Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Tonight and tomorrow night, we are having our three way conferences where you briefly sit down with your child and classroom teacher and discuss academic progress through looking at student work samples from over the year. The secret to a successful education at Primary school is good communication between the school and home. As time at conferences is limited, ensure you have some questions for your child’s classroom teacher to ask. The purpose of the conference is to celebrate your child’s learning so far this year. Additional more traditional meetings can be organised through your child’s classroom teacher. Please ensure you are on time for your conference as conferences are scheduled after your time for other families.

Swimming here we go!

Congratulations to Chappy John’s Under 9 rugby league team who played three games at Suncorp last Friday. Two wins and a draw meant that our boys had an experience they will never forget. Thank you to all parents who helped with transport on the day.

Grade 6 Camp fees are now due and numbers are being finalised for camp planning purposes. Grade 6 leave for the Tallebudgera Beach School in week 2 of next term. This date will be upon us before we know it, so please give payment for this camp your highest priority to ensure your child does not miss out on this experience. The camp is highly regarded and becoming more difficult to gain school bookings through due to popularity.

As you should now be aware, we are offering BYO ipad classes in 2017. These classes are limited and parents have until this Friday to commit to program. They operate on a first in basis and numbers are filling quickly. Contact the office if you would like to commit to this initiative before FRIDAY.

Our school musical is fast approaching us as Mrs C is coordinating the final adjustments for the production. Grab your friends and family and come along to what will be a great experience and nice way to finish off the school term.

Craig Douglas
Principal

Deputy Chat

Loreyse Agnew-Green
3 Way Conferences

Over the next two days 3 way conferences are being held in the Hall – this is one of 2 formal interviews for parents in the school year.
BYOiPad

Next Friday 2nd September is the last day to return charter documents committing to the 1 to 1 iPad classes in 2017. If you have not returned your orange forms the please do so by this date. Successful applicants will be advised of their place in Week 9 so that they can be invited to join our first parent workshop around purchasing, family sharing and device management, in Week 9 - Tuesday 6 September from 6 pm in the Tech Lab.

Our teachers have been engaging in Professional Learning opportunities, when they have had every student in their class armed with an iPad, experiential learning.

Teacher Aides Day

Friday 2 September is Teacher Aides Day. These very important members of our staff have an imperative role as para professionals to support both students and teachers in our school setting. Many of our aides have developed amazing skills and capabilities for which we are so grateful. Thank you Ladies - Love your work!!!!!

Musical

Looking forward to going to Rio with Geoffrey the Water Dragon in a couple of weeks. Mrs C is doing an outstanding job co-ordinating the musical, also thanks to her many assistants. It is getting exciting now - see the music section for details on purchasing tickets for the Matinee and / or Evening performance.

Gardiner Chess Competition

Coming up on Thursday September 8, we will be taking a smaller team, due to swimming, with most of the children coming from the C grade. Keep your eyes peeled for permission forms or download the attached permission. Please return these permissions by Tuesday 6 September.

For something more local don’t forget the Ormiston Tournament on Thursday 1 September – information attached or available from Mrs Green.

Days of Excellence

It is a privilege to host this event each Semester and have students from catholic, independent and State schools visit Birkdale South and join the workshops on offer for Gifted & Talented students. Congratulations to those who were well organised and participated with enthusiasm.

Pre- Prep Program

Thanks to our local daycare centres, and parents who independently bring children, for their commitment to participating in this program. The concept is to introduce our future students to the school environment, staff and taste some of the daily experiences at Prep. We appreciate the contributions made by our specialist and classroom teachers. We do not run the program in Week 10 of term 3 or Week 1 of term 4 but will return to Pre-Prep on 11 October and then on 18 October we host Transition Day 1 when all Prep 2017 students spend the morning in the Prep Precinct, attending with their parents, rather than Daycare and meet all of the teachers.

Redlands Mayoral Chaplaincy Breakfast

It was very inspiring to hear from the guest speaker at the breakfast today Dr Ron Neller who spoke of his belief in god as a Scientist and the impact school and university chaplaincy services have had on his life. Luke K represented our student body, as a Chaplaincy Leader and members of our school chaplaincy committee, P&C and staff attended in support of the service. Luke K met the Mayor briefly and represented Birkdale South with pride.

Social Media Policy

You may or may not be aware that the P&C have endorsed the Birkdale South Social Media Policy during term 2. We ask all members of the school community to read the attachment and be aware of this policy, which is in line with the Department of Education and Training Policy. It is in the best interest of all community members to demonstrate support for the good reputation of the school, to which they have chosen to enrol their child/ children. Good digital citizenship is a modelled behaviour and we expect all community members to bring issues of concern to the staff at school, as per the invitation on enrolment to speak to the staff about any concerns or complaints. Thank you for your ongoing respect and responsibility.

Curriculum

Fiona Lane HOC

Reading Strategy: Chunking Letters and Sounds Together (Accuracy)

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

When teaching children to read we are always looking for ways to help them decode words efficiently, rapidly and accurately. This allows them to focus their attention on understanding what they read rather than focusing on the fundamentals of each word. One way we accomplish this is through teaching children to watch for familiar word patterns called chunks. Chunks are groups of letters that when put together form a recognisable sound or word. Chunks can be found at the beginning, middle or end of a word.

How can I help at home?

• When reading at home with your child, have them look for well-known letter chunks in the words they are reading. These chunks could be prefixes,
suffixes, endings, whole words, or base words. For example: your child may look for the chunk **end** in **send**, or **air** in **chair**.

- When chunking a word have your child first read each chunk separately. Then, have them put the chunks together to make the word. This helps to train them to quickly and easily spot chunks.
- Encourage your child to use their fingers to frame the chunks found in words. Decode those chunks first and then move on to tackle the whole word.
- If they are having difficulty finding chunks, guide them to look for familiar endings and familiar prefixes.

### Three Way Conferences

Three Way conferences are on this Monday and Tuesday afternoon in the hall from 3:10pm until 6pm. We would love to see you all attending. If these times were not suitable please discuss with your child’s teacher an alternative time. The three-way feedback provided in these sessions is vitally important to the continued learning of each student.

### Osprey ACES Science Expo and Quiz

Last week Mrs Legge and I accompanied 37 excited students from years 5 and 6 across to Wellington Point High School. Students participated in a variety of science based activities during their day. It was great to see their enthusiasm and willingness to have a go throughout the day. Please read the student reports about their experiences. I know I am looking forward to taking part in next year’s Osprey ACES day.

### Life Education Visit

Very early next term we will be hosting Harold the Giraffe and an experienced Life Education facilitator. Each class will have access to a program that is applicable to the Australian Curriculum expectations for Heath and Physical Education for that year level. Please refer to the note that was sent home last week for payment details and further information about the programs being offered. The Facilitator will also run a free session for any interested parents on Wednesday the 5th of October at 2pm in the van which will be located on the cement between the tuckshop and the Admin building.

### Premiers Reading Challenge

We have finally come to the end of the premiers reading challenge for this year. I am just waiting for a few final classes to complete their data entries before I can announce the successful classes in the school competition. Well done to all those who participated and completed their challenge.

“A book is a device to ignite the imagination” Alan Bennett.

### Osprey ACES day

**Matilda L**

On Wednesday 17th of August I went to Wellington Point High School for the Osprey ACES Science Expo. At the high school I did Biology, Physics and Chemistry and I learned how to make slime, and we did a quiz which was really fun. In Biology we looked at things like feathers, moss and cockroaches under a microscope and Physics was really cool, we had to try and see how far we could get a piece of paper with just 2 pegs and some rubber bands. I think Chemistry was the best because we got to learn how to make slime. You could choose what colour you had and you could put sparkles in it. I think the science expo was really fun and interesting. I think that Wednesday was the coolest day ever because of the Osprey ACES Science Expo.

**Danielle K**

Where do I begin? The 17th of August was educational but fun. We looked through microscopes, we made slime and participated in 3 rounds of quizzes and games. We looked at epithelium and moss under the microscope. To make the slime we used glycerine, guar gum, borax, water and food colouring of your choice. The 3 rounds of quizzes and games were about science but to be precise biology, chemistry and physics. The other schools were very competitive, they were Wellington Point State School, Gumdale State School and Birkdale State School and of course us. We unfortunately came 4th but at least we all had fun. We met some of the senior high school students who told us about what they do in science, which I think inspired most of us. Overall I had a great time and would like to say a big thank you to Miss Lane and to Mrs Legge for organising our teams for the Osprey ACES.

**Faith B**

When I went to Wellington Point High I wasn’t expecting to have so much fun! When we got there we were divided into three groups, Spades, Diamonds and Hearts, I was in the Heart group. First we went to Biology where we looked at various objects through a microscope. Next we went to chemistry where we made icky sticky goo! One of the ingredients was borax, so after making and playing with the goo we needed to wash our hands. After that the last expo activity was physics, we had to see how far we could project a folded piece of paper. We were able to use pegs and a rubber band, we experimented with how far back we pulled the rubber band and what angle we released the rubber band. Finally it was time for our Quiz. We had so much fun. I don’t know where we came in our level but overall we were in last place. I had a really fun day.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

PBL Team

3/4D is still leading the way in the collection of beestings, although 3B is catching up. Well done both classes. The expectation for last week was “Be Responsible – Be On Time”. It’s great to see students here on time and ready to start school when the morning bell rings. The Preps are doing a great job, especially Prep A who has gained more beestings than some of the older grades. Well done and keep it up.

Deadly News

Kim Paulson

Yura everyone

The Quandamooka festival is well under way. There are plenty of events right up until the end of September. Quandamooka are show casing arts, craft, dance, culture, bush tucker even a flower show and cake bake off. It’s also the time of the year to see the whales come pass through the waters of Moreton Bay Quandamooka. Check out the Quandamooka Festival for all the dates of the events

http://quandamookafestival.com.au

I hope you can get the chance to enjoy the beauty and culture we have right at our door steps.

Stay strong and Stay deadly!!
Yuwayi Kim.

Health and Safety

Narelle Davy

Medical Information

On enrolment, parents have the opportunity to provide the school with relevant medical information relating to their student. Often this medical information will change. At the beginning of each year classroom teachers, specialist teachers and first aid staff use this so it needs to be up to date. If you know there has been a change or new condition for your student please let us know.

Classroom Spotlight

Upper School – 4 to 6

Students in 6A have been enjoying the opportunity to use some fun and exciting new tools to help them develop their coding skills. Coding is now an integral part of the curriculum forming a major part of the Digital Technologies area. Students have been tasked with coding the Probot to make it travel where they need it to go and creating coloured codes for our tiny Ozobots, which use optical sensors to read colours. 6A has also enjoyed expanding their use of the iPads by using Showbie (an app designed to share student work easily) to receive their tasks and to send their work through to their teachers.

Music

Liz Cox - Classroom Music, Joanne Wolfe – Instrumental Music, Julie Schmidt – Strings

Classroom Spotlight

This week in music we are featuring P1E. Students have been hard at work, rehearsing for the musical- Go Geoffrey Go! This week they met together in the Hall to practice their song, Somewhere Over the Rainbow. Everyone was very excited! The students have also been playing in a percussion band in music
lessons, learning when to play and when to stop. They have really enjoyed the Magic Hat activity.

**P1E rehearsing for the musical**

**P1E and the Magic Hat**

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**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.

Tickets go on sale on **Monday September 5th**, in the Hall foyer area at 8am. Price is $5 per seat. Make sure that you get in quickly! Students in the show are free.

Students will need to meet their teacher at the classroom by 5:25 to change into their costume and prepare for the show. The Hall will be open at 5:30 for parents to find their seats.

There will be more information about the event in the next Newsletter so keep an eye out!

**Music News**

Band and String Lessons and Rehearsals this week

**Beginner’s Music Week** for band students

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**Library**

**Jean Schenk**

Thanks to all who participated in celebrating Book Week with dressing up as their favourite book character.

There were some fantastic costumes to be seen by both students and staff. A special thanks to Miss Thompson for hosting our parade.

Our classes have been enjoying their teacher reading books from the Book Week shortlist. Ms Marr is really enjoying reading *Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas* to students.

We have commenced making things for Father’s Day during breaks. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in, we have our Preps coming to the Library and joining in now as well.

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**Language**

**Ryan Sensei**

**Pokemon – a part of Japanese Pop Culture**

*Pokemon* is the Romanised contract of the Japanese brand Pocket Monsters. The first Pokemon games came to Nintendo Game Boy System in Japan on the 27th February 1996 – the fulfilment of Japanese Satoshi Tajiri’s dream. It allowed people of all ages to catch, train and trade the 151 “creatures” and become a Pokemon Master.

Today it is a media franchise which spans video games, trading card games, animated television shows, comic books and toys. It has become the second most successful video game based franchise in the world.

Over time, 722 known fictional Pokemon species have made appearances. Tajiri first thought of the concept around 1989.

Simply explained, in most incarnations of the Pokemon universe, a Trainer who encounters a wild Pokemon is able to capture it using a specially designed tool called a Poke Ball. If it is caught then it is deemed to be under the ownership of that Trainer.

Latest releases include the *Pokemon Go* game which has quickly become universally popular to the amusement of certain elements of society. Whilst the original fan base was primarily young, it now a popular genre with all ages, both male and female. Many students at Birkdale South play and enjoy this aspect of Japanese culture and eagerly share their catches and observations!!
**Sport and Physical Education**

Dean Johnson and Yvette Butterworth

**Yr 4-6 Swimming**

Our Yr 4-6 swimming program began with a splash last week. Students enjoyed the heated pools for an early start to the swimming season. A special thanks goes to the team at Aquatic Achievers for helping us to conduct our swimming program. Our swimming carnival will be held at Birkdale State School during the first week of Term 4. A date is still to be confirmed.

**Yr 4 Adventure Days**

Adventure Days for Yr 4 will be next Monday and Tuesday (5 & 6 September). We are closely following the weather and remaining positive that we will have clear days to get out on the water and pedal our way along the bike ways.

**Before School Fitness Training**

The before school fitness training with Mr Lester will continue on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings before school starting at 8am.

**Sporting Recognition**

Congratulations to Kyla H, Coby V and Makayla M for making it into the Met East team for cricket. Well done girls!

**Support Team**

**Helpful Hints: Before Reading**

**Have a conversation before reading**

A book walk for younger readers before a "read" takes place is always a good place to start. Talk about the topic of the book and address any new or difficult vocabulary. Encourage your child to look at the pictures and talk about what they see in the pictures. Relate these topics to their lives and experiences they have had to help connect them to the topic.

Older readers might like to engage in conversations about how the text they are about to read might be similar to other texts they have read. Alternatively, they may like to relate the topic of the text to things they may have seen on TV or in the newspaper. Or maybe they have had a dream or an experience or know of someone who can relate to the topic.

We call these connections: Text-to-Text, Text-to-World and Text-to-Self. By connecting with the text before reading, students should be able to make predictions more accurately when reading, resulting in a more fluent read which will assist us with our ultimate goal of the child understanding what they have read.

**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 BPPoint. There is a special number on these invoices that allow parents to pay by BPPoint, 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.

**Staff Car Park**

Just a reminder that the staff car park is off limits to parents unless you have applied for and been granted a permit to collect your child/ren from here. The gate will be closed to limit unauthorised access. These rules apply to minimise the risk of injury to our students and staff. A large car park exists at the back of the school if parents need to park and collect younger children from class. Otherwise, the 2 minute zones are to be used but heavily policed by the local authorities.
Banking

**Caroline Bastow**

**It’s a great time to be doing school banking**

We hope everyone enjoyed the Colouring Competition and congratulations again to all our winners. Kyla’s picture will be stuck onto the Yellow Banking Box that the Banking Bags go into each week. We hope everyone enjoyed getting their prizes and thanks again for entering. A big thank you to Michelle Bourke from the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program and CBA Capalaba for organising the prizes and colouring sheets and to the Fete Convenors Amy Hall and Belinda Mann, thank you very much for letting us run our competition in conjunction with the Fete. We really appreciated it.

Don’t forget the great competition the Commonwealth Bank has going this term. **Prize Lights competition.** The Commonwealth Bank Term 3 competition has a sky full of prizes to be won. Just make 3 deposits anytime during Term 3 and you will automatically go into the draw for some amazing prizes. Visit the link below for more details and activities. Make sure you complete the activity online so you can go into draw for the Playstation 4 console.


Also don’t forget, all **new bankers** who join this term will receive a gift pack when you have done your first deposit through School Banking. Having a bank account is a great way to learn how to save and you receive great rewards as well. Get started now and save for Christmas!

**Silver and Gold Tokens**

Each time your child banks they receive a **Silver token.** When they have got to ten deposits they receive a **Gold token** in place of the ten. When a deposit is made through the CBA School banking portal this is automatically recorded and silver tokens are tallied each week. Once they have done nine deposits the banking system automatically prints a slip to let them know that they are eligible for a reward the following week. We know students like receiving their tokens each week, but at times due to disruptions some may be missed. Please let us know the following week if you think that might be the case. But please be assured that the CBA banking system as a record of their tokens. Also please note that we can only do one deposit per student, per week. If you have multiple deposits the banking system will not accept them and they will be put through as a single transaction. Only one token is issued for this deposit.

**Bronze and Silver Certificates**

Congratulations to these students who have received their **Bronze Award:** Ethan S PA, Luke T 3/4D, And to those who have received their **Silver Award:** Zander H P/1E, Zachary A 2A, Oceania S 4A, Connor O’Dell 5B, Aly S 5/6D, Armity S 6B. Rewards available this term are a Jump & Skip Rope and a Backtrack Eraser Pen. The Pat the Dog Bagtag and Wildlife Writers Set are also still available. **PLEASE NOTE** that the Mud Splat Handball and Flying Snake Tail are no longer available. Please make sure you order from the correct Term. Term 4 items are NOT available yet. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit every WEDNESDAY.

**Chappy’s Chat**

**John Rutter (Chappy John)**

**Chaplaincy Car Rally and Scavenger Hunt – Postponed**

Thanks to those families that wanted to get involved in this event however, due to too few entrants, we thought it best to postpone till term 4 and try again.

As Chaplain, I have a broad role in providing social, emotional, spiritual and mental health support to you as a school community. One of the greatest things I feel that we can do as a Chaplaincy Committee is to give us opportunities to come together as that community. People are always better, healthier and happier when they are together; and in our modern society, I feel that we have lost what it feels like and the positives of living in community. I really miss living on Coochiemudlo Island and being part of a small community of 500 people. It is more convenient here on the mainland, but I feel that we are more disconnected as people. Did we like everyone or get on well with everyone in our small community? Of course not! The same as anywhere, but did we learn to accept and love people for who they were and how they are going in life? Absolutely! We learned to do life together, to share space and experiences; to help out when someone needed it and through that, the people we didn’t think we had anything in common with, ended up being great friends.

**Junior Rugby League!!**

What a privilege it has been to coach the under 9’s rugby league team this year, and I want to congratulate these young people for their outstanding effort and growth through the season. We had a slow start but the skills, courage and confidence has grown with each game and these young boys not only have developed a great foundation of skills, they have felt what it’s like to succeed as a team. A true highlight was the NRL Gala day on the 19th of August where we finished the day with 3 wins, 1 draw and a loss. If you are interested in playing rugby league next year (boys and girls), make yourself known to myself of Mr Douglas before the season starts in 2017.

See you all around school,

**Chappy John**
**P&C News**

**Cathy Bidois – President**

http://www.facebook.com/BSSSPandC
pandc@birkdalesouthss.eq.edu.au

Congratulation to Sue Adams who on the 18th August took out the Division 8 Inspiring Senior Award for all that Sue has done in the way of volunteering over the past 30 years.

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**Father’s Day Stall**

Next Wednesday the 31st August is the beginning of our Father’s Day stall. All gifts are still $5 each. Wednesday and Thursday are for the classes to come along to purchase their gifts. Friday the 2nd September until 10am is when extra gifts maybe purchased for that extra special person in your life. Please bring a plastic bag to put the gift in. Our Father’s Day stall will be in the multipurpose building behind the hall this year due to the musical. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Father’s Day stall. If you can spare a few hours please message the P&C Facebook page only which the address is located at the top of this page.

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**Tuckshop**

**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.**

**Credit in Tuckshop**

Unfortunately some of our community are ringing through to place orders for their children or are coming to the counter to place orders on credit. Our P&C Policy is **No Credit** allowed. Each year the P&C has to write off around $100 for parents who don’t pay their bills, so we thank you for your understanding in this matter. Our Tuckshop is a service to our school and therefore it needs to be able to pay for itself including the monies that we have to write off.

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**Lost Property**

We have 2 full boxes of lost property and we are at week 8. 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.

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**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.
Uniform Shop Opening Hours

| Tuesday & Thursday | 8 to 10am |

Book Club

www.scholastic.com.au

NO CASH is accepted by the office for orders

Orders online ONLY

Book Club

Issue 6 of Book Club will close on the 1st September at 3.30pm