3 September 2014

BIRKDALE STARS
This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

Principal’s Message

1 - 5 September, 2014 is the week of recognition for School Support Staff

Business service managers, administration and schools officers, IT professionals, cleaners and many other team members play important roles in the smooth running and safe operation of schools in Queensland.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions these staff members have been making throughout this year. Their work means teachers, students and school leaders can better focus on class lessons and improving the school’s performance. Often they are also the first point of contact for parents and the wider community.

School support staff are in many ways the unsung heroes of our school system. Many thanks for your tireless work in supporting Birkdale State School.

Teacher Aide Day Friday 5 September 2014

Each year on the first Friday in September, schools celebrate the support provided to students and teachers by their teacher aides. This celebration day enables us at Birkdale State School to recognise the skills, abilities and flexibility that teacher aides contribute to the daily life of the school.

May I please encourage you and your children to say thanks to our Teacher Aides and School support Staff this week?

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.
How wonderful it was last week, seeing our students so engaged across the five days in the variety of activities celebrating National Literacy Numeracy Week, Science Week, Book Week and Grandparents Day!

Children grew crystals. They wrote a poem to fit in their pocket and thoroughly enjoyed reciting their poem to staff, even as they walked across the crossing to the oval. Students became involved in collecting information and data about drinking water!

Some of the questions answered were:
• What is the major source of drinking water in your school?
• How many water bottles does your class have today?
• How many of each type and capacity?
• Is there any water other than in water bottles in your classroom?
• Excluding water bottles, how many metres away is the nearest drinking water from your classroom doorway?

Mrs Small organised Book Week celebrations where we saw not only students dressed in their favourite book character costumes but I couldn’t identify a staff member or two under their wigs and cloaks! When I stopped by at the “Worlds Apart” performance all the P-2 students were a very engaged and well behaved audience.

Grandparents from near and far were celebrated last Friday morning in our Prep classrooms. Songs were sung. Books were read. Necklaces and cookies made. Gifts were given. Smiles, laughter, hugs and tears of joy flowed in these classrooms.

On Friday 29 August at 2pm teachers and students participated in the Read for Australia activity, by joining in and listening to “Sunday Chutney” being read to them. Certain staff read aloud this delightful picture book to different year levels around the school, simultaneously at 2 pm. Can I say that Mrs Kirsons, Mrs Leishman and Mrs Small did a great job? If your child came to my reading, they received an extra surprise by having a “guest” read this story again – with a twist! Thank you Mr Roche for being a “good sport” last Friday afternoon! It was entertaining storytelling. Thank you to all our staff, students and families for helping to create such an exciting week.

Always Our Best
Jayne Barnett  Acting Principal

Deputy Desk
We were super excited about the 96.5 Radio Breakfast Show happening here on Wednesday September 3.

Many of you were up early to join Liam, Robbie, Ness and the Romeo the Radio Dog as they broadcast live from our very own Agnes Street Oval from 6 am. There were fun family activities including a jumping castle, sporting games, freebies and of course a coffee cart for the parents. Birkdale P and C provided a sausage sizzle and a Father’s Day stall.

Our very own Principal, Mrs Jayne Barnett had a guest spot on the Radio along with our School Captains. Miss Devine and Mrs Palmer took part in games on the radio and our famous Senior Choir sang.

All our Birkdale students formed a HUGE B on the oval. The Channel 7 helicopter circled the oval and took photos of the B formation. After this, the Channel 7 Television Presenter Bill McDonald addressed the school; met the School Captains and Principal before heading off to teach the Year 5 students a lesson on the weather.

We were all so excited to be able to showcase our wonderful school to the Radio and Television crew.

Social Skill of the Week
This week’s Birkdale Social Skill is
A “Just” and Peaceful Class
All students in their classrooms will be exploring the following social skills
  • How children make responsible choices
  • Have a go at brainstorming possible solutions to resolve a conflict
  • Practice making decision without letting their emotions rule
  • Communicating honestly and openly
  • Creating a peaceful class
I look forward to hearing how our students investigate these social skills in classrooms and the playground.

Congratulations to the following classes who spent time exploring A Tolerant Class.

| Prep D                          | The preppies practiced giving positive comments to each other on their grandparents’ portraits for Grandparents Day. |
| Year 1 A, B, C, D              | Year 1s were super at giving each other compliments. |
| Year 2 C                       | Good job, 2C |
| Year 3 A, C and D              | Year 3s explored how to be tolerant in the playground. |
| Year 4 A and B                 | Year 4 students gave positive comments and feedback during oral presentations. |
| Year 5 A, B and C              | Year 5s demonstrated their understanding of being tolerant on their Gold Fields Excursion |
| Senior C, B                    | Seniors showed understanding and were caring when choosing camp cabins. |

Jane Leishman  Acting Deputy Principal
TUCKSHOP NEWS
We have been able to get a great deal on Devondale Smoothies.
You can purchase a carton of either Mixed Berry or Strawberry & Banana at 24 for $12. That’s 50c each! Saving $1 on each.
OR you can get 24 assorted flavours - Mixed Berry, Strawberry & Banana, Tropical, Banana & Honey
OR purchase over the counter for 50c each.
WHILE STOCKS LAST.

Music Notes...
REDFEST THIS WEEKEND
All students involved in REDFEST will receive a note with their entry wristbands this week. Please remember the performer and accompanying adult MUST be wearing the wristbands to enter the Cleveland Showgrounds for free. The wristbands should be kept on until leaving the grounds.

General costs for entry as follows:
$15: Adult
$13: Concession and students aged 13 – 17
$5: Children aged 6 – 13
FREE: Children under 6 years of age

There is onsite parking for $5 per car (car pool where you can) or FREE street parking.

We will be performing on the stage in the FOLK VENUE (near the food area). Please read the details below for ARRIVAL TIMES:

9.45 am INFINITY ROCK BAND
(Performance from 10.00 am – 10.30 am)
10.30 am BUMBLEBEES
(Performance from 10.45 am – 11.00 am)
10.30 am INTERMEDIATE STRINGS
(Performance from 11.00 am – 11.15 am)
11.00 am SENIOR CHOIR
(Performance from 11.15 am – 11.30 am)
11.15 am BIRKDALIAN UKULELIANS
(Performance from 11.30 am – 11.45 am)
11.30 am PERFORMANCE GROUP
(Performance from 11.45 am – 12.00 pm)

All students are to wear their usual performing music uniform:
INFINITY – own clothes suitable to stage
Bumblebees – school uniform shorts/skorts, shirt, white socks, black shoes, neat hair
Intermediate Strings – Black shoes, socks, pants, white long sleeved shirt, blue cummerbund, tie and scrunchie (BRING INSTRUMENT & MUSIC)
Senior Choir – Black shoes, socks, pants, polo shirt, royal blue vest, blue/gold hair accessories
Birkdalian Ukulelians - school uniform shorts/skorts, shirt, white socks, black shoes, neat hair
Performance Group - Black shoes, socks, pants, polo shirt, gold sequin vest & hair accessories

THANK YOU SENIOR CHOIR FOR YOUR WONDERFUL EFFORTS THIS MORNING AND YOUR SINGING PERFORMANCE FOR THE RADIO. YOU SOUNDED VERY PROFESSIONAL!

MUSICA VIVA SHOW
‘Sideshow Alley’ by The Sousaphonics
LAST PAYMENT DAY:
THURSDAY 4 September, CASH ONLY
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: Thurs 8.00 am – 9.00 am

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

Library News
Book Week Parade
Thank you to all the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students, teachers and parents who made our Book Week Parade such an enjoyable success. There were some magnificent costumes and lots of wonderful smiles. Birkdalians certainly “Connect with Reading”. Congratulations to Mrs Eugarde for winning the best dressed adult! It was a very difficult decision to choose one winner, the Green Eggs and Ham prop was the deciding item.

Premier’s Reading Challenge - FINISHES THIS FRIDAY 5 September 2014. ALL completed record sheets must be handed in to your child’s teacher by Friday.