20 August 2014

**BIRKDALE STARS**
This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

**School Absences**
We would appreciate when you phone to advise of your child’s absence, that you please press Option 2 to leave your child’s name, reason for absence and the date. This can be phoned through at any time of the day, although before 9 am would be preferable.

**Money Days**
Money days are strictly:
Tuesday 8 am – 9 am
Thursday 8 am – 9 am
Preferred payment method is by internet banking.

**Principal’s Message**
Did you know we have already reached the half-way point of term 3? We still have a very busy term ahead of us with a number of special events in the coming weeks - make sure you check the calendar of events. One of these is the visit of 96.5 radio station on Wednesday, 3 September - more information on this visit in future newsletters.

**Cordoned area near the bike cage**
If you have walked through the school grounds lately you may have noticed that we have an area between the bike cage and two, large gum trees, cordoned off with tape. Please do not go under this tape and walk through this area. This area is cordoned off as there have been dropping branches from the gums despite the school engaging an arborist in term one to trim and cut out branches.

In consultation with regional office, we have had a further inspection done of the trees and a subsequent report completed. As you can imagine we cannot have the safety of students put at risk, as this is an area where children eat and play. Further discussions have been held with regional office, P&C and our local council member with the outcome being that the trees will need to be removed. We do intend to keep the trunks ensuring we maintain the bird hollow in one of the trees and place extra bird boxes in the grounds.

Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.
State School Consent Form
At the end of last term you would have received a State School Consent Form to complete and return to the office. This is an important form to complete and return as it is the updated consent form regarding media consent and your child. What this means is that we are seeking your permission – if you consent - to having a photo of your child engaged in school activities being made available for the school newsletter or the revamped school website, if such an occasion occurs. Of course we also need to ensure we are informed if you don’t wish for a photo to be made available for these purposes. Thank you to those families who have already returned this new State School Consent form. Refer to article on page 3 of this newsletter for more information.

School Newsletter
In term 4 we are aiming to have the school newsletter go electronic. We will update you with information about the change very soon. Of course if you don’t have the internet then we will still make paper copies available in the office for your child to take home. Going electronic will cut down labour, printing and paper costs incurred by the school. The electronic newsletter allows us to put in more school information as we are not limited to the size of the paper format and we can insert colour photos. Have we your current email address?

QSchools app
Queensland school communities can interact with their favourite state schools using the QSchools smartphone app.

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools.

While all Queensland state schools are searchable using the app, the full app features are designed to integrate with the department’s preferred school website platform, to allow users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website. Users can also see other useful information provided by the school, such as tuckshop menus, uniform shop information, class times and the school’s and the department’s social media feeds.

We are in the process of updating information on the school website which will link to the QSchools app.

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools.

STUDENT COUNCIL
RADIO STATION 96.5: The Student Council has arranged a visit from Radio Station 96.5.

They will be broadcasting LIVE on the Mary Street Oval from 6 am – 9 am on Wednesday, 3 September.

There will be live music, a jumping castle, sporting activities, a coffee van for parents, a sausage sizzle AND a guest appearance from ROMEO, the RADIO DOG! Come along and join in the carnival fun on 3 September from 6 am onwards. ENJOY!

Deputy Desk
As we move into the business end of the term, class teachers are busy preparing students for assessment in Maths and English. Students are reflecting on their learning goals, assessing their progress and what actions and behaviours are necessary for them to achieve their goals.

Last week we had a short week with the Ekka show day and P-3 sports day but still a lot of classrooms managed to successfully complete the social skills activities demonstrating A Responsible Decision Making Class.

Congratulations!!

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<td>Preppies explored how to participate in the playground and stay happy. They made a volunteer list and worked out ways they could help each other.</td>
<td>Year 1s participated positively at the sports day and did some role plays in the classrooms.</td>
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<td>Year 2s had lots of discussions about making decisions in the classroom. Samantha from class 2A had some thoughtful contributions.</td>
<td>Year 3s nominated themselves as a responsible class that focuses on doing their own work without disrupting others. Good work year 3s.</td>
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<td>Year 4s showed how to be a responsible class by getting involved in drama games and music performances.</td>
<td>All year 5 students were part of making their classrooms responsible. The teachers are so impressed with their behaviour they gave them a huge smiley face for this week’s efforts. Keep up the good work Year 5.</td>
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<td>The Senior classrooms had a very busy week, helping out at the junior sports day and fulfilling their various extra curriculum activities. Well done to Senior D for getting some extra Social Skills training into your busy classroom.</td>
<td>Always Our Best Always Our Best Always Our Best Always Our Best</td>
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Jayne Barnett Acting Principal
This week’s Birkdale Social Skill is:

‘When to say NO’

All students in their classrooms will be exploring the following social skills
- Standing up to negative peer pressure
- Being confident to express their own point of view
- Be positive with a happy outlook
- Making the right or best decisions
- Deciding the right time to say NO

I look forward to hearing how our students investigate this social skills in classrooms and the playground.

Jane Leishman
Acting Deputy Principal

Music Notes…

POSTPONED
MARY ST FAIR & SENIOR BAND
DATE TBA – SOME TIME IN OCTOBER

MUSICA VIVA NEW SHOW-

‘Sideshow Alley’ performed by The Sousaphonics
Date: Tuesday, 9 September
Venue: Birkdale SS Hall
Times: Show 1 (Prep - Yr 2) : 10.00 am - 11.00 am
  Show 2 (Yr 3 - Yr 7) : 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm
Cost: $7.50 per child

Cash Window: Tue and Thu 8.00 am - 9.00 am
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: MVSOUS

Sport News

P-3 Sports Day: Our P-3 Sports Day was held last Thursday on Agnes Street oval. The students competed in sprints, relays, ball games, tug-of-war and other rotational activities. The day began with a march past which was a colourful and loud start to the program. It was pleasing to see the large amount of family and friends at this event to support the children. For the very first time a trophy was on offer for the house which accrued the most points in the sprints and ballgames. McNeilly house was the winner of this trophy which meant that they won both the junior and senior carnivals. The day was a huge success due to the support of the staff and parents with a special mention given to John Chapman for the work involved in preparation for this carnival. The parent races were hotly contested and thankfully there were no injuries as the adults sprinted over the 80 metres. It was an enjoyable day from the start to finish and was certainly a highlight of our sporting calendar. Well done Birkdalians!

Refer: Alan Menzies

State School Consent Forms

These forms have to be filled in and returned to the office. A second copy of the form has been sent home with the students who have not yet returned their forms. Parents are requested to attend to this with urgency.

The form covers the below:

“Description of what is to be created, used, retained or reproduced:
- Image or recording includes photographs, videos, film or sound recordings of the Individual
- Individual’s image
- Individual’s recording
- Individual’s copyright material

Description of copyright material, image, recording or other personal information:
- sound recording
- artistic work
- written work
- film
- name
- photograph / image.

Where will this information be used (e.g on the website, newsletter or brochure etc):
- newsletter (uploaded to the web)
- printed promotional material
- advertising
- website
- displays
- competitions
- year books / annuals
- local media.”

Intermediate Music Week

All the relevant students in the Band and Strings programs have received these notes. Please ensure that they are returned with payment PROMPTLY so as not to miss out on a spot.

Music Performance Centre shirts have arrived!
The shirts have arrived and look GREAT. Please remember that they are to be worn on Tuesdays for CDP and Senior Choir rehearsals. Take care to wash them as per the instructions on the label.