Dear Parents/Caregivers

At our Student Free Day last week, staff were involved in reviewing our previous four year school plan and setting recommendations for the future four years. School performance data, school programs, parent feedback, school review recommendations and the future directions of Education Queensland were examined and used to develop a future school plan. This plan (QSR) will be presented to our P&C and LCC for consultation and then posted on our website for parents to read.

I thank all parents for contributing to the QSR process and showing a definite interest in where we are going over the next four years at Birkdale South. We are currently celebrating a four year high in staff morale according to School Opinion Data and staff attendance has improved to a level that puts our school in the mid to upper quartile in comparison to state data.

I am on Grade 5 camp this week and Mrs Lane is Acting Principal for the week with Miss Cikoja in the Deputy role whilst Mrs Green continues her leave.

Yours in Education

Craig Douglas
Principal

Deputy Chat

Danee Cikoja (Acting)

Life Education Van

Until next year Life Education van and Harold! I have heard of some wonderful learning experiences the children have had over the past few weeks. This has been a great opportunity for students to learn aspects of the Australian Health Curriculum through engaging and interactive activities.

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

Well done to our school community on the fantastic turn out we had to our first BYO iPad Workshop!

This is just a reminder about the remaining BYO iPad Workshops happening this term for parents who have students in these classes. 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.

Device Management, Security: Wednesday 2nd November [Week 5]
Core Apps- Using Apps: Wednesday 16th November [Week 7]

For any queries about the BSSS BYO iPad program, about the devises themselves, apps or any other information on iPad classes, we now have an email address you can contact to source information: BYOIPads@birkdalesouthss.eq.edu.au.

Pre Prep Program

Thank you to all parents who came with their Pre Prep child to Transition Day 1. We had an impressive turnout! The morning was a lovely opportunity for the children to spend time in each classroom getting a feel for the environment and to meet and engage with our magnificent Prep teachers. It was also a great opportunity for you the parents to make connections with other parents who are about to embark on the same journey as you.

The Birkdale South Pre Prep Program (PPP) will continue now on Tuesday mornings for the rest of the term until Week 9 as Week 10 will be Transition Day 2.

BSSS Chess Tournament 2016

With so many enthusiastic chess players at Birkdale South, we hold our own tournament so that all players, beginners and novices can have a go and experience what it is like to participate in a formally run tournament. We are thrilled that Program Alive will manage our tournament again in 2016, they are the experts. If you have a child who participates in Chess Club or would just like to have a go (and they understand the rules of chess) this is the ideal opportunity. A copy of the entry form can be collect at the school office. Looking forward to a fantastic day on Thursday November 17 – we had 60 players in 2015, I suspect there maybe a few more in 2016.

Day for Daniel

As a school we will acknowledge Day for Daniel on Friday the 28th of October. As part of our curriculum during the year, all classes will have touched on the key messages that this day highlights. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right. Wear Red and Educate is the theme for Day for Daniel. What a great way to cap off a successful Life Education Van visit as well.

Students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation, which will go to the Foundation, and wear red. Student council representatives will go to each class in the morning to collect your generous donations.

If you would like to find out more information about Day for Daniel the following link will take you to their home page.

Health and Relationships Education for Grade 5 and 6

Next week we are offering our Grade 5 and 6 students the opportunity to participate in two health and relationships education sessions. Permission for these sessions was linked to the student participation in the Life Education Van visits that have just concluded.

These sessions are being conducted by an experienced educator from Life Education, and have been tailored to suit the needs of our students and the Australian Curriculum. The program ‘Talk About It’ has been designed to assist young people to develop a positive attitude towards themselves during this stage of their personal growth and development. Lessons being conducted will focus on the physical, social and emotional changes experienced during puberty and helping students to understand and cope with this important phase of development.

If you require further information about the sessions we will hold a parent session with the educator on Thursday the 27th of October in the multi purpose rooms. This will begin at 8:15am and conclude roughly about 9am. Please let the office know if you intend to be at this session if you haven’t already done so.

Curriculum

Fiona Lane HOC

Reading Strategy: Recognise and explain Cause and Effect Relationships (Comprehension)

Understanding cause and effect relationships is a basic thinking skill. It is a strategy used by readers to understand why things happen the way they do in the text. Students are taught to look for clue words that will assist them in determining the cause and effect of the events in the text. It is a strategy that is not only used in reading, but experienced in day to day life. Readers who recognise cause and effect relationships understand that in-text events happen (effects), along with the reason why they happen (causes). When students recognise this relationship, comprehension is increased.

How can I help at home?

- Encourage your child to look for clue words when reading. Words include: because, if, then, so, since, therefore, and, as a result of.
- When reading with your child, show examples of cause and effect relationships in the text. This modelling is essential to understanding.
- Spark conversation about the text by using questions such as:
- What happened and why did it happen?
- What were the clue words?
- Why would this have happened?
- Provide examples of cause and effect relationships throughout your life talk about why things happened and what caused them to happen.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

PBL Team

Last week’s PBL focus was about being safe. We focused on the importance of wearing appropriate shoes at all times and being sun safe in particular, wearing a hat, sunscreen and sun safe clothing on free dress days. A few classes have reached another beehive and subsequently have been rewarded with wearing free dress in recent weeks! I am pleased to say that sun safe attire has been worn along with closed in shoes on these days. Well done!

Deadly News

Kim Paulson

Yura everyone

My daughter and I learnt how to weave raffia skirts a couple of years ago at the Quandamooka Jajams camp over on North Stradbroke from some of the local Aboriginal women. So this term I have been teaching some of the girls from the BSSS Jajams dance group how to weave the raffia skirts for our dance performances. Rubi and Chloe were very quick learners and they were very proud of their combined efforts. I love sharing culture and knowledge with our jajams and I hope they will continue to share their culture with others. Remember to ‘stay Strong and stay Deadly’.

Yuwayi Kim

Health and Safety

Narelle Davy

Alert – Micro Bats

It is great when we see a sick animal and we want to help but often animals carry illness that are not safe for humans. Bats can carry the ABLV virus that causes a rabies-like illness that is invariably fatal without medical treatment. It is vital that we understand that there can be serious consequences of handling bats.

- Only trained and vaccinated people should handle bats.
- If you find a sick, injured or distressed bat, do not touch the bat. Contact the RSPCA on 1300 ANIMAL (264625) or a bat-care organisation in your local area (do a search for ‘bat care’).
- Bats are vitally important to the environment and pose minimal risk to humans provided they are left alone and not touched.

Classroom Spotlight

Lower School – Prep to 3

2C have been busily working on their Media assignment using an app called Explain Everything. The app does exactly what its name says; it allows the students to explain their working. During Term Three, 2C built their own toy and are now using Explain Everything to ‘explain’ how they made it. The students have been so busy creating their assignments and are very proud of their completed work. Well done 2C!
Music

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

Classroom Spotlight

This week the focus is on the wonderful Pre-Prep children who have been visiting the music room as part of their transition program to Birkdale South State School. They have enjoyed experiencing different activities involving, beat, rhythm, instruments, dancing and singing so that they will be prepared for ‘big school’ in 2017. Well done everyone. We are excited for you to join us next year.

Upcoming events

- **Music Showcase**
  *Date - claimer:* The final Music Showcase concert will take place on Friday November 25th at 6pm. It is a busy time of the year for everybody, so put this one into your diary. More information to come home in Week 5.

- **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
- Please note that Senior String Ensemble practice on Tuesday afternoon will be cancelled due to camp.

Borrowing

Students can have 2 books out at a time but are able to borrow as often as they wish. It is great that so many of our students at Birkdale South borrow on a regular basis.

All our new books are displayed on top of the shelves for students to borrow.

Language

Ryan Sensei

Spotlight on Dining in Japan

Term 4 is already busy! Students are learning and remembering a selection of new vocabulary relevant to the topics being studied. An important part of learning any new language is to appreciate and respect the links between culture and language. Our language students certainly have opportunity to do this with the topics of traditional clothing and food.

Every country has idiosyncratic rites and customs related to dining and food. Students were pleased to learn that in many Asian countries it is considered a sign of appreciation and enjoyment to slurp. As parents many of us have tried to remind our children that it is impolite to slurp!! We also teach our children to bring the food to one’s mouth and leave the plate safely on the table. In Japan it is quite acceptable to hold the bowl which usually contains rice close to the chin whilst using chopsticks.

Students are exploring the subtle and not so subtle nuances between Australia and Japan. As part of their studies, Year 6 students (including those students in the composite class) will have an opportunity to dine at a local Japanese restaurant. Places will be limited due to the size of venue. Letters of invitation will be sent home at the beginning of Week 4 and students are encouraged to consider attending this after school hours’ excursion. The excursion is NOT compulsory.

Library

Jean Schenk

Sports Jerseys

Thanks to all for returning sporting shirts/jerseys and head gear. If you still have any at home please return to the library ASAP.
Sport and Physical Education

Dean Johnson and Yvette Butterworth

Inter-school Sport Oztag Competition

Good luck to the Junior and Senior Oztag teams who are currently taking part in a 4 week Inter-school sports competition. Please see dates below;

- Week 3 – Friday 21 October
- Week 5 – Friday 4 November
- Week 6 – Friday 11 November
- Week 7 – Friday 18 November

Coaches will advise their teams as to when training sessions will occur.

Intra-school Sport

Students in Years 4-6 who are not involved in the Oztag competition will be participating in rotational sports activities back at school from 2.00-3.00pm.

Sporting Recognition

Athletics

Congratulations to Kydan T who placed 3rd in the 10 yrs Girls Discus at The State titles. Kydan will now be representing Queensland next month in Sydney. All the best Kydan!!!

Cricket

Good luck also to Kyla H and Makayla M who will be competing in the Metropolitan East Under 12’s girls cricket the State Carnival on 30 October to 2 November. Birkdale South SS community wishes you all the best in Bundaberg.

Reminder

The end of Year Sports Parade is on Monday 31 October from 2.15pm. Medallions will be presented to all students who have represented Bayside District, Metropolitan East or State Teams. Years 4-6 Age Champions will also be receiving medallions. Parents and family members are most welcome to attend this parade.

Support Team

STLaN

Pre Prep Program (PPP): Brigance Assessment

One of my roles as the STLaN is it to conduct Brigance Tests on the Pre Prep students.

In conjunction with our Head of Curriculum Fiona Lane, we have been and will continue to conduct Brigance Assessments on all of the Pre Preps. This is a 15-20 minute assessment we do one on one with each of the Pre Preps.

We conduct these assessments either when they visit on a Tuesday morning for the Pre Prep Program or when we visit the local day care centres in Term 4. If we don’t manage to test your child during these times, we will call you to arrange a time. If you know you’re going away at the end of Term 4, we would really appreciate if you let us know so that we can make sure their Brigance Test can be completed before the end of the 2016 school year.

The Brigance Assessment covers a range of aspects of early development. We do it to gather a small amount of data on what the children can and can’t do. This helps us to form class groups at the end of the year and helps us to start thinking about early intervention or support that some of the children may require.

Finance and Admin

Megan Murphy

Transfers

Planning for 2016 commences in Term 4 and this requires a prediction of enrolments for next year to be made. If your child/children will not be returning to Birkdale South State School in the year 2017, we would greatly appreciate it if you would notify the office by email admin@birkdalesouthss.eq.edu.au or phone 38204333. Please include your child’s name, class, future school and date leaving.

Statements

Statements will be sent home this week. Please note that if the amount has a negative next to it, then you have money sitting on your child’s account that can be used for excursions etc.

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### Banking

**Caroline Bastow**

**School Banking is awesome!!**

**Term 3 Competition Winners**

**Sky full of Prizes**

I am so excited to let you know we had quite a few winners in the Brisbane South Area for our Term 3 Competition. 14 Schools in our Metro South Area won prizes, that’s totally awesome!! All parents have now been notified. Our school was very lucky to have one student win a major prize:

- **Birkdale South State School - Playstation Pack - $607**

Congratulations to this student! We will let you know who the lucky person was in the coming weeks and will present their prize on parade.

**Australia Zoo Competition**

The Australia Zoo Competition has also been drawn. The winner for our Family Wildlife Adventure holiday competition is from the Brisbane North Area! A very lucky student from All Saints Primary School is heading off on this fantastic holiday with his family.

**Deposit Books**

We have had a few student deposit books come to us on Wednesday that have not been filled out. It is extremely important that you fill in the name, student number and the amount. If you do not put in the amount we cannot be sure what you are banking for you child and we do not want to be accused of taking money from the deposit books. If it continues, a note will be placed in the yellow envelope for your attention and then refusal to do the deposit may be required. It is not our job to fill in the deposit book.

**Foreign Coin**

We are still receiving foreign coins in the banking deposits. We do NOT accept foreign coins of any type, not even New Zealand! This is a request from the Commonwealth Bank. These coins will be returned to you and your child’s banking will be adjusted accordingly. We will not under any circumstances make up your child’s banking with our own money.

Congratulations to the students who received their Bronze Certificate for 10 deposits so far this year: Isabel K, P/1E and Sophie-Rose P, PD. Congratulations to those students who received their Silver Certificates for 20 deposits so far this year: Jackson E, PC; Amber B, 1A; Marcelo M, 1B; Hunter S, 1B; Fynn N, 2A; Ronon O’D, 2A; Idiana I, 2A and Alyse P, 5A. Congratulations those first students to receive their **GOLD Certificate for 30 banking deposits so far this year X-avier C, PB; Ryan T, PB; Jessica H, P/1E and Zack V, 3/4D.**

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

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### Chappy Chat

**John Rutter**

**Grade 6 Camp at Tallebudgera Beach School**

What a privilege it was to join our Grade 6 students on their camp at Tallebudgera Beach School on the Gold Coast in Week 2. School camps are a great time for students to step out of their comfort zone in so many ways and I always enjoy seeing individuals have personal “break-throughs” during the week. The theme and curriculum for this camp was to “awaken the champion within” and there were certainly many opportunities for each of the students to do that. From team challenges to rock climbing, body boarding, kayaking and beach races, the students (and teaching staff) had no choice but to push themselves past their boundaries to get through the 3 days.

Congratulations to the Grade 6 students that really engaged in the camp and well done to the Grade 6 teachers and Mrs Schenk whom organised this brilliant camp and put in the long hours over the week. Now to prepare for Grade 5 camp... I guess I’ll just catch up on sleep later in the term.

**Teen Triple P**

Our first seminar in the Teen Triple P series of parenting workshops will be on next Monday the 31st of October. This first session is on “raising responsible teenagers”. I have learned so much from doing the facilitators training on these seminars and can tell you that the topics covered are not only very relevant but the strategies that are delivered are very simple and effective. It’s encouraging to have numerous people request for more information on these seminars and I look forward to seeing all those interested on the nights. The session will be held in the “tech lab” and will commence at 6pm sharp with doors open from 5.30pm. Question time will be at the end, so please expect the seminar to go for about 90 mins. Light refreshments will be available and please register your attendance on the Triple P Parent site or via the following address link

http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-eken/find-help/
check-our-calendar/2016-10-31/seminar-teen/
raising-responsible-teenagers/100875/

**Stay safe, stay positive and I will 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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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. Last day for honey order is Wednesday 26th October; please place forms and monies in the P&C box located at the tuckshop.

Tuckshop

New Summer Menu for tuckshop

Summer Menu is out now; please refer to it for new items and prices effective from Monday 10th October. If you don’t have a copy, it is available on the P&C Facebook page (address at the top of this section).

Foreign Coins

We are still getting foreign coins in the tuckshop, please note that we do not accept New Zealand currency, this is one of the foreign coins that comes up every day to our tuckshop.

Lost Property

We have plenty of lunch boxes and drink bottles in our lost property. If your child has misplaced a lunch box please check out the lost property.

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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.

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Book Club

NO CASH is accepted by the office for orders

Orders online ONLY