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29 October 2014

BIRKDALE STARS



This week's Birkdale Stars are:

Jessica	Prep
Connor	Yr 1
Ethan	Yr 2
Jack	Yr 3
Loralie	Yr 4
Ruby	Yr 5
Lucy	Yr6
Amy	Yr7

Congratulations!

Principal's Message

This Friday 31 October is a multi-event day on a school calendar.

There is the school Walk-A-Thon, which is carefully explained further on in the newsletter by Mr Menzies. Thank you to all our students and families who are supporting this fundraiser for our PE and Music programs. These programs are proven to value-add to the experiences of our students while at Birkdale, enriching their lives through music and sport. Not to forget – enjoying themselves as well.

It is also The Day for Daniel, which is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right. To honour Daniel we encourage

students to add a splash of the colour red to their costume that they will be wearing for the Walk-A-Thon. Friday is also World Teachers Day. World Teachers' Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders. The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities. On behalf of the Birkdale State School community I would like to thank all our teachers for their dedication and commitment in supporting and nurturing your children and our future citizens.

This week, on Monday and Tuesday, we welcomed a cohort of Japanese Year 6 students, their teachers and Principal Tanaka from Kansai University Elementary School, Osaka, to Birkdale State School. This is Kansai University Elementary School's second visit to Birkdale State School and Australia. Thank you to Sensei Gomura for organising this cultural exchange between our two countries. This exchange, however brief, helps to broaden children's understanding of languages as well as culture. Many thanks to our homestay families for your support of this program also. The Kansai students attended classes from across our school, participating in lesson time and being with their "buddies" at each break time. Our weather these past two days certainly gave a warm welcome and farewell to our Japanese friends.

Always Our Best

Jayne Barnett Acting Principal



Great state. Great opportunity.



Deputy Desk

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 8am and released at 8.35 am.

Whilst the students are seated I have noticed that many of the students are having a snack from their lunchboxes and I have noticed that most students are choosing healthy options and making smart choices. However, unfortunately I have noticed that a few students are stopping at the Birkdale shops and buying unhealthy drinks, for example soft drinks and bringing to the seated supervised area before school. As we all know drinking a sugar loaded soft drink before school is detrimental to a student's ability to focus on learning and follow direct instructions from the teacher in charge. Please be mindful that with the hotter weather the students may need an extra water bottle or piece of fruit to have before school.

Birkdale Social Skills

Congratulations to the following classes for receiving A Team Building Class Social Skills Certificate.

Prep D	1D	1B	1C	2A	3A
3B	3C	3D	4A	4B	4C
5A	5B	5C	Sen A	Sen B	Sen C
Sen D	Wow this is a huge effort. Next week we are aiming for all classes to spend time teaching the social skill of the week.				

The social skill focus for Week 5

A Problem Solving Class

Children learn skills of working together.

Teams work well together.

Students develop confidence.

Students develop resilience.

Children to develop positive risk-taking skills.

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.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 31 OCTOBER 2014

On behalf of all the students at Birkdale State School, the Student Council would like to thank and congratulate all our teachers on World Teachers' Day. They all work so hard for us, they are passionate about what they do and they always help us.

A HUGE round of applause and THANK YOU is due.

Refer: Debra Zondagh, Student Council

LOST

Student prescription glasses, purple rectangle frame. Please advise office if found.

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Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

If you do not have access to on-line ordering, photos are on display in the foyer next to the Library Entrance foyer for perusal and ordering. Order forms are also available in this foyer. Refer Advanced Life Photography for any queries: 1300728972

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SPORT NEWS

Walkathon: The walkathon will be held this 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. Sponsorship forms and money were to be returned by today. ***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.***

Before School Training: Before school training resumed this week. We will incorporate swimming into our fitness program so students will be required to bring togs to each session. Training will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for the remainder of this term.

Swimming Lessons: Class swimming lessons which are held in the PE timeslot recommenced this 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.

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...



TOMORROW! 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 is 11.30 am.

The **Performance Group** will be leading the performance so full PERFORMANCE UNIFORM is required. Students will get changed at Morning Tea ready for the performance. **Selected Guitar and Ukulele** students will also perform so make sure your instrument is here. Wear your normal school uniform with white socks and black shoes please. Any other community performers are asked to meet at the stage at 11.15 am please.

Thanks Mr Sparrow



The Senior students were treated to a special presentation by Steve Sparrow today. He passed on some of his extensive knowledge about Jazz and Blues. His presentation was educational and entertaining. Birkdale students are very fortunate to have a professional musician willing to come and share his skills. Thank you very much Steve.

'Night of Music' Celebrating Excellence in Music

DATE: FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

WHERE: BIRKDALE STATE SCHOOL HALL

TIME: 6.00 PM – 8.00 PM

TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED

There are over 200 students in the Music Program.

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**

Band Information Session

Tomorrow there will be a parent information session held for students who are interested in learning a band instrument in 2015. The session will be held in the Music Room from 3.15 pm.

Performance Reminder:

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

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.

HOT DATES

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*

TICKETS for 'Night of Music' 2014

Friday 14 November, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

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)

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