home on Monday and registrations for this program can be completed on line.

**Track & Field Carnival:** Our track and field squad have been training in preparation for the district carnival which is being held in the first week of August. The team will be selected this week and an information package will be sent home with team members on Friday.

**P-3 PE Lessons:** It is essential that students in grades prep to three wear appropriate footwear to PE lessons over the next month as we prepare for our P-3 Sports day. Students will be competing in sprint and relay events during lessons and therefore they need to have suitable footwear.

Refer: Alan Menzies

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**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.**

**AID FOR THE ALOFI FAMILY**

**STUDENT COUNCIL FREE DRESS DAY**

**When:** Friday, 25 July

**What:** Free Dress Day

**Where:** Birkdale State School

**Why:** To raise money to support the Alofi family who recently lost their home and contents in a fire.

**Who:** Every Birkdalian

**SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL SUPPORTING CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES**

Please make sure that your free dress is sun-safe, that you have a hat and suitable closed-in shoes to participate in the normal school day.

Debra Zondagh (Teacher)

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**Lost Property**

The lost property box is overflowing with winter clothes. These items will be on display next Monday under A Block. Parents and students, please check for any items you may be missing. Please remember to mark all clothes with your child’s name and class. Thank you.

**Hot Dates**

31 July  Parent Teacher Interviews
14 August  P-3 Sports Day
15 August  Rick Roser visits school
17 August  Senior Band at Mary St Fair

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**STUDENT PAYMENTS**

Cash Window: Tuesday and Thursday 8 am to 9 am.

**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.
Library News

Crystal Growing
A group of very motivated scientists have started growing Crystals as part of our Scientist in Schools program. Michelle Neil visits Birkdale SS every second Monday to work with the students during the lunch time. We are currently growing crystals which will be entered into the RACI Crystal Competition. The crystals have been growing for two weeks now and we have “seed crystals” which we will harvest next week ready for more growing. The crystals are on display in the Library if you would like to have a look!! Please don’t touch them as any movement will affect the growing process.

If your child has returned their payment and permission form but they have not started growing their crystals please ask them to see Mrs Small in the Library at lunch time.

Project 600
Project 600 is about to begin for 12 Year 4 maths students. These students will attend online classes once a week and complete follow up activities to enhance their understanding and skills with mathematics. This program has been run very successfully at Birkdale State School in previous years and we are anticipating a positive program again in 2014. It is very exciting to announce that we are part of a trial for Project 600 Year 2! More information about that will be published as it becomes available.

Music Notes...

REDLANDS EISTEDDFOD...is on NEXT WEEK.

All permission notes should be returned as soon as possible please.

Senior Strings: Monday, 28 July
Arrival: 4.00 pm warm-up, Session 4.30 pm
Venue: Cleveland Baptist Church

Senior Choir: Tuesday, 29 July
Arrival: 6.15 pm warm-up, Session 7.00 pm
Venue: Cleveland Baptist Church

Junior Choir: Wednesday, 30 July
Arrival: 4.45 pm warm-up, Session 5.15 pm
Venue: Cleveland Baptist Church

Senior Band: Tuesday, 5 August
Arrival: 4.00 pm warm-up, Session 4.30 pm
Venue: Capalaba State College

Please remember the following:
- have children eat before attending their session
- check that they have all the correct clothing items for the group uniform INCLUDING PLAIN BLACK SHOES
- jumpers may be worn but will be taken off for the performance. Please make sure all clothing items are named. NO TRACKSUIT PANTS, DRESSES OR TIGHTS PLEASE. (It will be warm enough inside the venue)
- all hair should be neat with blue or yellow hair accessories, correct jewellery is to be worn
- check that children bring their instrument and own music folder
- Performers will be admitted for free. Audience admission: Adults $6, Concession $4 and children under 5 years of age free. These admission fees are only payable at the door on the day. Please come in and support your children. Hope to see you there!

Music Performance Centre Carry Bag
The Music Performance Centre is pleased to announce that a carry bag has been organised for any students in the Music program (on display in the Music Room). The bag is a heavy duty fabric with a folding front and carry handle. It has a zipped back pocket and area for name tag on the top. It has been designed in Birkdale’s colours: the bag is royal blue and a unique design for the Music Performance Centre is prominent in yellow on the front.

The bag will be a great asset for students who are in multiple ensembles, making the carrying and caring for display folders a much simpler task. The bags open wide enough to fit in several folders as well as a recorder so it could also be used to transport music class lesson items as well.

If you would be interested in purchasing one of the new bags, please fill in your details on the slip below and return it with payment to the office. Payments can be made via the Cash Window, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.00 am – 9.00 am or via the internet using the following details:

Internet Banking:
School’s Bank A/c Name - Birkdale State School
BSB Number 064138
Account Number: 00090369
Reference Code: Name and Class
Activity Reference Code: MUBAG

Music Performance Centre Carry Bag

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Please tick: [ ] Money enclosed [ ] Paid via Internet (allow 3-5 days to process)