

## THE BIRKDALIAN

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**25 February 2015**

### Principal's Message

Cyclones and their after effects are always unpredictable by their nature. We can only be guided by predictions and advice from official sources and make preparations accordingly. It is a relief that our school community didn't suffer serious flooding or damage from strong winds and our families are safe. Our thoughts are with those communities, further north from us, which have sustained terrible damage from the devastating effects of Cyclone Marcia.

Our school community can be reassured that when an alert does go out via our electronic sources that there is a rapid response. I again thank everyone for their positive attitude during this process last Friday. If you do have the **QSchools app** please ensure that you have activated the push notification, otherwise your device will not receive the alert. Please see below.

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**School Pedestrian Gates: (Mary St and near Staff Carpark)** These gates will be locked at 9:15 a.m. ( a little later on Assembly mornings) and then opened at 2:30 pm each day. Unfortunately we have had a number of people walk through the school to access the shops and as such are using the school as a thoroughfare while students are at school. As you would be aware this increases risks to the safety of our children. To minimise these risks, the above gates will be locked and unlocked at these times. Both gates outside the administration building will always be open during the day.

Of course last Friday we also closed the Mary St gate due to the creek overflowing the street, and our concern is always to maximise safety of all our community members.



**Great Results Guarantee Proposed expenditure of \$228 895 for 2015 is as follows:**

(This proposal has been presented to both the P&C and school staff)

Our school will improve student outcomes by:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra Prep Teacher Aides (2 hours per day per class)-as per 2014</li> <li>• 1 x part time teacher to provide for an Extension Project Coordinator to cater for more capable students.</li> </ul>	\$110 000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra Speech Language Pathologist days for support into prep and provision of resources</li> </ul>	\$ 10 000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 extra part time teachers to support maths ability grouping in Years 3, 4 &amp; 5</li> </ul>	\$40 000 + funded internally
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional development around Reading, Numeracy and differentiation</li> <li>• Continuing Professional development around Pedagogy + development of Professional Learning Communities ( whole day year level planning across the year)</li> </ul>	\$ 40 000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaching and mentoring teachers – Early Years on Reading , up-skilling Teacher Aides for intervention of Prep students</li> </ul>	Funded internally
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase of additional Resources to support intervention program in literacy + numeracy including ICTs</li> </ul>	\$28 895 + funded internally

Warmest regards

*Jayne Barnett* Acting Principal

**Deputy's Desk**

**Class and Individual Photographs**

*Advancedlife* Photography will be taking class and individual photos on Thursday 12 March. Students are required to wear their full, neat and tidy, school uniform.

The preferred method of ordering and paying for photos is online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) Please place your **online order by photograph day, Thursday 12 March**. The order code for Birkdale School is **7HE WCQ 5JV** For those who do not have access to the internet, payment and order envelopes are available from the brochure rack in the Administration Foyer.

Please note that all photographs will be supplied on a pre-paid basis only. If you are unable to order online, please ensure the payment envelope is returned **ON THURSDAY 12 MARCH, PHOTO DAY, ONLY**.

*Advancedlife* are offering sibling photos, where siblings from a family can be photographed together. The photos will only be taken before school at 8.00am in the Hall. Families are to make their way to the Hall by 8.00am on 12 March. It is the responsibility of the parents/caregivers to arrive on time. You can order sibling and family photos online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au). **Sibling online orders close on 10 March - 48hrs prior to photo day**. Alternatively, order envelopes for sibling photos are available on the brochure rack in the office foyer and must be handed to the photographer on the day. Refer: Leesa

**Birkdale State School Social Skill**

Throughout week 4 classes have explored what it meant to be a Persistent Class. It was wonderful to see many activities happening in class including working as teams, learning about what it means to give things a go and give it your best effort, being persistent in learning new concepts and prep students have been persistent in learning how to clap syllables in words such as their name.

The following classes received a certificate for display in the classroom as they have demonstrated they are Persistent Classes.

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

This week our Birkdale Social Skill is Being a Positively Speaking Class.

## NEW – School eNewsletter

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our new 'Birkdalian' format begins next week. If you do not receive a copy via email, please go to [http://epublisher.net.au/public/subscriber/contactlist/s/subscriptionfrontform?cIID=51qHgSOcMu\\_VfG AJEDE N5qeyBug5jkupOLI8ZJ6E6IQ](http://epublisher.net.au/public/subscriber/contactlist/s/subscriptionfrontform?cIID=51qHgSOcMu_VfG AJEDE N5qeyBug5jkupOLI8ZJ6E6IQ) to subscribe. This link can also be used to unsubscribe from our newsletter.

## 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

## Sports News

**Swimming Representative:** Rylee, a year six student, has been selected in the Bayside District team to compete at the Met East regional swimming trials next Tuesday. Rylee will swim in all strokes as she aims to gain selection to compete at the State Championships in March. Well done Rylee!

**District Trials:** There are a large number of Bayside District sports trials in the next month. Students selected to attend these trials will be handed the relevant paperwork in the next week.

**After School Program:** The Softball Batter Up program commenced last Wednesday. If Mary Street oval is too wet, the activities will be held in the hall.

Refer: Alan Menzies

## 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.**

## Music Notes...



### Bumblebee Auditions

Mrs Deagon is auditioning students in Year 1 and Prep this week for inclusion in the Bumblebees Choir for this year. Paperwork for successful students will be issued next week and a choir list will be placed outside the music room. If your child is unsuccessful in gaining selection in the choir, please encourage them to continue singing and join the Super Singers which is held every Wednesday at second break with Mrs Henderson.

### Birkdale State School - 'FUN FAIR'



This year's FUNFAIR (fete) will be held on Saturday 30 May. Performance times are as listed below. More detailed information about meeting times and places, uniform requirements etc will be issued closer to the date. All performances will be in the Hall.

TIME		ITEM
10:00am		Super Singers
10:10am		Intermediate Strings
10:20am		Bumblebees
10:30am		Junior Choir
10:45am		Senior Band
11:00am		Birkdalian Ukulelians
11:15am		Performance Group
11:30am		Birkdale's Got Talent Grand Final + Entertainment from INFINITY Rock Band

### Congratulations

Congratulations Paige FJ, who has been accepted into the South East Region Choral Camp. Paige will attend three days of workshops with professional singers.

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