10 October 2016

From the Principal’s desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to the final school term of the year. I’m sure you enjoyed quality family time over the break and are ready for a busy term ahead.

Knowing our School Community

The feature photo above is Wayne Corbett enjoying what he loves doing when away from work. Wayne is a father at our school who recently displayed his compact speedcar at our school fete. Wayne has achieved a long list of achievements in speedway and I recently had the pleasure of watching him in action at Archefield Speedway. His quiet nature is in complete comparison to his behaviour on the track. As with most sports, Wayne’s smooth movements on the track allow him to be up there with the highest achievers in the sport. Wayne is just one example, of the diverse skills set we have in our school community at Birkdale South. Get along and cheer him on! I’m sure he has a Birkdale South sticker on that car somewhere.

Parent Feedback-QSR

Thank you to all parents who hopped online and completed the parent survey over the break. Your feedback will inform future decision making and school direction over the next four years. The School Plan will be available to everyone once finalised.

A Great Swimming Carnival

As we wish Mr J a speedy recovery from a recent illness, we thank both Mrs Butterworth and Mr Pearson for putting on a fantastic swimming carnival last Friday. All swimmers need to be congratulated for the effort they put in on the day. The carnival was a great finale to what was a successful swimming program held at Chandler for the first time this year. The message is simple…get your child swimming!

Student Free Day

Monday the 17th of October is a Student Free Day where students are not required to come to school as there will be no instruction on this day, as all staff will be involved in professional development activities.

Grade 5 & 6 Camp

Grade 6 camp is this week at Tallebudgera and our grade 5 camp to Nth Stradbroke Island will be in week four of this term. Both camps are experiences you don’t want your child to miss out on. We thank staff who support our school camps and continue to see school camps as valuable in the education of our students at Birkdale South.
Go Geoffrey Go!

Once again, thanks to Mrs C and her support team in putting on what was a fantastic school musical at the end of last term. The hall was at capacity as you supported yet another school initiative in the area of Performing Arts. All student were fantastic!

Yours in Education
Craig Douglas
Principal

Deputy Chat

Danee Cikoja (Acting)

Life Education Van

If you’ve walked through the school this term, you would have noticed the Life Education Van parked on site. This provides a great opportunity for students to learn aspects of the Australian Health Curriculum through engaging and interactive activities. The students have been learning lots from this experience and I look forward to hearing about more of their positive learning encounters.

Bring Your Own (BYO) ipad Classes for 2017: Workshops

All students who expressed interest in the BYO iPad classes for 2017 would have received a note confirming their position for 2017. This is just a reminder about the BYO iPad Workshops happening this term for parents who have students in these classes.

Puchasing, Core Apps, Family Sharing, iTunesU:
Wednesday 19th October 6pm [Week 3]
Device Management, Security: Wednesday 2nd November 6pm [Week 5]
Core Apps- Using Apps: Wednesday 16th November 6pm [Week 7]

Workshops will run for approximately 1 hour. If you have already purchased your iPad it might be beneficial to bring it to the first session. If you have not, please don’t worry, however it would be useful to bring your children’s iPads along to the second and third workshops where there will be opportunities to work with them.

http://birkdalesthss.schoolzineplus.com/byo-ipad-workshop

Pre Prep Program

The Birkdale South Pre Prep Program (PPP) will kick off again for the term this week. We look forward to welcoming our newest members to the school once again on Tuesday mornings for lots of great activities and experiences to help them with their transition into Prep.

Transition Day 1: Tuesday the 18th of October from 9:00am – 11:00am

On Tuesday the 18th of October (Week 3), instead of the usual Pre Prep morning, we will have our first of two transition days. On this morning the parents are responsible for bringing their children in to school where they will be split into four groups and will rotate around four of the current Prep teacher’s classrooms.

On this day we will meet in the upper covered area (near the Tuckshop) at 8:45. Parents will need to sign in and children will need to put on their names tags. We will then split up into our groups to commence the morning activities.

The wonderful P&C will be offering tea and coffee in the Hall Foyer form 9-11 and our Uniform will extend its hours and will be open 8-11:30am on this day.

We hope to see you all on this valuable morning to help support and make the Pre Prep children’s transition into Prep in 2017 as smooth as possible!

Curriculum

Fiona Lane HOC

Reading Strategy: Adjust and apply different reading rates to match text (Fluency)

When reading, experienced readers often adjust their speed to match their purpose for reading. If you are reading something for pleasure, a reader might use a constant pace that allows them to fully enjoy the entire story. If reading for information, a reader might read quickly or scan a text to find the specific information they require. If reading to remember new material, a reader reads more slowly so that they can focus on the meaning of the text.

Many readers are unaware that readers adjust the rate to match their purpose for reading. These readers often read everything at the same rate and struggle to complete and comprehend lengthy texts. By learning to shift reading gears based on the purpose for reading, readers gain fluency and are better able to meet their needs/purpose for reading.

How can I help at home?

- Remind your child that the low reading gears are slow and powerful and that higher gears are speedy but least powerful. Our reading rate changes depending on the purpose for our reading and what we are reading
  - 1st gear – slowest and most powerful, used to memorise material
  - 2nd gear – used to learn material
  - 3rd gear – used in most of our reading
  - 4th gear – our quickest speed, used for skimming and scanning

- Help your child to be aware of their own reading rate. Your child can learn to self-monitor, when to speed up and when to slow down, when recorded and given time to reflect on what is heard during playback. This can help slow readers increase their speed, but will also help speed readers to slow down and gain understanding.

Final term

We are in the last 9 weeks of term 4. This is such a pivotal time for teachers and students to recap on their learning for the last semester, and indeed their year. Most classes will be working
towards the completion of major assessment pieces over the next 4 weeks. Please ensure that you let your child’s classroom teacher know if your child will be away for extended periods of time during the first half of this term. This will help them plan for and organise ways around collecting data and evidence for your child’s final report.

Parent Term Overviews

Year level overviews will be coming home shortly. These are sent home so that we can share what will be happening in your child’s classrooms each term. If you have any questions about the content being discussed in your year level, please see your child’s teacher at an appropriate time.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

PBL Team

After returning to school after the holidays, most students are making good choices, which is great to see. Classroom Expectations was revisited on the first week back to remind students of the behaviour that is expected in the classroom as well as expectations around set work to be completed. 3/4 D is still leading the way with 3B and 2/3E not far behind. Keep up the good work.

Deadly News

Kim Paulson

Yura everyone

I will be teaching students, staff and school community how to weave stars for the ‘One Million Stars to End Violence’ project. The founder of the project, Maryann Talia Pau will be putting up an installation of stars woven by the Redlands community at the Redlands Performing Arts Centre and she is asking the Redlands to come along and get their weave on. After this installation the stars will travel to the Gold Coast for the 2018 Commonwealth Games where the One Millions Stars will be installed. A Star Weave Jam is a great way to create safe places to come together to talk and bring awareness of the issues in our community and how we can support those who have been affected. We have till the end of term 4 to see how many stars BSSS can weave as a school community. If you’d like to organise a Star Weave Jam you can contact me at kpaul55@eq.edu.au. For more information go to the links below. Let’s help Maryann reach ‘One Million Stars’. Remember to stay Strong and stay Deadly! Yuwayi Kim

https://www.facebook.com/onemillionstarstoendviolence/
http://www.onemillionstars.net/

Stay strong and Stay deadly!!
Yuwayi Kim

Health and Safety

Narelle Davy

Mental Health Week

This week is Queensland Mental Health Week. We all need to value our own mental health and wellbeing, that of our loved ones, friends and colleagues, at home, at work and play.

Please find attached 100 ways in 100 days poster and visit the link below for lots of helpful information.

http://www.qldmentalhealthweek.org.ua/
Classroom Spotlight

Lower School – Prep to 3

Measurement in Prep B

Prep B have been working hard learning all about measurement – time – ordering the days of the week. Well done.

Geography in P/1E

In Term 3, we became geographers. We considered different places and spaces, and discussed how they are used and how some places can be changed or rearranged to suit different purposes (just like the changes we make in the hall when we have a concert or use it for P.E.). The children also developed some simple mapping skills, interpreting symbols, exploring different views and creating some of their own maps. We learned how to give and follow directions through a range of fun activities.

This term, we will continue to develop our skills as geographers. We are going to be investigating how some places are special to different people and think about what we can do to care for these places. We will also be improving our mapping skills. We would love for you to get involved at home and enjoy some fun activities, such as treasure hunts and drawing maps of familiar places and talking about places that are special to your family.

Upper School – 4 to 6

Congratulations to Blair D from 5C on his massive achievement who has been awarded The Grey Wolf Award, the highest award you can achieve in the cub section in scouting. It took Blair three years to achieve his award with lots of hard effort required. Well done.

Music

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

Spotlight

Huge congratulations to all of our amazing students on their wonderful presentation of our school musical- Go Geoffrey Go! Many thanks to our Birkdale South staff who also contributed significantly in a multitude of ways to ensure that it was a success. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for students to sing, dance, act and perform on stage to an audience. An experience they will always remember. You can see the photo library at this link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDVyekdTthVk
Upcoming events

- **Choir photos**
  Extra-curricular photos are taking place on Wednesday October 19th- Week 3. Students in Senior Choir and Boys’ Choir will need to wear their uniform for the photos. Junior Choir will wear their school uniform.

- **Music Showcase**
  Date-claimer: The final Music Showcase concert will take place on Friday November 25th. It is a busy time of the year for everybody, so put this one into your diary.

- **Christmas Carols**
  Date-claimer: The Christmas Carol evening is on Friday December 2nd commencing at 5pm.

Music News

- Band and String Lessons and Rehearsals this week

Library

Jean Schenk

Sports Jerseys

Please return all sports jerseys and head gear to the Library ASAP.

Borrowing

We are constantly displaying new books for student borrowing. These are displayed on the top of our book shelves.

Students are welcome to borrow two books at a time and may change them during any break as well as their class time. Remember it is cool to read at Birkdale South!

Language

Ryan Sensei

Welcome to Term 4

This term, student studies focus on two new topics. Year 6 are learning about food with an emphasis on traditional Japanese food and customs related to dining in Japan. Students will learn to describe likes and dislikes and to describe the flavours of some different foods. This term, students also have an opportunity to attend a dinner at a local Japanese restaurant. Part of the preparation for this excursion includes the use of chopsticks and the basic phrases and manner associated with dining.

Year 5 students will concentrate their studies on traditional Japanese clothing, how and when these items are correctly worn and customs associated with this clothing, which differs greatly to our own Australian style of dress. They will learn to describe clothing and in particular the very specific uses of the multiples of the verb “to wear” as it is applied in Japanese grammar. Students also have opportunities to “play” with a number of authentic clothing items.

The major assessment task for this term is a listening comprehension. It is no surprise that listening assessments seem to be the “trickest” for some students and for this reason it is the last of the four macro skills of speaking, reading, writing and listening to be assessed. Many of us listen in order to reply, when it is more valuable to listen for understanding. Competent language learners learn to listen well.
Sport and Physical Education

Dean Johnson and Yvette Butterworth

Yr 4-6 Swimming Carnivale

The results are:

- Banksia – 166
- Grevillea – 168
- Wattle – 194
- Waratah - 177

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.

Support Team

Life Stream Australia

Once again Life Stream Australia will be conducting a sporting program for students with disabilities and other invited peers. A note will be coming out towards the end of week three providing further information. Lessons will focus on developing soccer skills. This will be for upper and lower primary.

Information about transition for those going to high school will also be coming soon. Towards the end of the term focus will be on transitioning each child to their new year level to help prepare for the impending change.

I will be attending Year 5 camp in week four for most of the week. If you require information or assistance during this time please contact Anne-Marie McIntyre.

Megan Willmott

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.

Term Planner addition

Please add on to your term planner:

- Year 6 Camp 10th October to 14th October
- Year 5 Camp 24th October to 28th October
- Band workshop Tuesday 25th October

Banking

Caroline Bastow

Welcome to term 4

The Major Competition – Meet Bindi
Irwin Platinum Experience, Australia Zoo

Our prize for our major competition for this year is being drawn on 11th October with winners announced on Monday 17th October

Term 3 Competition

Our Prize Lights competition is being drawn on 12th October with the winners announced on Wednesday 19th October.

Fingers crossed that someone from our school wins a prize!!

Congratulation to Prep A and 5B for winning the Certificate for most student banking’s per class for Term 3. You have done an amazing job and keep up the great work.

Thank you to all those who have opened up an account last term. I still have some fun packs to give away, so come and see the banking staff on Wednesday and open up an account for Christmas! Only 10 Mondays away!!

Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit every WEDNESDAY.
Chappy Chat

John Rutter

Term 4 in Chaplaincy

We say it every year, “how fast is this year going?” and it’s true. I can’t believe that it’s Term 4 already. I do like Term 4 though; it’s busy with lots happening but it’s also a time to celebrate and reflect on all that has happened and all that has been achieved this year.

Please be aware that the three days a week that I will be in school this term will be Monday, Tuesday and Friday. In Weeks 2 and 4 I will be away with Grade 5 and 6 on their camps to Tallebudgera and Straddle; but will be available on phone or email if you need to contact me. I am really looking forward to camp and sharing some fantastic experiences with the students and teachers that are attending. There has been lots of planning go into both these camps to ensure your children have a fantastic time and are well supported in this experience.

In Weeks 5, 6 and 9 I will be running the “Teen Triple P” parenting seminar series in school on Monday evenings. Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) is a great parenting support program that provides practical advice and support for raising your children. I will be delivering the “Teen” program in school as part of the High-School transition program in support of our families transitioning into high school and our students into adolescence; however, anyone interested in learning more about positively parenting your children at any age are welcome to come. These seminars are free and will be covering 3 topics of ‘Raising Responsible Teenagers’, ‘Raising Competent Teenagers’ and ‘Getting Teenagers Connected’. You are free to come to one or all of these seminars as they do run independent of each other and are different in their content and subject matter. For more information on these seminars or to make a booking, please contact me via email johnr@chappy.org.au.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to acknowledge the support that we as a school community receive from Birkdale Baptist Church. So far this year, Birkale Baptist Church has not only donated money to our school, but they have made food for a staff lunch, they help run our weekly SUPA club for students, they coordinate and run our very valuable Kids Hope mentoring program and one of their youth workers helps me run the Drum Beat program. We are very lucky to be supported by this great group of people and I appreciate their support and involvement in supporting our students and staff and helping make our school a great place to be.

Have a great Term 4 everyone and as always, I will see you around our school.

Chappy John.

P&C News

Cathy Bidois – President

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

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Welcome back to Term 4, we have only 9 weeks left of school for this year. The P&C at the moment is looking at putting in shade cover over our 2 playgrounds during the Christmas Holidays. Without the school community efforts in fundraising this would not be possible, so huge thanks go out to you all.

Playground Rules Before & After School

Our school playgrounds are out of bounds before school and after school. Because these areas are not supervised, our duty of care to students of Birkdale South State School does not allow children to play on playground equipment during these times even if parents are there. If anything was to happen to your child Qld Ed is not responsible. Please respect our teaching staff that supervise our children before school. Verbal abuse is unacceptable behaviour within our school grounds. One of our school rules is respect. The P&C would appreciate that parents before and after school follow the direction of the staff member on duty.

Honey Drive

Our annual Honey Drive is here again. We are using the same supplier as last year and the year before. If you can support this event we would appreciate it. See above for dates. The prices will be the same as previous years so it is great value for money and the honey is delicious.

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 adventures. 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

New Summer Menu for tuckshop

Watch out for the new Summer Menu in our Tuckshop that will be coming home this week.
Lost Property

Could you please name your children’s clothing with surnames and fist initial? We can’t return clothing with first names only as we have over 600 students and it is hard to return clothing with only a first name. Already in our lost property box we have lunchboxes, water bottles and swimming gear leftover from swimming last term.

Prep visiting tuckshop

Prep children can now buy from the tuckshop at morning tea and lunchtime for drinks, ice-blocks, chips and popcorn. Teachers will make sure that they eat their lunch first before coming down. Please note that your child will not be accompanied to the tuckshop and it is up to your child to keep their money safe.

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Uniform Shop News

Second Hand Uniforms

The Uniform shop will not be accepting second hand uniforms at the moment as we have an oversupply of them. Watch the newsletter for updates as to when we will be accepting more.

No winter uniforms please until 2017 Term 2.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 8 to 10am

Book Club

NO CASH is accepted by the office for orders

Orders online ONLY