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**26 November 2014**

### BIRKDALE STARS

This week's Birkdale Stars are:



<b>Chianne</b>	Prep
<b>Estella</b>	Yr 1
<b>Sarah</b>	Yr 2
<b>Daniel</b>	Yr 3
<b>Isabelle</b>	Yr 4
<b>Calen</b>	Yr 5
<b>Trinity-Lee</b>	Yr6
<b>Quinn</b>	Yr7

**Congratulations!**

### BOOKLISTS 2015

Booklists have been handed out to students in all year levels. IF you have not received your copy, please collect one from the brochure stand in the office foyer. Please note that Booklist **Orders are to be taken directly to Birkdale News at Birkdale Fair**. The school office is not accepting any orders or payments for Booklists. Parents, if you decide to source your own equipment, please take note of the specific brands required as outlined on the booklists. If you have any queries about the booklists please direct these to the staff at Birkdale News or to Jo Small ([jsmal47@eg.edu.au](mailto:jsmal47@eg.edu.au)).

### Principal's Message

Our last whole school Assembly on Monday morning was very special as the whole student body really did a sensational "Birkdale Blitz" to finish the Assembly on a very positive and enjoyable note.

I'd like to reiterate that students need to maintain their best behaviour and wear their correct school uniform proudly until the end of the year. Students need to be sun smart and wear their sun safe hats and keep themselves well hydrated by drinking plenty of water in these hot and humid conditions.

The 2014 school year is coming to a close and our leadership team will undergo a change for 2015. We farewell Jane Leishman who has very capably acted in the Deputy Principal role for Semester 2. I would like to thank her on behalf of the Birkdale School community for all her hard work and support over the last six months and we wish Jane all the best in her new role in 2015.

As many of you are already aware, Steve Logan returns as Principal of Birkdale State School in 2015 and I know you will all offer Steve a warm welcome back at the start of next year. I will subsequently return to my role as Deputy Principal of BSS in 2015. It has been an honour to act as Principal of Birkdale for the last three terms of 2014. I'd like to thank the whole school community for welcoming me to Birkdale State School this year.

*Jayne Barnett* Acting Principal



**Great state. Great opportunity.**



## Deputy's Desk

As we approach the end of the year, we begin to plan for the learning needs of our students in the new year. This involves the careful consideration of class structures and teacher allocation. The process involves considering the parent information that we have received earlier in the term, the students' friendship groups and constructing a balanced learning class. As you could imagine, this involves a lot of careful planning and when they are published late this term there is very little room for change. All students from Prep to Year 5 will meet and greet their 2015 teachers on Wednesday 10 December.

### **Social Skills**

Firstly, I would like to thank our wonderful student leaders who have assisted me every week to deliver the social skills on parade. Even though we don't have another general parade to share the social skills of the week, we continue with the social learning in classrooms all the way to Week 10. This week, all classrooms are focused on being *A Supportive Class*. They will explore what it means to be friendly and kind, how to communicate with positive words, how to co-operate and support each other.

Jane Leishman  
Acting Deputy Principal

## LIBRARY NEWS

### **PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.**

If you have misplaced or damaged your book, please see Mrs Calderbank or Mrs Small in the Library so that your borrowing isn't restricted in 2015. Next week, letters will be sent home with the title of the missing book/s. Please look for them at home or there is a \$10 charge to replace them.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## SCHOOL ABSENCES

We would appreciate when you phone to advise of your child's absence, that you please press Option 2 to leave your child's name, reason for absence and the date. This can be phoned through at any time of the day, although before 9 am would be preferable.

## 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

## SPORTS NEWS

### Interschool Sport:

This week is the final round of competition in our interschool sport program. All four of our softball and tee ball teams are playing in the finals this Friday.

### Walkathon:

All prizes have now been handed to the students and I am pleased to announce that the final profit from the Walkathon is \$11000. This is a fantastic effort from the Birkdale community and the Sport and Music Departments will use the money to provide resources that will benefit our students in these key learning areas. On behalf of the PE and Music departments I would like to thank everybody who supported this fundraising venture. A special mention is given to Leanne for the many hours spent correlating class lists and also Christine for assisting whenever help was required.

### 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.

### Swimming Carnivals:

Due to the closure of the pool 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 4 December. A final decision on this carnival will be made when a definite date for the reopening of the pool is known.

Refer: Alan Menzies

## Students leaving end of 2014 – Yrs Prep to 5

Parents/Carers, if your child is leaving Birkdale State School this year, would you please complete the form below and return it to the office. Alternatively, please call or email the office with the following information:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Last day attending: \_\_\_\_\_

2015 School: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Music Notes...



### Guitar and Ukulele lessons 2015

Next year, our after school lessons for Guitar and Ukulele will continue. If you are interested in your child joining one of these groups for 2015, please read the following information and contact the relevant teacher:

#### **Guitar Beginner Lessons (Year 3 – 6 only)**

- held in the Music room after school
- group lessons \$11/half hour
- contact John Prefontaine on 3245 2270
- email: [john@jpguitarstudio.com](mailto:john@jpguitarstudio.com)
- private tuition at the studios also available for more advanced students

#### **Ukulele Lessons (Year 1 – 6)**

- held in the Music room after school
- group lessons \$11/half hour
- contact Julie Minto on 0401 617 915
- email: [info@mamajuju.com.au](mailto:info@mamajuju.com.au)

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### **Birkdale State School Community Christmas Carols**



**Date:** Wednesday 10 December  
**Venue:** Birkdale State School Hall  
**Time:** 6 pm – 7 pm  
**Sausage Sizzle:** from 5.30 pm



Please join us for a fun-filled night with family and friends at this year's Community Carols. Songs will be led by the very entertaining Performance Group, with special guest appearances from Steve Sparrow and son Craig. The evening will be a lovely, family friendly event where all school and community members can come together to celebrate and share the Christmas spirit. Song booklets will be handed out on entry so everyone can sing along.

Please bring a rug/blanket and some cushions so you can find a comfy spot to sit on the floor. Chairs will be available at the sides and back of the hall, but not through the middle floor area.

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| 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                  |
| 10 December | Report Cards sent home              |
| 11 December | Prep Christmas Concert for parents  |
| 11 December | Special Assembly/ Ringing the Bells |

### **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  
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