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THE BIRKDALIAN

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19 November 2014

ATTENTION!!!

2015 School Bag Orders...

The note sent home with last week's Birkdalian has the **incorrect BSB number** listed. The amended note should come home in today's Birkdalian.

Apologies from the P&C.

BIRKDALE STARS

This week's Birkdale Stars are:



Isabella	Prep
Callum	Yr 1
Braedyn	Yr 2
Kenisha	Yr 3
Georgia	Yr 4
Charlotte	Yr 5
Anika	Yr6
Amber	Yr7

Congratulations!

Principal's Message

Last Friday evening, the Night of Music was a true celebration of students excelling in and enjoying music in a variety of forms. I truly enjoyed each and every performance. Thank you of course, to our parents for your continuous support of your child / children in this valuable program and also to our dedicated staff, for your efforts in providing these excellent opportunities to our students.

As we draw to the end of the term, there are special end of year events that are part of Birkdale State School's culture. On Monday 1 December in Week 9, at 9 am is the Senior Awards Ceremony in the Hall. Due to this event, there will be no Assembly on Monday morning December 1. In this same Week 9, there is the Years 4-7 swimming carnivals and the welcome to our 2015 prep families. In regards to the junior swimming carnivals and the broken pool pump, please refer to Mr Menzies' information further in The Birkdalian.

Our final week celebrates our senior students with their Awards Evening on Monday 8 December. As you can imagine there is much to organise in the hall for this special evening. This will mean again no Assembly on Monday 8 December, however we will have a special assembly on Thursday 11 December at 2.30 pm to farewell our seniors and welcome our new leaders in "The Ringing Of The Bell" ceremony. You are very welcome to attend this ceremony. On the morning of Wednesday 10 December, we celebrate the Years 2- 5 Academic and Citizenship Awards in the hall. This same day at 2.30 pm there is our Prep to Year 5 Meet and Greet the 2015 teacher. (Wednesday 10 December) So as you can see a very busy final week. Please put these dates in your diary.

I am looking forward to Tuesday 25 November when our prospective 2015 student leaders meet individually, with our year 5 teachers, Mrs Baxter, Mrs Zondagh and Mr Youitt and myself, for this important interview process. All the best to our candidates.

Jayne Barnett Acting Principal



Great state. Great opportunity.



Deputy's Desk

Social Skill of the Week

This week's Birkdale Social Skill is **A Listening Class**

All students in their classrooms will be exploring the following social skills

- Children make good choices
- Children develop active listening skills
- Students respect and appreciate others
- Children work together positively
- Children can resolve a conflict in a positive manner

When you're talking with your children this week about Active Listening it might be appropriate to use the acronym SLANT.

S for sitting or standing still

L for learning closer or forward

A for attending and looking at the speaker

N for nodding occasionally

T for taking turns

All these actions together are ACTIVE LISTENING – a wonderful skill we all require in life.

Congratulations on the following classes who spent time exploring **An Assertive Class**

Prep C	Prep D	1A	1B	1C	1D
3C	3D	4C	Sen B		

Jane Leishman

Acting Deputy Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

We are in need of someone to make some small drawstring bags out of calico to keep our new cameras in. If you have some spare time to make these for us please see Mrs Small or Mrs Caulderbank in the Library. We will supply the fabric and drawstring.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to our whole school community for your support of our recent Book Fair, it was a resounding success. The commission we received from this Book Fair will be used to buy some fabulous resources for the Library. The winners of the Colouring In Competition were Dante (Prep), Ruby (Year 1) and Kayla (Year 2). Each of these winners chose a Book Prize from the Book Fair. Emily (Year 4) correctly guessed that there were 80 Book Worms in the Jar. Emily won the jar of worms!

Our next Book Fair has been booked to start on 19 May 2015 – we look forward to seeing everyone then.

PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY THIS WEEK.

Library Borrowing has closed for this year and we appreciate your efforts in returning these precious resources. IF you have misplaced or damaged your book please see Mrs Caulderbank or Mrs Small in the Library so that your borrowing isn't restricted in 2015. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPORTS NEWS

Before School Training: There is no before school training for the rest of this year.

Interschool Sport: There are two weeks left in our interschool sport program. Our softball and tee ball teams are leading the way with three of our teams undefeated.

Sports Awards Ceremony: The annual Sports Awards ceremony is being held on Monday 1 December from 9 am-10 am. Presentations will be made to selected students involved in the interschool sports competition to recognise their achievements. Invited guests will present trophies and medallions to students to recognise not only a high level of skill, but also sportsmanship and commitment to this valuable program. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend this celebration.

Walkathon Prizes: Prizes from the walkathon will be distributed to classes this Friday. The final profit from this event should be known next week.

Swimming Carnivals: Due to the closure of the pool for the last three weeks and still no definite date for the reopening, the ***junior swimming carnivals have been cancelled*** for this year. Normal swimming lessons will be conducted when we are able to use the pool. The senior carnival will still be held on Friday 5 December.

Refer: Alan Menzies

Music Notes...

'Night of Music'



Celebrating Excellence in Music

Thanks so much to everyone for your support and participation at Night of Music this year. It was another AMAZING night full of fantastic performances by the students. I was so proud of the high standard each group attained through dedication to rehearsals and home practice. Due to the large number of senior students who are leaving us this year from Year 6 and Year 7, every effort was made to ensure they had extra opportunities to perform and showcase their talent. While this may have contributed to the show going over-time, I hope audience members will focus their attention on the positive aspect of these students having an experience for their lifetime.

It was also wonderful to see the Birkdalian spirit alive and well, as students showed their support and excitement for their friends who won awards. While nearly 100 students were awarded trophies for their efforts, it is important to acknowledge the hard work of ALL the students who performed to the best of their ability, ensuring a great ensemble sound. Well done everybody.

The highlight for me personally, was watching the enjoyment of the children as they performed and joined in whole-heartedly with the Opening and Finale numbers. I know how much fun they were having and it was pretty obvious from the looks on their faces. I'm sure everyone has their own personal highlight of the night, and I am happy to receive any feedback you may have about the show. Next year's NOM will be different again as we continue to work on showcasing Birkdale's talent in new and exciting ways. Refer: Mrs Deagon

Rehearsals Continuing and Groups Finishing Up

The following group rehearsals will continue in preparation for end of year events:

- Senior Choir – will perform at the Senior Awards night on Monday 8 December (**Yr 6 and 7 students ONLY**)
- Junior Choir- will perform at the Yr 2 – 5 Academic and Citizenship Awards on Wednesday 10 December
- Performance Group – at the Christmas Carols on Wednesday night 10 December
- Selected Ukulele students - will perform at the Christmas Carols on Wednesday night 10 December
- John P Guitar group lessons will continue as he has outlined.

All other group rehearsals and music tuition for Band and Strings are now finished for the year.

Return of Uniforms and Band/String Folders

- ALL uniforms are to be washed, ironed and returned in a named bag by **FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER** with any music folders.
- **PLEASE DO NOT WASH THE PERFORMANCE GROUP VEST AS IT WILL DAMAGE THE SEQUINS. MRS DEAGON WILL TAKE CARE OF THESE.**
- The Senior Choir members from Yrs 6 & 7 will perform at the Awards night in their own clothes.
- The Performance Group will wear Christmas coloured clothes for the carols – details to come.

Music Break Up Parties

Due to the large number of students in the Music Program, there will be two break-up parties. If you could please prepare a small, **disposable** plate of healthy food to send along on your child's music break-up day, it would be greatly appreciated. Days are as follows:



- **Prep – Year 3 Monday 24 November** at the second lunch break, outside the music room
- **Year 4 – 7 Tuesday 25 November** at the second lunch break, outside the music room

As there are numerous break-up parties at this time of the year, it is important to remember the rules about the types of food that are appropriate to bring. **THERE ARE TO BE NO LOLLIES, OTHER HIGH SUGAR ITEMS OR CHIPS PLEASE.** Preferences are for fresh fruit, little sandwiches, cut vegetables and dips and foods of the same sort. Foods which do not fit into the **ORANGE** or **GREEN** category (**RED** being the high sugar/high fat group) will be sent home. Thank you for your cooperation with this – we are trying to do our best for your children.

P&C NEWS: The final meeting of the P&C will be held in Tuesday 2 December from 7 pm. This will be a more casual meeting with a quick discussion followed by nibbles. Please bring a plate and something to drink - tea/coffee will be provided. Come along, have a chat and catch up. Thank you to all of those who have helped at our events throughout the year. We look forward to a bigger and better 2015.
Bev Casey and Birkdale State School P&C

HOT DATES

1 December	Sports Award Ceremony
2 December	Religious Inst. Christmas Show
2 December	P&C meeting
3 December	Yr3 Swimming Carnival
4 December	Yrs1&2 Swimming Carnival
5 December	Yrs4-7 Swimming Carnival
5 December	Pre-Prep BBQ
8 December	Senior Awards Ceremony
10 December	Academic & Citizenship Awards
10 December	P-5 'Meet & Greet' 2015 teachers
10 December	P&C Carols evening
11 December	Prep Christmas Concert for parents
11 December	Special Assembly/ Ringing the Bells

An information session for people with a disability and their carers

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is coming to Queensland; the YFS *Get Ready* team is holding a forum to provide you with information on how to get ready for the NDIS.

It's free. Come along and get the information you need to get ready for the exciting changes coming to the disability sector.

DATE: Thursday 26th November 2014
TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm OR 1.30pm-3.30pm
VENUE: Star Community Transport
Shop 15, 152 Shore St West, Cleveland

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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

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