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4 February 2015

Principal's Message

Our special Assembly this week was certainly stellar. It was a sensational first performance of 'The Green & The Gold' by our Senior Choir featuring soloists Reuben C. and Paige F. So many members of our audience came and told me afterwards that the performance gave them 'goose bumps'. Thank you Mrs Deagon for your excellent tutelage with our Senior Choir in just a few days.

Congratulations to our Prep students who certainly did us and themselves proud on their very first school assembly by demonstrating such good manners when officially receiving their Prep school hats.

NO ASSEMBLY MONDAY 09 FEBRUARY due to the ongoing situation with Prep A and Prep B rooms. These two classes will be occupying the hall until approximately the middle of next week. This of course means we will NOT be able to celebrate Birkdale Stars or Student of The Week for next week. We would like to thank the whole school community for their support and cooperation whilst our two Prep classes await their return to their refitted classrooms.

SUNSAFE HATS

Parents please ensure your child has a sunsafe hat at school everyday.

ATTENDANCE - Every Child, Every Day, Every Lesson

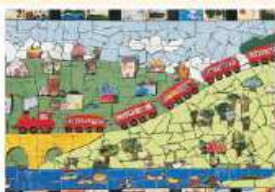
High levels of school attendance and punctuality has strong links to improved learning outcomes for children. This year our attendance goal at Birkdale State School is for every student to have 90% attendance or more for 2015. This means **no more than 20 days** of non-attendance in class across the 4 terms of 2015. (This doesn't refer to days where students are representing the school or attending camps or excursions). We look forward to your cooperation and support with achieving this attendance goal of 90% or more for each child. Of course we are always understanding if a child has illness or injury.

Warmest regards

Jayne Barnett Acting Principal

Parent Information Sessions - letters going home

Prep: TBA
Year 1: 11 February 4.30 – 5.30 pm
Year 2: 11 February 4.30 – 5.30 pm
Year 3A, 3B & 3C:
11 February 5.30 – 6.30 pm
Year 3D: Week 2 - see class letter
Year 4A & 4B:
12 February 5.00 – 6.00 pm
Year 4C: TBA
Year 5: 11 February 4.30 – 5.30 pm
Year 6: 3 February



Deputy's Desk

The students have commenced the term extremely well and are all working and learning with a positive attitude.

Each week, our whole school follows our Birkdale State School Social Skills Program. The social skill is introduced on our weekly assembly by our school leaders and throughout the week each classroom learns and demonstrates how they can use this social skill within the school environment.

Week 1 social skill was being 'A Respectful Class'. Students learnt about respecting others by moving quietly around the school, learning about rules and daily routines such as lining up and greeting others.

Congratulations to the following classes who received a Social Skill Certificate for being 'A Respectful Class':
Prep C, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1E, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 5C, 6C

This week we are exploring "Impressions of me - Feeling Good and Getting Organised."

Sports News

District Swimming

A team of swimmers has been selected to compete at the Bayside District swimming carnival. The district carnival is being held at the Cleveland pool on Monday 9 February. Permission forms and levy need to be returned by this Friday.

Softball Batter Up

A new softball program will be conducted on the Agnes St oval on a Wednesday after school. For more information see details in 'On the Rack' article.

Refer: Alan Menzies

Library News

Children from Years P – 3 MUST have a library bag to be able to borrow books. Birkdale State School logo bags are available from Birkdale News for \$8.95. These bags are waterproof and provide great protection from drink bottle and lunch box spillages in students' school bags.

Don't forget to help us celebrate your birthday by donating a book to our library.

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 9am would be preferable.

Guidance and Counselling Services

Welcome back to Term 1 – 2015. As the Guidance Officer of Birkdale State School I look forward to working with students, staff and parents again this term and in the future.

Guidance and counselling services are provided directly to students and their families and are available at all Queensland state schools or education programs.

Guidance and counselling services focus on assisting students to achieve to their potential in the most appropriate educational setting. Guidance officers identify factors that can be barriers to learning and development, and plan or assist in planning interventions or programs that can help students achieve positive outcomes.

Guidance officers may work directly with the student or with the student's teachers, support personnel, family, other specialists, or professionals from other agencies depending on the issues to be resolved and the age of the student. Depending on the student's age, a range of issues may be supported by guidance officers including personal and social development, diverse learning styles and needs, and educational and career pathways.

Guidance officers, while respecting student privacy and confidentiality, work as members of a support team and are committed to providing quality education services for every young Queenslander regardless of their circumstances.

Sometimes when a child is in Prep or even before Prep (Early Childhood Development Program – ECDP) educational decisions are made with the involvement of a Guidance Officer which impact positively on a child's education every year right up until Year 12 and even beyond Year 12! I am looking forward to continuing to meet parents and students of Birkdale State School.

Kaye Molloy
Guidance Officer
Birkdale State School

Music Notes...

Choir Auditions

Junior and Senior Choirs, and Performance Group are being finalised this week with all paperwork coming home by Friday.

REHEARSALS COMMENCE WEEK 3



PAYMENTS

Please remember that the Cash Window in the Admin block operates on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am. **If you are making payments online, please remember that you still need to return all MUSIC paperwork to the office.**

INFINITY ROCK BAND

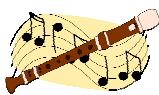
AUDITIONS NEXT WEEK!!!

Can you Rock? Our Birkdale Rock Band has performed for packed audiences with great success. Some of our members have moved onto high school so we need new band members. If you play electric guitar, bass guitar, or drums and would like to audition, please prepare one solo piece that you can perform competently. **Auditions will be held in Week 3.** If you are auditioning to play an instrument please come on MONDAY AT BIG LUNCH. If you wish to audition to be a singer in the rock band, let Mrs Deagon know at your choir audition. A shortlist will be made of singers who will then audition on WEDNESDAY AT BIG LUNCH. (Singers must also prepare a solo. You may sing to an original track or a backing track (preferred). You should know the lyrics from memory.)



Recorders

Students in Year 4 – 6 must have a recorder for music lessons. I have a small number of Yamaha recorders available for sale from the music room. Please send \$10 CASH ONLY, in a NAMED envelope.



Guitar and Ukulele Lessons

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 (Years 3 – 6 only)

- commencing Week 4
- held in the Music room after school
- group lessons \$11/half hour
- contact John Prefontaine on 3245 2270
- email: john@jpguitarstudio.com
- private tuition at the studios also available for more advanced students

Ukulele Lessons (Years 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

Learn to Swim - Bubbles 2 Blocks Swim School



LIMITED spaces are available in the learn to swim program held in the school pool on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons this term. Contact Kym by email - kym@bubbles2blocks.com.au or sms 0438680690 for further information.

Mooroonda FC (Soccer)

Are you interested in playing soccer at Mooroonda FC for the upcoming season?

Register at www.myfootballclub.com.au or email admin@mooroondufc.org.au for more info.

Refer: Kym - Club Admin kymturner@inet.net.au

On the Rack (Information Stand in Foyer)

Softball Batter Up - Softball Batter Up is a fun, game based development program. It is a 6 week program that will be conducted after school on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.15 – 4.15 pm on the Agnes St school oval. This commences on 18 February.

Thunderbolts Netball - Netball Players needed from 8 years to seniors. Our club is looking for players to play on Saturdays at the netball courts at Thornlands. Seniors play on Mondays. Registration is easy through our web page www.thunderboltsnetball.org.au. Call 0413332960 for more information.

Bombers Australian Football - New members welcome.

AFL SIGN-ON DAY: Sat 7 & Sun 8 Feb 10.00 am - 3.00 pm
Auskick, Under 6 Juniors through to Under 17 Youth Teams and Girls Teams. Register on-line now at: http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-3928-59011-0-0&siD=202248.

Enquiries: Please email registrar.ahjafc@gmail.com or phone Leanne Taylor on 0418 728 135.

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

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