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## THE BIRKDALIAN

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**22 October 2014**

### Principal's Message

This Tuesday morning saw our senior students and staff depart for their 4 day camp at Ewen Maddock Dam, Landsborough on The Sunshine Coast. Students participate in outdoor activities which are led by qualified camp personnel, with our own Birkdale Staff assisting in supervision. Students find these activities enjoyable and sometimes challenging. Undertaking such activities as High and Low Ropes, Giant Ladder, Canoeing, Raft building and Flying Fox, develops team building, positive risk taking in a safe and supportive environment along with building trust and reliance amongst the team members. These are valuable life skills to develop. We wish our senior students and staff an enjoyable and exciting camp and look forward to their safe return this Friday afternoon.

*Always Our Best*

*Jayne Barnett* Acting Principal

### 2015 FETE

The Fete Meeting is to be held **this Thursday at 2pm** in the **Library**. Please come along if you are able to help out in any way for next year's Fete. If you are unable to attend this meeting please email [parentsofbss@hotmail.com](mailto:parentsofbss@hotmail.com) and we will forward on all information to you.

### Deputy Desk

I'm writing this in a mad hurry as I'm joining the very excited Year 6 and 7 students for a day of Senior Camp fun. They are off to Ewen Maddock Dam with their class teachers, Mrs Deagon, Mr Menzies and Mrs Rogers. At our last camp meeting Mrs Jones, the camp director, briefed the team on the last minute adjustments. And Mr Menzies announced this was his 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of attending the senior camp. Wow, that is dedication to ensuring the senior students have the best possible experience in their final primary years camp.

Congratulations to the following classes for receiving *A Respectful Class Social Skills Certificate*.

2C	1C	Prep D	5C	1B	1A
3D	4B	1D			

The social skill focus for Week 3

#### **A Team Building Class**

- Children practice working together well
- Student show resilience
- Children develop confidence
- Children use positive risk taking skills
- Children develop teamwork skills



## **Before School**

Students arriving before 8.35 am are requested to be seated under the Year 5 building (near the Admin building). These students are supervised from 8 am and released at 8.35 am.

Whilst I was walking around the grounds in Week 2, I noticed students playing in the Mary St Park before school without parent supervision. This is an unsupervised area and potentially a student could be hurt using the park equipment and the school's ability to provide First Aid would be compromised if they are not supervised by an adult. Please consider carefully allowing your children to stop and play in parks on their way to school.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

### **UPCOMING FREE DRESS DAY – 6 NOVEMBER**

The Student Council always likes to support children's charities, particularly medical ones that will, hopefully, find cures. As with our other fundraisers we are supporting a medical charity close to the heart of one of the school families as they have a child with this condition. Kawasaki Disease is a serious illness that can have very long-term effects.

**Our Pink & Blue Day is to support the Kawasaki Foundation and male & female cancer sufferers.**

## **SCHOOL DISCO HELPERS**

Volunteers needed for the upcoming Disco, **Friday 7 November.**

We are in need of some parents to help in the Canteen and selling Glow Products.

We are need –

6 helpers for Junior disco at 3.30 - 5pm and

5 helpers for Senior disco 5.30 - 7pm.

If you are available please contact Tracy on 0422 380 388 or Michelle on 0432 214 423 or email [parentsofbss@hotmail.com](mailto:parentsofbss@hotmail.com)

We would love to see some new faces!!

## **BIRKDALE STATE SCHOOL P&C**

### **\$15 Photo Fundraiser: Saturday 1 Nov**

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## **Capalaba Electorate Christmas Card Competition**

Steve Davies, Member for Capalaba is looking for a design for his 2014 Christmas Card. The artwork must be A4 size with a 2cm border. There is to be no text on the artwork. It can be a drawing, painting, photograph, textile, collage or computer generated piece. Entries are due on Monday 27 October 2014. Entry forms can be collected from Mrs Small or Mrs Calderbank in the Library.

## **SPORT NEWS**

**State Athletics:** Two of our students competed at the Queensland Primary Schools' Track and Field Championships last week. Charlie and Dominic competed against athletes from the all over the state at the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre in Nathan. Dominic competed in two track events, finishing 9th in 100m and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 800m. Charlie just missed out making the final of the 100m and ran a great race to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in the final of the 200m, just missing a place in the Qld team by 0.4 seconds. It was a great effort by both boys and they were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

**Walkathon:** This year the walkathon will be held on Friday 31 October. The money raised will be used to purchase equipment for our Music and PE lessons and replenish uniforms for our music and sports students. Information has been sent home this week and we are looking forward to the wonderful support of our community with this activity. ***If students do not get any sponsors, the forms must still be returned to the class teacher. If a sheet is lost or misplaced, a note must be written to the teacher. Replacement sheets will only be handed to students upon the receipt of a note from parents.***

**Swimming Lessons:** Class swimming lessons which are held in the PE timeslot will recommence next week. We will be requiring parent helpers to support this program so if you are able to help please see your class teacher or notify Mr Menzies or Mrs Mill. The students will be focussing on technique and fitness in preparation for our carnivals which are being held in week nine.

**Before School Training:** Before school training resumes next week on Monday morning. We will incorporate swimming into our fitness program when training resumes.

**Interschool Sport:** Our sports teams will compete in the interschool sports competition over a four week period commencing in Week Five. Teams have been selected and permission forms need to be returned to the coach as soon as possible. Levies must be paid before the commencement of this competition. Students will be competing in cricket, softball and tee ball.

Refer: Alan Menzies



## **Music Notes...**

### **NEXT WEEK! Music: Count Us In 2014**

Please join us in the Hall on Thursday 30 October as we come together to celebrate music education with a whole school performance of "Paint You A Song". Show time at 11.30 am. Ask your kids to sing the song for you, it's got great actions created by the Year 3s.

# 'Night of Music'

Celebrating Excellence in Music

**DATE: FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER**

**WHERE: BIRKDALE STATE SCHOOL HALL**

**TIME: 6.00PM – 8.00PM**

There are over 200 students in the Music Program.

## TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED

Please complete the slip at the end of the Birkdalian and return it with the correct money to the Office or the Music Room. Tickets will then be issued to families.

### Ticket prices:

**Adults:** \$8

**Children (6yrs – 16yrs):** \$5

**Family (2 Adults + 2 Children):** \$23

**\*\*Children 5 and under:** FREE

**\*\*\*ALL STUDENT PERFORMERS DO NOT REQUIRE A TICKET**

### Recorders

All students from Year 4 – 7 must have a recorder to complete the classwork and assessment this term. If you need to purchase one, they can be bought from the Music Room for \$10. They are the standard white Yamaha recorders.

### String and Band Information Sessions

In Week 4 there will be parent information sessions held for students who are interested in learning an instrument in 2015.

The String instrumental program is available for students who are currently in Year 2. (2015 Yr 3)

The Band instrumental program is available for students who are currently in Year 3 and Year 4. (2015 Yr 4 & Yr 5)

**Where:** Music Room (near Hall)

**Dates:** Strings – Tuesday 28 October

Band - Thursday 30 October

**Time:** 3.15pm – 4.00pm

Sessions will be run by Miss Schmidt, Mr Tickner and Mrs Deagon.

### Performance Reminder:

- Senior Band
- Mary St Fair
- Sunday 2 November
- 1.00pm arrival for 1.30pm performance

### Who is your Favourite Bus Driver Competition

Transdev are looking for their "Driver of the Year. To nominate your favourite bus driver and go in the draw from some great prizes collect your entry form from the brochure stand in the office foyer.

## HOT DATES

23 October	Pre-prep Session
27 October	Swimming lessons commence
27-29 Oct	Kansai Japanese students visit
28 October	Strings Information Session
29 October	P-1 Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure
29 October	Pre-prep session
30 October	Band Instrumental Info. Session
30 October	P-7 Music: Count Us In
31 October	Walkathon
2 November	Sen. Band - Mary Street Fair
5 November	Pre-prep session
6 November	Free Dress Day
7 November	Yr5-7: Interschool Sport begins
7 November	P-7 Disco
10 November	P&C meeting
10-14 Nov	Prep Immersion week
14 November	Night of Music

## STUDENT PAYMENTS

### Cash Window:

Tuesday and Thursday 8 am to 9 am

### Internet Banking:

Account Name: Birkdale State School  
BSB Number: 064138  
Account Number: 00090369  
Reference Code: Name and Class  
Activity Ref Code: As per top of excursion note

### Voluntary Contribution:

Code: VOL  
Cost: \$80

### 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.**

## TICKETS for 'Night of Music' 2014

Friday 14 November, 6.00pm – 8.00pm

I have enclosed **cash payment** for the following ticket purchase (correct money please):

Ticket Type:	Quantity:	Price:
Adult (\$8.00)		
Child (\$5.00) 6yrs – 16yrs		
Family (\$23) 2 Adults + 2 Chn		
TOTAL:		

I will come and collect my tickets from the Music Room. (Afternoons 3:00pm – 3:20pm)

I would like my tickets to be sent home with my child:

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

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