

## THE BIRKDALIAN

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**18 February 2015**

### Principal's Message

*A special welcome all our new families who have joined us at Birkdale.*

It's week 4 of Term 1. That means your child has attended Birkdale SS for 19 school days by Friday. By the end of week 5, next Friday, we will officially be half way through Term 1. It's amazing how quickly this term is going!

Monday was our second assembly of the year. Our school community officially turned on the **BIG FAN** in the hall to the absolute delight of everyone present. **Thank you to our P&C members**, who made this installation possible, ensuring a cool, comfortable environment for our students when we have hot and sultry days. The hall is used for many purposes and this is a great asset for our school.

Of course **Monday's Assembly** was the first time our **School Leaders** assisted officially on Assembly. It is definitely not an easy skill to appear confident in front of large numbers of people, however our student leaders did a great job supporting Mrs Small and myself with the assembly introductions, social skills and certificates.

**NEW school eNewsletter** coming soon!! Does the school office have your current email address? In week 6 of Term 1, 'The Birkdalian' comes in a new and exciting format into your inbox. A hard copy of the newsletter is always available on the information stand in the office foyer.

This year for both semesters, student **Report Cards** will be sent to your email address. Our trial last year in Semester 2 for our two nominated year levels was highly successful. If you do not have an email account please inform the front office, so other arrangements can be made to accommodate your circumstances.

Warmest regards

*Jayne Barnett* Acting Principal

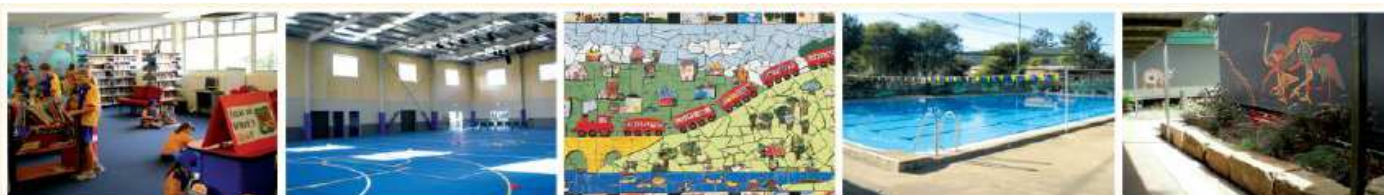
### **BIRKDALE STARS**



This week's Birkdale Stars are:

<b>Kyoto</b>	Prep
<b>Zac</b>	Yr 1
<b>Ahriella</b>	Yr 2
<b>Callum</b>	Yr 3
<b>Jack</b>	Yr 4
<b>Jessica</b>	Yr 5
<b>Jackson</b>	Yr6

**Congratulations!**



## Deputy's Desk

Another wonderful and busy week has just passed us by. The students have been consistently working on the Birkdale State School Social Skills Program each week. In Week 3, classes explored what it meant to be a Positively Playing Classroom. The following classes demonstrated that they can positively play and received a certificate for display in their classroom.

- Prep A, Prep C, Prep D
- Year 1A, 1B, 1C, 1E
- Year 2B, 2C, 2D
- Year 3A, 3B, 3C
- Year 4A, 4B
- Year 5A, 5C
- Year 6B, 6C

This week students are working on being a Persistent Class. It has been wonderful to see classes working on taking turns, working together, trying their best and encouraging others.

## 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

## 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.

## 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.**

## Lost Property

Please ensure that **first AND last names** appear on all clothes, school uniforms, hats, swimming gear, water bottles and lunch boxes. **If they are named we can check on the computer for the student's class and return the items to them.** The lost property box is located between the office and the library.

## Sports News

**Cross Country Training:** Our before school training program commenced this week for students interested in cross country or developing better levels of fitness. This program is open to students in grades 4-6 and is held three mornings each week. All runners must be on Agnes Street oval at 7.50 am 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 and students must commit to the seven week program.

## 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

## Music Notes...

### ROCK BAND SUCCESS!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have been selected to form this year's INFINITY Rock Band:



Reuben C  
Luke D  
Emma D  
Brianna H  
Brielle K  
Jakemo PB  
Hannah S  
Dominic T

Rock Band rehearsals commence this week, Thursday lunch time. Make sure you have your music folder with you please.

### SUPERSINGERS

Supersingers started TODAY in Mrs Henderson's room. We had a lovely group of children from Prep – Year 6 who enjoyed working on their first song. They are working towards an assembly performance this term. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at second break. Children are to meet in the Library courtyard and wait for Mrs Henderson to collect them from there. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

### 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.**

### Bumblebee Auditions

Mrs Deagon has started to listen to the singing of all the students in Prep and Year 1 in their Music lesson time. A shortlist of students will be given to the teachers. These children will be invited to attend a lunchtime audition NEXT WEEK where they will learn a song with actions. It is important for students to be good not only at singing, but also at focusing on the conductor and listening to, and following directions.



## Library News

### 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 ([jsmal47@eg.edu.au](mailto:jsmal47@eg.edu.au)). Permission forms and payment are due by Thursday 5 March 2015.

**Book Club orders are now due. Please return any orders by this Friday 20 February.**

Don't forget students in Years Prep-3 need a library bag to be able to borrow books.

Did you know we have a Parent Library section in our library. Come and see Jenny or Jo if you wish to peruse and/or borrow.

Let us help you celebrate your birthday by donating a book to the school library.

### 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](mailto:kym@bubbles2blocks.com.au) or sms 0438680690 for further information.

**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.

### Brisbane Lions Players

Brisbane Lions players will be at the Alexandra Hills Australian Rules Football Club, Windemere Rd., Alexandra Hills today, **Wednesday 18 February**. Come along and sign up for the 2015 season.  
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm Fun Activities 5-9 year olds  
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