27 August 2014

BIRKDALE STARS
This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

96.5 RADIO Station
are coming to Birkdale State School

Come see the 96.5 Family Show: Liam, Robbie and Ness, and Romeo the Radio Dog as they take their breakfast show on the road with the Family Show School Excursion to our school! They'll be broadcasting live from 6 am – 9 am and there'll be loads of other fun family activities including a jumping castle, sporting games, freebies and of course a coffee cart for the parents! You can even catch Seven News host, Bill McDonald, in the Seven Helicopter when he pops in on Wednesday right here at Birkdale State School on the Agnes Street Oval.

All the 96.5 Radio Partners will be present:

- 96.5 boxing ring
- Huge inflatable snow globe
- Brisbane jumping castle
- Salvation Army coffee cart
- Amart sports giveaways and mascot
- Football Queensland’s skill and drill
- First Swing Golf activity
- St John Ambulance

Our Birkdale P&C will have a scrumptious breakfast BBQ and a Father’s Day Stall.

Children must be supervised by a parent or caregiver between 6 am and 8 am. Normal school supervision will occur from 8 am.

P&C

The P&C will be cooking a BBQ breakfast for the visit of Channel 7 and Radio 96.5 next Wednesday morning from 6 am. There will be Bacon & Egg burgers for $4 and drinks will also be available.

The Father’s Day stall will also operate from 7.30 am with gifts for Dad ranging in price from $2 to $8.

Get in early and support these great school fundraising opportunities and if you would like to help us cook or serve on the morning contact Bev Casey on 0411 032 266.

You may even end up on the TV!
**Principal’s Message**

**NAPLAN**

Our year 3, 5 and 7 students will have received their NAPLAN student reports to take home this week. If your child did not bring their report home please contact the office.

So, how did BSS go in NAPLAN 2014?

Well congratulations are definitely in order.

Our year 7s and 5s have maintained their position as being At the National Mean in all 5 strands once again in 2014. This demonstrates a strong consistency in achievement in those year levels as well as across the school from year 5 through to year 7 as the children journey through the year levels here at BSS.

But that’s not all!

Our year 3 students have, for the first time since NAPLAN began in 2008, achieved At the National Mean in Reading and Grammar and Punctuation for 2014. In Numeracy our year 3s also are At the National Mean. A great result!

But wait - there’s more!

Our rate of improvement from 2008 to 2014 is something to be certainly proud of at Birkdale. For example: in year 3 Reading since 2008, the National Mean has increased by 18 points whereas our BSS students’ Mean score has increased by 42 points from 2008 to 2014 - nearly 3 times more than the National rate! This significant rate of improvement is in more than one Strand and in more than one year level at BSS.

You may have heard some comment about this year’s NAPLAN writing task. It has been described as one of the hardest yet, whereby across the Nation all year levels did not perform well. At BSS when we analysed our writing results, we found that our students held their own and the Writing Mean only dipped a little and not as severely as was the case across Australia.

We are immensely proud of our students, of our staff and of the continued support of our parents. At Birkdale State School – Always Our Best!

**Always Our Best**

Jayne Barnett  Acting Principal

**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.

**Lost Property**

Our lost property box is located between the library and admin. Please come down and have a look for any lost items: casual jumpers, school jumpers, water bottles and lunch boxes. Most of these are unnamed and cannot be returned to their owners. Please name your uniform with first and last name.

**Deputy Desk**

**Road Safety**

We all have a role to play in school road safety. The safe travel of our students and their families from home to school is of utmost importance to Birkdale State School. Our school is bounded by busy roads and adherence to road rules is a must. Students must use the traffic lights to cross Agnes Street and Birkdale Road. Our Mary Street exit is managed by crossing personnel who ensure the safe crossing of the students. When students are exiting the school grounds and crossing roads they must dismount and walk their bike or scooter.

Students under the age of 10 may believe they can handle crossing a road by themselves however we should remember that students:

- are easily distracted and tend to focus on only one aspect of what is happening
- are smaller and harder for drivers to see
- cannot accurately judge the speed and distance of moving vehicles
- cannot accurately predict the direction sounds are coming from
- tend to act inconsistently in and around traffic

Since our students learn about road safety largely by experience we are all crucial in providing the same message. Whenever crossing roads, it is an idea to talk about when and why it is safe to cross the road with your children so they can gain a good understanding of road safety issues.

**Birkdale Social Skills**

The social skills activities for Week 6 was, When to say NO. Congratulations!!

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<th>Had a real life disappointment with their Wellington Point excursion being postponed. Thanks to their social skills training, they stayed positive and happy.</th>
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<td>Year 1 A, B, C</td>
<td>Year 1s had a super time working out how to say NO in role plays.</td>
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<td>Year 2 C</td>
<td>Keep up the fantastic effort year 2s.</td>
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<td>Year 3 A, B, C and D</td>
<td>Good job year 3s.</td>
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<td>Year 4 A and C</td>
<td>Year 4 students explored how to say NO to negative peer pressure.</td>
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<td>Year 5 A, B and C</td>
<td>Super work year 5s.</td>
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<td>Senior classes</td>
<td>Working on independent learning and saying NO to disruptions.</td>
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This week’s Birkdale Social Skill is:

‘It’s okay to be different’

All students in their classrooms will be exploring the following social skills
- to learn to support others with positive comments
- to build a supportive and caring community
- to respect and appreciate others’ point of view
- to encourage children to work together

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

Jane Leishman
Acting Deputy Principal

Music Notes...

REDFEST

All students in the following groups have been issued with detailed information and permission notes for REDFEST:
- INFINITY Rock Band
- Bumblebees
- Senior Choir
- Performance Group
- Ukulele
- Intermediate Strings

Please return the permission slip to the correct music tutor as soon as possible. Performers are free to enter and now, as a BONUS, the organisers have very generously consented to allow ONE ADULT PER PERFORMER/FAMILY FREE entry also.

Entry wristbands will be issued in the week prior to the event. You must be wearing the wristband to enter for free.

MUSICA VIVA NEW SHOW -

‘Sideshow Alley’ performed by The Sousaphonics

Did you know that parents and community members are welcome to attend the Sideshow Alley performance for FREE? All welcome.

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

STUDENT PAYMENTS

Cash Payment due: Thursday, 4 September
Internet Payment due: Tuesday, 2 September
PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THESE DATES.

Intermediate Music Week

Thank you to all the students who have returned the Intermediate Music Week forms. 12 students will have the wonderful opportunity of improving their musical skills and working with professional musicians over the 4 days of the week, September 1 – 4.

Library News

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE ENDS

The FINAL day for submitting your Premier Reading Challenge Record form is Friday 5, September - NEXT WEEK!! Finish off recording your reading and hand your form into Mrs Small or your teacher. I wonder which class will have the MOST entries in the Premier Reading Challenge?

Library Bags

High quality, water resistant Birkdale State School library bags are available at Birkdale News for $8.95.

All children in years Prep to 3 are required to have a waterproof library bag to borrow books from the Library. We have a fantastic library collection and we want to protect the books. Please help us out by making sure that your child has an appropriate library bag and that they take care of the books while they are at home.

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: 0090369
Reference Code: Name and Class
Activity Reference Code: MVSOUS

Credit Card/EFTPOS:
To make payment: Phone 3286 0710

Please remember to put your child’s name and class as reference as well as the Activity Reference Code.

Birkdale Breakers Swimming Club

Season 2014/15 starts Tuesday, 7 October.
SIGN-ON DAYS at the pool are: Friday, 29 August 3 pm – 5 pm
Saturday, 6 September 9 am – 12 noon
For more information contact: Justine Barber 0417 739 219
or visit www.birkdalebreakers.com.au