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11 February 2015

Principal's Message

Whole school assemblies will commence again on Monday 16 February. When you enter the hall you will see the very large fan that our P&C have purchased taking pride of place on our hall ceiling. This big fan will certainly be an asset in cooling our school community when we gather for events in hot and humid conditions. Thank you to the tireless fundraising by the P&C, whose members work to raise money to support improvements to the school and resources for our students.

General Parent - Teacher Information sessions for all year levels are also being held this week and next. Details about this have been sent home. Please note, this is not the time for discussion about individual children, but is rather a general information session regarding classroom routines etc.

Don't forget that **school is a wonderful way to meet new people** and form new friendships. I encourage you, our parents, to become involved in the school, in whatever way is most convenient for you in 2015 – whether that be helping in classrooms, volunteering in the tuckshop, assisting with fundraising, or just simply attending P&C Meetings to hear what is going on. The opportunities are many.

2015 Great Results Guarantee (GRG)

We are grateful for **"Great Results"** funding again this year with an extra \$30k, which will enable us to structure additional programs and support for all of our students

from Prep-Year 6. At Monday evening's P&C meeting I presented Birkdale's GRG Proposal of our allocation of funds for this year. I will include more information on this in upcoming newsletters.

Resilience

Resilience refers to a child's ability to overcome or bounce back from anything that they find challenging. Adults sometimes look back on their childhood as a time when they were always happy, but life's ups and downs are a part of childhood too. Children need to build resilience skills to be able to both enjoy good times and deal with hard times. Helping children learn how to manage life's ups and downs and build their coping skills supports their health and wellbeing now and into the future.

Two of the Skills and qualities that help children cope with life's ups and downs:

- Optimism - that things generally turn out well.
- Ability to manage their feelings, thoughts and behaviours.

For more about this topic, please go to <http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au>

Warmest regards

Jayne Barnett Acting Principal



Great state. Great opportunity.



Deputy's Desk

Social Skill of the Week

The past week has seen our students investigating being An Organised Class. Students have developed and reinforced organisational skills whilst exploring and building self-esteem. Classroom activities included seeing students working on being responsible for their own belongings and working on bringing correct items to specialist lessons. Our Senior students have been learning about using diaries to manage their time which is a very important skill to learn prior to transitioning to high school in the near future. This week we celebrate the following classes for being 'An Organised Class'. These classes received a certificate to display in their classroom.

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

During Week 3, classes will be exploring the social skill of 'Being Resilient – Through Positive Play'. I look forward to seeing, observing and assisting students in classes to learn through positive play over the coming week.

Strict Guidelines for Medicines in Schools

Strict procedures have been developed by the Queensland Government regarding prescription and over-the-counter medication in schools. Our school is committed to working closely with parents and students to highlight the risk of students misusing these medications.

All parents/caregivers must:

- Notify our school in writing of a health condition requiring medication at school.
- Request in writing if office staff are to administer medication or assist in the management of a health condition and complete associated medical forms.
- Notify our school in writing of any requests and/or guidelines from medical practitioners including potential side effects or adverse reactions.
- Provide the medication in the original labelled container, **accompanied by a letter from a medical practitioner**, to the office staff.
- Ensure the medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student's name, dosage and time to be taken.
- Notify our school in writing when a change of dosage is required. This instruction **must be accompanied by a letter from a medical practitioner**.
- Advise our school in writing and collect the medication when it is no longer required at school.

We appreciate your understanding of DETE's guidelines for medication administration at school. As we begin our new school year, we would appreciate if all medical information could be updated. Please collect Medical Update Forms from the brochure rack in the office area and return to the office when complete.

Parent Information Sessions

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 4A & 4B:
12 February 5.00 – 6.00 pm
Year 4C: TBA
Year 5: 11 February 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Hot Dates

27 February P&C Disco
3 March Met East Swimming Carnival
12 March Class Photos
20 March - 1 April Life Education
23/24/25 March Regional Choral Camp
27 March Easter Hat Parade

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.

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.

Behaviour

As of the 2 March, RTR parent letters will be sent home via email. This will allow prompt follow up at home. If we don't have an email address on our file a paper copy will be sent home. Please notify the office of any changes to email addresses.

Lost Property

All named items found are returned to students. Please ensure that **FIRST and LAST NAMES** appear on all clothes, school uniforms, hats, water bottles and lunch boxes. The lost property is in a wooden box between the office and the library.

Library News

Life Education

Notes are going home today with information about Life Education. The mobile classroom will be on site at Birkdale State School from Friday 20 March to Thursday 1 April 2015. Each class will participate in one lesson in the Mobile Classroom with the Life Education Educator. Parents are invited to an information session on Friday 20 March 2015 at 2pm in the Mobile Classroom which will be located in the Staff Carpark. Please see the note for further information. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Jo Small (jsmall47@eq.edu.au). Permission forms and payment are due by Thursday 5 March 2015.

Music Notes...

Rock Band Auditions

These are being held this week. If you missed your session on Monday or Wednesday please see Mrs Deagon to arrange a suitable time. The new INFINITY rock band members will be introduced on next week's assembly.



Choir Auditions

Congratulations to all students who were successful in making it into Junior Choir, Senior Choir, CDP and Performance Group this year. Rehearsals commence this week. The two choirs will commence working on their Eisteddfod pieces ready for May. They have three songs to sing each and a title to uphold. Work hard everybody.

Supersingers

Supersingers will start next week in Mrs Henderson's room, for anyone in Prep – Year 6 who loves singing and would like to be in a group. They will be working towards an assembly performance this term. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at second break.

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.

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 (Year 3 – 6 only)

- **commencing Week 5 (Feb 24)**
- held in the Music room after school
- group lessons \$11/half hour
- contact John Prefontaine on 0409 033 641
- email: 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

Sports News

District Swimming

Ten of our students attended the district swimming carnival which was held at Cleveland on Monday. The Birkdale team were a credit to the school and Mrs Turner was impressed with the behaviour and sportsmanship of the swimmers. All students tried their best against stiff competition from throughout our district with some of our children recording personal best times. Well done to the team and we thank Mrs Turner for being Team Manager at this meet.

Cross Country Training

A meeting was held today for students interested in attending our fitness sessions before school. All runners must be on Agnes Street oval at 7.50am to begin each session. Our training for the first four weeks will also incorporate some swimming at the end of each session. Training is held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. More information is given on the permission notes.

After School Program

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

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 - Call 0413332960 for more information.
www.thunderboltsnetball.org.au.

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