From the Principal’s desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As we draw to the close of term 3, we celebrate Performing Arts Week with our musical “Go Geoffrey Go!” If you haven’t purchased a ticket yet for Wednesday matinee or evening performance, do yourself a favour and do so. Mrs Cox has put together a fantastic musical for our school and we are pleased to have her as a valued member of staff. Exiting time!! “Go Geoffrey Go” – Please note there will be no videoing or flash photography at our matinee performance. Be aware that a video will be taken for school community records at the evening performance. Parents are advised that they can video but there will be no flash photography.

Attached to this newsletter is a link to a parent survey. The purpose of this survey is to allow parents and caregivers the opportunity to provide feedback to inform our future four year plan. The survey will remain active until the end of the first week back. It doesn’t take long and I encourage you to provided honest feedback to assist with the future direction at Birkdale South.


Enjoy the break and remember school resumes on Tuesday 4th of October.

Craig Douglas
Principal

Deputy Chat

Loreyse Agnew-Green

National eSmart Week

The web is a great place to learn, be creative and stay connected, but with one in seven young Australians found to be suffering from cyber bullying, and the many other challenges young people face online, it’s important that we invest in giving our students the skills they need to be responsible digital citizens.

National eSmartWeek was from September 5 to 9. Take some time this week to talk to your children about staying safe online. Visit the Office of the children’s safety Commissioner website for resources and further information:


BYOipad 2017

Thanks to parents and carers who delivered their application forms to the office by Friday 2nd. Letters of Success OR Wait listing were sent out last Friday 9 September. Parent workshops will be held in Term 4 – Week 3, 5 and 7. A different topic will be covered each time.

Notification of classroom teacher allocation will occur toward the end of Term 4.
Term 3 Chess Results
Ormistone College Invitational – well done to those students who took up the invitation. John B played in the open category and then Jade V and Zack V played in the junior section. Jade & Zack went on to record several points and came 4th overall, even playing with half a team.
Zack V also joined 10 other students for the Gardiner Chess tournament on September 8. He came home with a merit ribbon – (highly prized among chess players) he accumulated 5 points out of a possible 7. Ruby C was also very close with a score of 4. All players were polite and represented our school responsibly.

Don’t forget term 4 is when the Brisbane Age Championship is held as well as the Birkdale South Chess Tournament (we hope to have as many players as possible participating)

Pre-Prep Program
Attached is the outline for the program in term 4 – this has also been emailed to Pre-Prep parents.

Curriculum
Fiona Lane HOC
Reading Strategy: Retell the Story
(Comprehension)
This week’s strategy can help with the reading component of: Comprehension

Retelling a story helps readers recall what is happening in the story they are reading. It allows the reader to stop and monitor their understanding. A retelling usually includes characters, settings, problems and the solution or the main ideas of the text. It involves telling what is important without telling too much. Many children struggle with the concept of weeding out what is important, often they either provide every single detail or they give a vague description that is hard to follow.

How can I help at home?
• When reading with your child, stop to think about what you are reading. Model this process aloud. Stop and reread if you can’t remember.
• When reading with your child, stop and have them tell you what is happening in the story using the words: first, next, then, last and finally.
• Use the following questions to prompt your child to think about the story
  • Who are the main characters?
  • What problem did the characters experience?
  • How was the problem solved?
  • How did the story end?
  • What happened first, next and last?
• Help your child become familiar with the strategy of retelling by retelling events they are familiar with. This is where you can help your child focus on weeding out minor details by drawing their attention to what is important. You might get them to tell you about the last family outing you had, or when they lost a tooth, or what happened at the last birthday party they attended.

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 in week 7 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. If you are planning on attending this session please return the attendance slip attached to the letter.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2016 Reading Challenge. Well done to 3A they were the first class with all students finished the challenge. They have won our Early Years school competition. Unfortunately we did not have an upper school class with all students finishing the challenge. A very special mention for Prep A, they were a close second, and were the class that read the most amount of books throughout the challenge.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
PBL Team
Last week’s expectation was BE RESPECTFUL which entailed respecting other’s personal space and property in the lower school and taking turns, including considering other people’s rights and feelings and not always being first and demonstrating patience for the upper school students. As we head towards the end of the term, students are still demonstrating good behaviour and earning heaps of beestings. Most classes have reached the 4000 mark which is great to see. Keep it up!

Deadly News
Kim Paulson
Yura everyone
What I love about my job is getting to know the Indigenous students and the families. Whenever I get the opportunity to visit the preps in class it gives me great joy to see what they are learning and to see how much they have grown so far this year.
I went to visit Knox in class last week and he was very excited to show me the amazing blue flies he had drawn but he wasn’t quite finished he said, as he wanted to add red flies to it as well. I can’t wait to see the finished drawing. Too Deadly Knox!!
Stay strong and Stay deadly!!
Yuwayi Kim

Health and Safety
Narelle Davy

Holiday Safety
We hope everyone has a great break over the September holidays and ready to return to school refreshed.

If the kids are bored remember to take advantage of the free activities that are run by the local council, libraries, museums and local shopping centres.

Over the holidays is an ideal time to practice a fire drill with your family and make sure that in the event of an emergency everyone would be able to vacate their homes safely. Keep sun safe at all times and don’t forget your hat even when you are exploring in your backyard.

Classroom Spotlight
Lower School – Prep to 3
This term in 3A, we have been learning about movement through dance. We are looking at actions (twirling, shaking, twisting, rolling), shape (angular, curved, straight), direction (diagonal, zig-zag, forwards, backwards), tempo (fast, slow, medium), levels (high, medium, low), and movement qualities (percussive, sustained). Through these methods, we have been working together in small groups to create a story shown through dance using one of four elements; earth, fire, wind, and water. We will perform our dances to each other to illustrate different body movements.

We have enjoyed dance this term and the weather has been perfect enough for us to be able to get outside and enjoy nature as we perform nature.

Upper School – 4 to 6
During Term 3, 4A students have been involved in Literature Circles. This activity is similar to a ‘book club’, where a group of five or six students are all reading the same novel. Each member of the Literature Circles group is responsible for individually reading a set amount of the text, after which the group meets to discuss what has been read. Students are also required to provide written responses to questions which are based on the chapters which have been read prior to each group meeting. The Literature Circles groups are popular with the students, and they all enjoy participating in a ‘book club’ discussion with their fellow readers.

"Reading is important, because if you can learn to enjoy reading, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything." (Tomie dePaola)

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

Classroom Spotlight
This week we are featuring the main cast of our musical- Go Geoffrey Go! Meet our very talented performers: Billy [6B] as Geoffrey, Talitha [6B] as Zarah, Bailey [5/6D] as Jenny, Sophie [6B] as Pinkie, Faith [5C] as Stevie, Emma [5A] as Laura and Mickey [5B] as narrator. We also have a strong group of singers and dancers that make up our wonderful cast. The students have rehearsed vigorously during the term and also given up their weekends to make sure that everything is right for the performance. We hope that you really enjoy the show! Break a leg everyone.

The main cast of the musical
Language

Ryan Sensei
Spotlight on Term 3

It has been a busy term in the Japanese language classroom. Part of our studies, in accordance with the National Curriculum for Languages includes culturally based activities and experiences. This is commonly referred to as “realia”. At BSSS we address this part of our studies in a variety of ways.

This term students participated in Japan Week which provided opportunities for students from all year levels to experience a little bit of Japanese culture. Over the past 9 weeks there has been a continuous rotation of Japanese teaching assistants in the Japanese classroom. These visitors come from a variety of backgrounds, ages and experiences but all have one thing in common. They are keen to improve their English language skills and one way is to interact with students. There are clear benefits for both our students and the visitors. Their obvious knowledge of their native language and culture supports and enhances the rigour of language learning here at BSSS.

Visiting schools in Australia can be a form of culture shock as there is a significant difference between student behaviour here and in Japan. Japanese school students are much quieter in general and in keeping with the nature of their society values, seem to show more respect and politeness to adults. Children in Japan also clean the classrooms DAILY! There are no daily cleaners. Students clean, sweep mop and wipe and they are also rostered to help serve and clean away the lunches that are served. Students also take their shoes off before entering a classroom. These seemingly simple differences are part of the culture which our students find amazing!

We look forward to an enjoyable and restful break and when we return, the units of study will be All About Food for Year 6 and Traditional Japanese Clothing for Year 5.

Library

Jean Schenk

The end of term is just about here. It is great to see so many of our students borrowing weekly on a regular basis. Students are welcome to come in during lunch breaks and change their books as well as during their class borrowing time.

We are always updating with new books and these are available for borrowing as well. They are displayed on the top of our shelves in both the Junior Fiction and Fiction sections.

If you come across any library books over the holidays just drop them off in the returns bay when we come back next term. Please feel free to come in and see us or phone on 3820 4333 if you have any questions regarding books.

Reminder that all sport jerseys and T-Shirts need to be returned to the library by this Thursday, thank you.

Sport and Physical Education

Dean Johnson and Yvette Butterworth

Yr 4-6 Swimming

Our Yr 4-6 swimming program finishes up at the end of this week. It has been fantastic to see so many of our students involved in swimming and progressing in such a short amount of time. Thank you again to the staff at Aquatic Achievers for their efforts.

Our swimming carnival is pencilled in for Friday on Week 1 Term 4 at Birkdale State School pool.
Yr 4 Adventure Days

It has happened to us again! Our Adventure Days were postponed again due to forecasted dangerous weather conditions. So it is back to the drawing board to work out tide times, availability of volunteers and so on. We will keep you posted for new dates for our Adventure Days.

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 Kydan T for making it into the Met East Athletics team for shot put, discus, long jump and the multi event. Well done Kydan!

Congratulations also to Athena A for winning bronze in Taekwondo.

Kydan T – Met East Athletics Athena A – Taekwondo bronze

Support Team

Celebrate Disability Action Week

Disability Action Week is held annually in September with the aim of empowering people with disability, raising awareness of disability issues, and improving access and inclusion throughout the wider community.

This year Disability Action Week is from 11–17 September with the theme ‘Inclusion: it’s a game changer’. The theme aims to promote the inclusion of people with disability in all levels of sport and the community.

Birkdale South State School supports inclusion and makes reasonable adjustments to ensure students with a disability are able to participate in education on the same basis as students without disability.

Go onto the Queensland Government website and check out the Disability Action Week event calendar and find out what’s on. Looks like a whole heap of fun!

Finance and Admin

Megan Murphy

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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.

Teacher Aides Day

We are so fortunate to have fantastic and dedicated teacher aides at our school. We celebrated Teacher Aides Day with a morning tea and gifted each aide with a pot plant for ‘helping our students bloom and grow’.

Banking

Caroline Bastow

Only one more deposit left for the Prize Lights Competition the Australia Zoo Competition

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 CommBank website for more details and activities. Make sure you complete the activity online so you can go into draw for the Playstation 4 console. The Family Fun Pack competition for the Australia Zoo - Meet Bindi and Family
will also close at the end of this term. Make sure you bank this week to guarantee your entry.


Also don’t forget, all new bankers who join this term and now over to next 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!

Term Rewards

Please note the rewards that students are eligible for each term through the Commonwealth School Banking are not kept at the school at all. We keep a sample of each item for students to view but all items are ordered through the CBA Banking Portal each week and are sent to the school via the post. Sometimes these items can take up to two weeks to arrive so please make your child aware of this when ordering a reward. Also only one of each reward can be ordered. Students cannot order the same item twice. Rewards available this term are a Jump & Skip Rope and a Backtrack Eraser Pen. The Pat the Dog Bagtag is still available. PLEASE NOTE that the Mud Splat Handball, Flying Snake Tail and the Wildlife Writer Set are no longer available. No Term 4 items yet.

Urgent Notice

As of the AGM in March 2017 myself and Karen S will be standing down from our positions as School Banking Coordinator and School Banking Officer as we are moving onto new opportunities and employment. This will mean that we need to have some new parents to become involved in the School Banking Program starting next term or the start of next year or we may have to close School Banking which would be unfortunate as many children love receiving their token each week. We have put out several calls this year for new volunteers but unfortunately to no success. I will be available to assist the parents who take over at the AGM but will not be available on a weekly basis. If you are keen for your child to keep banking through the school please seriously consider volunteering for School Banking. It’s only 2-3 hours each Wednesday morning and a newsletter entry each fortnight. Please contact the P & C via email pandc@birkdalesouthss.eq.edu.au if you feel this could be you.

Bronze and Silver Certificates

Congratulations to these students who have received their Bronze Award (10 deposits): Kingsley H PA, Dexter B PD, Brock F P1/E, Ashton O 1B, Kai U 6A.

And to those who have received their Silver Award (20 deposits): Gemma W PA, Sophie N PB, Luke Edwards PC, Verity Seiber P/1E, Jake Tate 1A, Zara S 2C, Hunter T 4A. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit every WEDNESDAY.

P&C News

Cathy Bidois – President

http://www.facebook.com/BSSSPandC

Term 3 has nearly come to the end, so the P&C would like to wish our school community a safe holiday break. Enjoy time with your family and friends and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on the 4th October.

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School Banking

We are looking for volunteers to help with the School Banking. School banking happens on Wednesday morning each week from 9am until all monies have been counted. The lovely ladies who have been doing School banking are moving on to new adventurer. If you can spare a few hours on a Wednesday morning we would appreciate it. Please call in and see our wonderful ladies on Wednesday morning if you are interested in helping out.

Tuckshop

Lost Property

We have 3 full boxes of lost property outside the Tuckshop. Please come in and check to see if any items belong to you. On Friday 16th September at 3.30pm all items unclaimed will be either donated to either the Uniform Shop, Chaplaincy or the school.

Tuckshop Reward Scheme

As of 2017 the tuckshop reward scheme will cease. New guidelines have come out from P&C’s Qld and we are unable to offer these types of schemes anymore.

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Uniform Shop News

Second Hand Uniform Money Unclaimed

We still have a lot of unclaimed money for second hand uniforms. If this money isn’t collected by 10am on Thursday 15th September it will be considered a donation to the P&C, as stated by our Terms and Condition displayed on the second hand 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.”

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

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Book Club


NO CASH is accepted by the office for orders

Orders online ONLY