17 September 2014

BIRKDALE STARS

This week’s Birkdale Stars are:

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Congratulations!

Principal’s Message

Term 3 is coming to an end which means three quarters of the school year is over with only ten weeks to go, on our return to Term 4. The year has certainly rushed by, with so many of our students achieving their best, inside the classroom and outside the school, across a range of sporting and musical events. Thank you to our dedicated staff and our supportive families for ensuring our students have such rewarding experiences.

I wish all our school community families a very safe and happy time over the September holidays. Please remember to be careful around our roads and stay vigilant of the traffic around you even when using the crossings. Stay safe and well over the break.

Electronic School Newsletter: new format

Be on the lookout for a flyer coming home in the near future with details on how to subscribe to our new version of ‘The Birkdalian.’ The electronic newsletter will still be emailed, however the new format will be significantly enhanced with more colour and increased information capacity. There is no cost to families. A small number of hard copies of the newsletter will still be available on a stand in the Office Foyer as is the current case.

Student Report Card Email Trial

In Term 4 a small number of year levels have volunteered to trial emailing student Report Cards to families. This trial will allow the school to check for any issues with emailing the Student Report Cards and consequently make it easier to iron out any problems should they arise. We will inform you of these year levels shortly and I thank you ahead of time for your co-operation and support in this trial. Should the trial prove to be successful, as has been the case in quite a number of schools already, we then would consider emailing all Student Report Cards to families in 2015.

QSchools app

New features of the Department’s QSchools mobile app have been released, including an exciting push notification feature which offers a direct communication channel from our school.
By installing the QSchools app (or making sure your installed version is up-to-date) you will be able to receive emergency, critical or important school announcements instantly to your mobile device in a format similar to a text or SMS.

To be able to receive important messages instantly to your mobile device (push notifications):
1. Download the QSchools app from your app store. (http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html)
2. If you already have the app, please ensure it is up-to-date, as out-dated versions will not receive notifications.
3. Make sure you have “favourite” our school.
You are now ready to receive important school messages direct to your mobile device.

Jayne Barnett    Acting Principal

Birkdale State School P&C

$15 PHOTO FUNDRAISER: SATURDAY 1 NOV
Only $15 for your 10” x 13” Portrait with frame
We need lots of bookings so Share the link with friends, neighbours and family – anyone can book in!
REFER 5 friends or family & receive $50 to spend in your session!
Book & pay online at: www.trybooking.com/FTYU
BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 24 October!
For enquiries call Vision Portraits (03) 9596 9400

SPORTING AND CULTURAL PHOTOS
Sporting and cultural photos will be taken in the first week of Term 4.
Cultural, Music, Year 7 and miscellaneous photos will be taken on Wednesday 8 and
Sporting photos will be taken on Thursday 9 October.

The payment system will be different to past photo days. NO MONEY OR ORDERS ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL ON PHOTO DAY.
Advancedlife photography will place the printed photos on display at the school after photo day. Students and parents can view the photos and order online with Advancedlife photography. If you do not have access to on-line orders, please contact Advancedlife photography on 1300 728 972 to make other arrangements.

Sporting students who made a Queensland, Redland District or Met East team are to wear their representative uniforms. Music students are to wear their music group uniforms and bring all instruments. Please speak to Mr Menzies or Mrs Deagon if you have any queries regarding uniforms or props.
Photos will be taken in the Hall. Sport students are to assemble at the Hall, in uniform if required, at least 5 minutes prior to the photo time. Music students refer to instructions from Mrs Deagon.

Deputy Desk

Welcome to Week 10!! Where did the term go? It has been so very busy and I thank all parents and caregivers for their efforts with organising, assisting and supporting their children everyday with their learning and school events.

The holidays present a time where parents and children can strengthen their relationship. An effective way of promoting such relationships is through rituals and traditions. Rituals and traditions build close families.

For example, most strong families I know are underpinned by a strong food culture. In these families, every child, no matter what their age, is expected to come to the meal table. Children in these families are generally also expected to participate in other rituals and traditions.

An easy way to build a deep relationship between yourself and each of your children is to spend regular one-on-one time together.

- Go somewhere for a whole day with a child.
- Go away for a weekend with just one child. Do things you enjoy.
- If possible, go camping.

These shared experiences can have a magic impact on relationships. They can sometimes lead to vast improvements in children’s behaviour and they are the coat hook upon which each of your children will hang their memories.

Birkdale Social Skills

In Week 9 all of our classrooms embrace ‘Humour and Happiness’. Teacher and students explored the appropriateness of jokes and how laughter and a happy disposition can help in tough times.

The focus for Week 10 is ‘Celebrations’. Each classroom will reflect on the term and celebrate their learning successes and how they have created a caring and supportive environment that is fair for all children. Good work Birkdalians, you make every teacher in the school proud!

And finally I would like to thank the Birkdale community for making my first term as your Deputy enjoyable. I have met many parents and at all times I have felt welcomed and part of your community.

I wish everyone a safe break where they can recharge their batteries and a happy return for the final term of the year.

Jane Leishman
Acting Deputy Principal
ON THE RACK

- Redland Libraries’ Holiday Activities: something for everyone from 4 – 10 years+
- Family Pirate and Princess Family Day Out: Saturday 25 Oct

Music Notes...

Music Photos – Wednesday 8 October

Music ensemble photos will be conducted in the WEEK 1 of Term 4. Please take the time over the holidays to ensure your music uniforms are clean and in good condition. Vests should be spot cleaned and carefully ironed. DO NOT WASH THE PERFORMANCE GROUP VEST - IT MUST BE SPOT CLEANED ONLY OR THE SEQUINS FADE/FALL OFF. If you are missing buttons, they will need to be replaced – please see Mrs Deagon ASAP.

ALL INSTRUMENTS MUST BE HERE FOR THE PHOTOS

Every year this is one of the biggest hold ups on photo day: trying to find spare instruments for those who forgot to bring theirs. It causes major disruption and slows down the whole day.

These instruments include: ALL strings, band, ukulele, guitar and rock band.

Uniforms are as follows:

- Bumblebees: school uniform shirt, shorts/skort (no dresses or tights), white socks, black shoes
- Junior Choir: school uniform shirt, shorts/skort (no dresses or tights), white socks, black shoes
- Senior Choir: black shoes, socks, pants, polo shirt, royal blue vest
- Performance Group: black shoes, socks, pants, polo shirt, gold sequin vest
- Junior Strings: school uniform shorts/skorts, white junior string shirt, white socks, black shoes
- Senior Strings: black shoes, socks, pants, white long sleeved shirt, blue cummerbund & tie
- Harmony Quartet: black shoes, socks, pants, white long sleeved shirt, red cummerbund & tie
- Junior & Senior Band: black shoes, socks, pants, polo shirt, blue & gold vest
- INFINITY Rock Band: own suitable rock clothes (long pants please)
- Ukulele: school uniform shirt, shorts/skort (no dresses or tights), white socks, black shoes
- Guitar: school uniform shirt, shorts/skort (no dresses or tights), white socks, black shoes
- Music Prefects: school uniform shirt, shorts/skort, white socks, black shoes
- CDP: MUSIC SHIRT (school uniform shirt if you don’t have it), shorts/skort, white socks, black shoes

Mary St Fair – NEW DATE

The Senior Band will be performing at the Mary St Fair which has been appointed to a new date:

Sunday 2 November

The performance time remains the same:

Arrival: 1.00 PM
Performance: 1.30 PM
Venue: Birkdale Scout grounds behind the school in Mary St. (Meet Mrs Deagon near the stage.)

SPORT NEWS

State Titles: Callum returned from the Primary Boys’ State Softball Championships on the weekend. He was a member of a strong Met East team which travelled to Rockhampton to compete at this event. The team finished second which meant that Callum returned with a silver medal for all his efforts. It was a great learning experience and Callum’s skills were enriched playing at this elite level.

Osprey Cup: It was a very successful day for our students competing in the Osprey Cup last Friday. All four teams made it to the finals of their divisions, with three of the teams named overall winners. The senior boys and girls both won their finals in the softball competition and our junior boys clinched the junior tee ball final. Our junior girls were unlucky not to be named winners of the tee ball after some issues with the scoring in their final. Overall it was a day that will be a highlight on our sporting calendar this year as all students performed to their best and the support given by peers and parents was inspirational. The behaviour and sportsmanship of our students was exceptional and Mr Schrodter and Mr Menzies were proud of all the children. It was great to have the support of parents and other family members and I would like to thank Mrs Hayes for taking so many great photos of our students in action. Well done, Birkdalians!

Sports Photos: Our sports photos will be taken on the first Thursday of next term. All students who have represented Birkdale in Interschool sport, Osprey Cup or at the swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals will be required to have photos taken on the day. We will also need our district, regional and state representatives to bring their uniforms on the day. A photo will also be taken of our House captains and our Girls’ in Sport participants. The sequence of photos will be posted on the pin board in the hall in the near future.

Refer: Alan Menzies

Lost Property

LAST CHANCE!!! Please come and see if you are missing anything. There are lots of non-school clothes, as well as unnamed school clothes, lunch boxes and drink bottles. Lost property is between the library and the office.