15 August 2016

From the Principal’s desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I hope you enjoyed the show holiday last week as the Ekka has finished for another year.

3 Way Conferences

Our school is now taking bookings for these conferences held in week 8 of this term. Don’t leave it too late to book a time. Our school expectation is we have 100% of parents attending this brief conference in our hall over two afternoons. Don’t just wait until academic reports come home at the end of the year to know how your child is going with his/her learning.

Days of Excellence Program Here Again

You will see a collage of different uniforms at our school over the next few weeks as we facilitate this extension program once again which involves students from various public and private schools. As a parent, you need to be extra vigilant in dropping off and collecting your child from school as my experience tells me that many of these students and parents haven’t used a designated crossing before!

High Student Behaviour and Attendance Expectations

It would come as no surprise to you to hear that we focus heavily upon student behaviour and attendance. We have celebrated great achievements in this area over the last three years at the individual, class, year level and whole school level. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program is allowing us as a school to stand out from other schools in this area. As the year goes on, expectations lift as we, as a school, develop a school culture based on high expectations. Recently, I have noticed that some of our senior students in particular, are making poor behaviour choices both at school and at home. Breaches of Code of Conduct on social media at home, bringing prohibited items to school and classroom behaviour breaches, have been evident. Please support our school in reminding your child/ren that this behaviour will not be tolerated at our school and will result in school disciplinary absence. Please refer to our School Responsible Behaviour Program which you will find on our school website. Thank you for your anticipated and continued support with this as we ensure our school is a safe place to learn.

Craig Douglas
Principal

Deputy Chat

Loreyne Agnew-Green

Ormiston College Chess Tournament

If your son/daughter would like to play in this local tournament please follow the instructions to nominate. Mrs Green will attend if there is a school group, otherwise students will play as individuals and will need parent supervision.

Prep 2017 Interviews

It is exciting to report that we have over 90 students booking interviews to be held over the next fortnight. Classroom teachers assist Mrs Green in the interviewing process to welcome parents and students to our school.

Days of Excellence

Starting on Wednesday 17 August, participants are to take their pencil case, bag and hat with them to the workshops.
Parents please accompany your children to the top covered area, outside the tuckshop and sign them in to Brainways Workshops. Once they have been signed in they can then go to class at the first bell to report to the class teacher that they are present at school but involved in the workshop, and then return to the top covered area.

BYoiPad closing date for nominations – end of Week 8 – Friday 2 September

Please remember to deliver your charter agreements (orange) to the office. We are getting closer to being able to confirm some year levels going ahead.

Upcoming events

Swimming for Year 4-6 students, Father’s Day, Intermediate music workshop – band and strings, School Musical. With so many exciting activities packed into the second half of this term, it is important to refer to the term planner daily.

My observations

Many students are showing good manners, greeting people as they pass by; most students are remembering to wear their hat at all times in the outdoor areas; some students are walking on the concrete without a reminder; all students are having a go at learning new things everyday – with varying levels of achievement. I would like to hear consistently respectful language toward all members of our school community and see safe choices at all times in the playground – slow down. Be a safe learner!

Thank you to all of our school team for bringing your “A” game every day! Hope you are all enjoying the excitement of the Olympics!

Curriculum

Fiona Lane HOC

Reading Strategy: Cross Checking (Accuracy)

This week’s strategy can help with the reading component of: ACCURACY

When you are reading, chances are you will come to a word or two that you are unsure of. You will probably use the strategy of cross checking without even thinking about, because it is second nature to you as a reader to read accurately. Accuracy is not second nature to children learning to read, and needs to be taught using a variety of strategies.

It is important to slow readers down when they come to a word they don’t know and teach them to apply the strategy cross checking so that they are able to fix the meaning and not just skip the word. Cross checking requires a person to constantly think and monitor meaning. This strategy is used to ensure the words and pictures read make sense and match the letters on a page.

How can I help at home?

Listen to your child read. When they come to a word they are unsure of, remind them to cross check. Ask:

- Does the word you are reading match the pictures or letters written?
- Does it sound right?
- Does it make sense?

If they are having difficulty with this strategy break it down:

- Have them stop reading when meaning breaks down
- Tell them to look at the letters and say the sounds or look for word chunks in the words
- Remind them to use the pictures to help

Three Way Conferences

Please be aware that our twice yearly three way conferences are coming up in week 8. Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th. Notes regarding the PTO booking site will go home this week. Please ensure that you have this letter when signing up to the site to make your bookings. No data/information is held by the PTO company, therefore you will need to reregister. If you have difficulty and need some support, the letter outlines my availability to help. I promise it will be easier than the recent census!

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Students have until August 26th to complete their challenge and have their results recorded in the online forum. To date Prep A are doing an amazing job – they have 14/24 students completed. 3A close behind with 11/22 complete. In the upper school 5A and 5B are leading the challenge. Come on Birkdale South let get the whole school completed by the 26th of August, time is fast running out.

Osprey ACES Science day – Wellington Point High School

On Wednesday Mrs Legge and I will be taking a group of 36 year 5 and 6 students across to the high school to compete in a Science Expo and Quiz session. Students will be able to engage in some hands on tasks throughout the day and challenge other local schools in the quiz session. I look forward to sharing more information with you after the event.

ICAS Mathematics

Selected students will sit the ICAS Mathematics test on Tuesday the 16th of August. Notes went home last week to remind them about what to bring.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

![Positive Behaviour for Learning graph]
PBL Team
All classes have been accumulating more beestings over the past fortnight. The graph outlines the growth from last fortnight to this fortnight. There are quite a few classes who are very close to the 5000 mark with 2B just crossing that line. Well Done!

Deadly News
Kim Paulson
Yura everyone

Bush Tucker Time
Today’s bushtucker is ‘Lemon Myrtle’. This native herb has been used by Aboriginal people for thousands of years not only for food but medicinal purposes as well. It is one of the best known native plants and is gaining popularity and recognition every year especially as more chefs are using bush foods in their cooking. Lemon myrtle leaves can be used fresh, dried, grounded or as an oil. It has been traditional used to help with digest problems, nausea, drunk as a tea and used as a cleansing soap.

Lemon Myrtle Chocolate Crackles-Recipe by Mark Olive from the Out Back Cafe
2 cups rice Bubbles
½ cup desiccated coconut
½ cup icing sugar
125g copha
1 ½ tablespoons cocoa powder
1 tablespoon ground lemon myrtle
12 strawberries

Method:
1. In a large bowl, mix rice bubbles, icing sugar, coconut and cocoa.
2. Melt copha in a saucepan over low heat. Stir through lemon myrtle. Add to rice bubble mixture and stir to combine.
3. Spoon mixture into patty cases, top with a strawberry and refrigerate until firm.
4. Makes 12

Health and Safety
Narelle Davy
Road Safety

There are lots of ways we can make our roads safer for everyone. Please visit Join The Drive Website for ideas and information on how to be part of Road Safety Week. Below is one of the resources available from the web site.

Classroom Spotlight
Lower School – Prep to 3
2B – Exploring information text types
They have been busy bees and have already produced an information booklet on bees. They are now having a go at writing and producing their own information text on ants. Before they start researching and writing, 2B have brainstormed information they already know about ants. This is what they already know about ants.

- they are an insect with 3 body parts
- they have a head, thorax and abdomen
- they are small
- they live almost everywhere
- some make their nests underground
- they have two antennae, a mandible and 6 jointed legs

South East Region 2016 NAIDOC Awards
It was with pride that Kim (Mrs Paulson) and Mrs Green accepted Regional Awards bestowed by the Region for the work we do with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student and families and Birkdale South and in our wider Redlands and Wynnum Moving Forward Together group. Kim received an Honourable Mention as our Indigenous Support Worker and Mrs Green was the EATSIPs Principal of the Year. The Jarjum Dance’s performed to great acclaim. Our school will receive a $500 resource kit as part of our awards, very exciting!!!
Music

Liz Cox – Classroom Music, Joanne Wolfe – Band Program, Julie Schmidt – Strings Program

Classroom Spotlight

This week in music we are featuring 6A. Students have been hard at work, rehearsing for the musical- Go Geoffrey Go! They are performing the disco favourite- Celebrate and joining in the finale - I Go to Rio. Students have also been learning popular tunes on the keyboard whilst developing their performance skills. Well done Year 6A!

Upcoming events

• Musical – ‘Go Geoffrey Go’

Our school musical is on Wednesday September 14th in the Hall. There will be a matinee show at 12:10pm and an evening performance at 6pm. Students in Years 2-6 need to bring their costumes to school in a clearly named plastic bag by Week 9. Please check with your class teacher if you have any queries about costumes.

Preps - bright yellow T-shirt Year 1 [including P/1] - plain white T-shirt
Yr 2 [including 2/3E] – beachwear, glasses, floaties, sunhats
Yr 3 [including 3/4D] – black t-shirt, black shorts/black sports knickers/skins
Yr 4 - animal onesie or plain coloured T-shirt and shorts
Yr 5 – black wool – any reggae accessories including black, red, green, yellow clothing items, sun glasses, caps
Yr 6 [including 5/6D] – sparkly disco wear

• Sylvan Woods Retirement Village excursion;
  written by Maddison B and Jacinta W [Music Captains]

The Senior Choir and special student performers went to Sylvan Woods on July 29th and they did a wonderful job! When we arrived, all the residents clapped and cheered. They were excited to see us! The choir sang four beautiful songs: Fix You, True Colours, Ngarra Burra Ferra and The Last Anzac. The special performers were: Jazmyn, Andy and Talia who performed a special dance, He Rou played the violin and Aaron entertained everyone on the guitar. We were excited to receive the friendship bracelets and lolly parcel from the residents and then we enjoyed a special morning tea. Everyone had a wonderful time and we look forward to going back at Christmas time.

Music News

• Band and String Lessons and Rehearsals this week
• Beginner’s Music Week for band students

Library

Jean Schenk

We celebrated Book Week with a parade on Monday. Children’s Book Week is the longest running children’s festival in Australia – celebrating books, Australian authors and illustrators. Thanks to all staff and students who participated by dressing up as their favourite storybook character. There were some fantastic costumes to be seen. A big thanks must go to Ms Thompson for overseeing the parade and the Library assistants for presenting books to winning students. All students who participated were recognised with a bookmark. It is great that our school community has embraced this event showing their imagination and love of books.
Language

Ryan Sensei

Japanese Visitors

This term we are fortunate to be hosting a number of Japanese teaching assistants. These native speakers bring so much experience to our language learning. In the classroom they are able to assist our students with their speaking and writing. When they first arrive, they present a short self-introduction in Japanese. This is called a jikoshoukai. Our students are developing their skills and have become quite good at understanding these short speeches.

The teaching assistants also participate in all aspects of daily school life including play time. Katsuji (male) joined the boys on the soccer field and scored goals!!! Minako (female) prepared a photographic presentation and notes in English which she presented to all classes – a wonderful effort and appreciated by all.

If you see these special visitors to our school please say hello to them. The Japanese word for hello is konnichiwa.

Activities with our visitors

Sport and Physical Education

Dean Johnson and Yvette Butterworth

District Athletics

Our district athletics competitors went to Cleveland State High on Thursday and Friday of Week 4. All competitors put in a great effort and represented our school well. We came 9th overall in the points total out of 38 schools which is a fantastic result. Our team consisted of Cooper J, Brock B, Jesse S, Tyler W, Caleb H, Kydan T, Caitlyn B, Cole S, Jacy H, Kai U, James L, Amity S, Jerome M, Kahlil W and Ashley S.

Congratulations to Kydan T for qualifying for 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump, discus and shot put. Kydan also achieved the district record for shot put.

Congratulations to Cole S for qualifying for high jump.

These two students will now compete at the Met East Athletics carnival. We wish them both the best of luck.

Yr 4-6 Swimming

Our 4-6 swimming program begins Thursday of next week (25 August). Please return permission forms and money by 18 August.

Reminder

- Please return Project Consent forms for students selected for district sport trials ASAP.
- NRL Gala Day for junior and senior rugby league is on this Friday (19 August).
- Junior rugby league compete at Suncorp Stadium on Friday 26 August.
- Support Team

Support Team

Finance and Admin

Megan Murphy

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**Invoices emailed**

A reminder that invoices are now being automatically emailed out. We try and coincide the emailing of invoices with the same day we send the permission note home, but this cannot always happen. If you receive an invoice and are not sure what the invoice is for, keep an eye out for the permission note as it will be sent home soon after.

We encourage parents to pay by BPoint. There is a special number on these invoices that allow parents to pay by BPoint, which will save coming to the office to pay.

**Prep 2017 Enrolments**

If you haven’t already done so, please put your child’s name down for Prep next year. We communicate upcoming events via email, so come along to the office to put your details on our list.

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**Banking**

Caroline Bastow

Fete colouring in competition winner …….Kyla H from 5B

Congratulations to Kyla H, 5B for winning the School Banking Fete Colouring Competition. Kyla will get a $50 Gift Card and a Commonwealth Bank Prize Pack.

Our 3 Runner-Ups prizes of a $20 Gift Card and a Commonwealth Bank Prize Pack goes to Talia C, 4B; Ryan B, 2/3E and Noah B, 1B.

We had a good response to the colouring competition and that means we are able to give away a prize pack for the best colouring sheet in each grade and every other student who entered will receive a gift, yes that is everyone who entered. These items plus your colouring sheet will be handed back to you in the next few days. The winners of the year prizes are Lillith F, Prep C; Tayla S, 1A; Harry K, 2/3E; Billie Rose T, 2/3E; Jade V, 4C; Crystal B, 5A; Aly S, 5/6D. Thank you to everyone who entered.

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**Prize Lights Competition**

The Commonwealth Bank Term 3 competition has a sky full of prizes to be won. Just make 3 deposits in Term 3 and you will automatically go into the draw for some great prizes. Visit the link below for more details and activities.


New rewards are also available this Term. They are the Jump & Skip Rope and the Backtrack Eraser Pen. The Pat the Dog bag tag and Wildlife Writers Set are also still available PLEASE NOTE THE MUD SPLAT HANDBALL AND THE FLYING SNAKE TAIL ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit every WEDNESDAY.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to our students who have done 10 or more deposits and have received their Bronze Certificate: Leon M, P/1E; Samira C, 2A; Addisen D, 2/3E; Jazmyn R, 4A; Mickey M, 5B; Blair D, 5C; Fynn G, 5C and to our students who have done more than 20 deposits and have received their Silver Certificate: Adasia B, PA; Shay J, PA; Jack H, PA; Ebony W, PA; Samantha H, PB; Thomas P, PD; Peyton Y, 1A; Kasey C, 2B; Indinana T, 2C; Jacob P, 3/4D; Jade V, 4C; Emily W, 6B.

**Foreign Coins**

Please be aware that we cannot accept any foreign coins of any denomination through the School Banking as the Commonwealth Bank will not accept them. This has been an ongoing problem and the Banking Volunteers have been using their own money to make sure that the student’s deposits are not short. This can not continue. Any foreign coins that come through will be returned and the students banking will be adjusted accordingly. A note will be sent home with the banking book to explain any changes to the deposit.

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**Chappy’s Chat**

John Rutter (Chappy John)

Chaplaincy Car Rally and Scavenger Hunt – Sunday 21 August

Further to the last newsletter, the chaplaincy committee are underway in planning the first ever chaplaincy car rally scavenger hunt!! With weather permitting, the date is set for Sunday the 21st of August starting at School out the front
of “Rainbow Central” at 10am. From here all entrants will be given their briefing and set of instructions to commence their navigation run and scavenger hunt around our local area, finishing at a secret location for a barbeque lunch and games.

This will be heaps of fun for you to do with us as a family and make sure you bring your competitive spirit!!

There are heaps of great prizes to be won on the day including a fuel voucher, family movie tickets and lots more.

Entrant tickets per car are $20 including a free sausage sizzle for each person in your team; and tickets will be sold each morning this week from 8:30am outside admin from Chappy John.

We look forward to having your support and enjoying the day together.

See you all around school.

P&C News

Cathy Bidois – President
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**Foreign Coins**

In the past 2 weeks we have received the following currency: 50 cent Fiji, 20 cent Samoa, 5 cents New Zealand & USA Dime. We will only be accepting Australian Currency and if we find a foreign coin we will be deleting items off your child's order and change will be given in Australian currency. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**Forgotten Lunches**

We are having a number of students presenting at the Tuckshop with notes from teachers informing us that the child has no food. Our school policy is that they will be provided either with a cheese or vegemite sandwich and a piece of fruit at the cost to the parents. A note will be sent home to inform you of the cost involved. Payment is required the next day please.

**Lost Property**

We have 2 full boxes of lost property and we are only at week 5. Those items that are named will be returned to the child via the teacher’s pigeon holes. Any unnamed items if unclaimed at the end of Term 3 will be donated to charity.

**Uniform Shop News**

**Second Hand Uniform Money Unclaimed**

We have a lot of money that needs to be collected for sales of second hand uniforms. Please note, it is up to you to check in with the Uniform Shop to see if any items have been sold, it is not our job to chase you up, as per the P&C Association Terms and Conditions that is displayed on the second hand clothes rack. As stated in point 5 “If money/uniforms are not collected after 12 weeks, from the date of delivery, the money and uniforms will be considered as being a donation to the P&C Association and the money transferred to the P&C Association.” All unclaimed money at the end of Term 3 will be considered a donation.

**Caring for our Wildlife**

At Birkdale South State School we are lucky to have wildlife on our school grounds. At the moment we have some very cute baby ducklings with Mum and Dad, so please take care when walking through their habitat. Let’s enjoy having the ducklings and take care of them so we can see them grow into ducks.

**Tuckshop**

**Paper bags**

MANY ORDERS ARE COMING THROUGH WITHOUT PAYMENT FOR PAPER BAGS. The cost of these bags is 10
Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 8 to 10am

Book Club

www.scholastic.com.au

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Orders online ONLY