From the Principal’s desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Just five weeks to go until the Christmas break and many school events scheduled between now and then. As our grade 6 students get ready to transition to high school, our Prep students for 2017, participate in our Pre Prep program to ensure a smooth transition to school life. Prep numbers once again look strong for 2017.

School Captain

School Captain Applications have been distributed to grade 5 students with applications closing TUESDAY, 11th of November at 3pm. The same process as last year will then commence involving students being short listed for an interview and then asked to present a speech on parade. Voting will then occur and the two successful candidates are announced at our last parade this year. Good luck to all applicants.

HOSES

At our school, we are committed to ensure we are inclusive in our education ethos and cater for all student needs providing opportunities for students to have access to our curriculum. Over the last few years, we have had an increase in the number of students identified with a disability. This now means we will be advertising for a Head of Special Education to start in the 2017 school year. The successful applicant will lead all Special Education programs and initiatives within our school.

Grade 4 Adventure Days

Fingers crossed we can get some good weather and finalise our Outdoor Education program for 2016, with our grade 4 students participating in mountain biking and canoeing in week
9 of this term. Mr Johnson has returned from sick leave and is keen to go ahead with this event, as are his support staff.

**Sun Safety**

With the weather heating up between now and the end of term, I ask parents to ensure they send students to school with a school hat labelled with your child’s name and sunscreen applied before school. All classes have access to sunscreen daily. Please remember the school hat is part of the school dress code and needs to be worn both to and from school.

Yours in Education

*Craig Douglas Principal*

**Deputy Chat**

Loreyse Agnew-Green

**Chess Tournaments**

**Gardiner Chess - Brisbane Age Championships**

This year the event is being held at BBC - Brisbane Boys College, at Taringa, on Wednesday 9 November. This will mean an 8am SHARP departure from school if we are going to get there on time. A reminder note will come home to players with the rules and regulations. There are no teams, this is a solo or individual event for all ages.

**Birkdale South Chess Tournament**

**Thursday 17 November, 9am - 2:30pm.**

Our school tournament is designed to give as many children as possible the opportunity to participate in a chess tournament. They need to be proficient at setting the board and moving the pieces. There will be time for 7 rounds, snacks are eaten through the day. Please bring a book, handball or other items to be engaged with between rounds. Awards are given at the conclusion of the tournament. Good Luck players!

**Book Lists**

Book lists went home last Wednesday afternoon. Please check that your child has been given the iPad list if they are in the iPad class for the year level. Read the instructions carefully and note the Delivery options this year includes home delivery for an additional $6.50. Distribution of book packs will take place, from the Multi-purpose room to classrooms, between 11:45 - 1:30pm on Tuesday Dec 7. Parents who would like to collect packs are able to do so at 11:00 am. These packs are heavy so it is advised that you collect the book packs from your child’s classroom on this day.

**BYO iPad Workshops**

Last week our parent workshop was focussed on Device Management & Security - an email of the presentation with live links was sent out to all BYO parents. We learned about Settings, Restrictions, MDM and other important elements of managing the devices in the school grounds.

Thanks to Dan Ross and George Varnfield for being our panel of experts and contributing to the discussion.

Next Workshop in Week 7 is focussed on making parents familiar with our ”Core Apps” and doing some AppSmashing.

There have been enquiries about a daytime workshop for parents who are more able to attend then. We will get back to you but Wednesday, 30 November, in week 9 (9:00 - 11:00am) is a strong possibility. We will also look at having a workshop in the pupil free days in January.

**Pre Prep Program**

Our Pre Prep group meet each Tuesday morning for 2 hours. In this time we attend one specialist lesson which could be music, PE/PMP or Japanese. We also spend time in a Prep class and have some time being active on the playground equipment. Our 2017 Preppies really love the library visits each week. We get to hear a great story read to us by a Senior Teacher and borrow books as well. We all look forward to this and are all very keen to start here next year. Thanks so much to all the wonderful parents, day care centres and staff for making Tuesday mornings so enjoyable.

*Sally Hanson*

**Curriculum**

Fiona Lane HOC

*Reading Strategy: Use Main Idea and Supporting Details to Determine Importance (Comprehension)*

The main idea of a passage is often stated in a sentence within the passage. It helps
readers understand the most important idea about what is being read. The other sentences of the passage include pieces of information that tell you more about the most important idea. These are called supporting details. Understanding the general idea of a text can be tricky for beginning, emerging or even established readers. It can require time, brain power and hard work to determine the main idea of a passage. Learning how to use the main idea and supporting details is an essential piece to a reader’s success in comprehending text.

[Parent Pipeline Daily Café website]

How can I help at home?

- When reading at home with your child stop frequently and ask your child what they think the section is about. Then, ask your child to give you one detail to support their thought.
- Remind them that readers may think differently about what the author’s main point is in the section. When a reader decides what he/she believes is the main idea, evidence from the text must be given as support. Model this process for your child, thinking aloud as you go. You may wish to use the following terms:  
  - Topic: the subject, what the text is about  
  - Main idea: most important idea about the topic (usually a sentence)  
  - Supporting details: bits of information used to support the main idea.
- Give them plenty of opportunities to practice the strategy

ICAS Awards Presentation

This week we presented our ICAS award to students who participated in the ICAS testing regime. Students participated in 4 tests over a period of 4 months during the year.

- Digital Technologies
- Maths
- English
- Science

Congratulations to those who received certificates this week. If your child was absent on Monday, please see your class teacher for your certificates.

Cohort moderation process

During our staff meeting on Tuesday afternoon each year level cohort took some time to sit together and moderate pieces of student work. We do this regularly to ensure consistent judgements are made when it comes to allocating achievement to our students. This process is important as it provides time for the teachers to have substantive conversations about the evidence seen in students work, and provides them with the confidence to justify what achievement level they are allocating to each student. This is particularly important around reporting time.

This moderation process also provides opportunities for teachers to think about where to next for the students. It drives what content student’s need to be given another opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of. Thank you to the staff who worked through their Melbourne Cup afternoon on this task.

iPad Pilot Program 2017

We are well on the way to having a successful start to our iPad program in 2017. We have now held 3 parent information sessions which have grown in popularity. I have created an iTunes U course which houses all of the information you will need to participate in the pilot program for 2017. However, due to a few glitches in setting up the institution licence for Birkdale South State School, I am unfortunately unable to share with you the code for this course. (We are so close) I will make this available to you all as soon as the glitches have been ironed out.

Our next information session will be held in week 7, and will focus on the use of our core apps. This will be a hands-on session, so if you have your iPads and the core apps loaded you will be in for a great learning experience.

Please use the email address BYOIPads@birkdalesouthss.eq.edu.au if you have any questions relating to this pilot, the parent sessions, or the core apps required.

Student Council

This term, the Student Council have been very busy with Bandana Day and Day for Daniel. The students have been eagerly selling bandana to the school community, raising over $700. For cancer research for children (with cancer). As well, we have had a free dress day to raise funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation with over $350.00 raised.

We, the Student Council would like to thank the whole school community for participating in both days.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

PBL Team

The expectation of “Be Responsible” was targeted in class last week. This included lessons on “Cleaning up after yourself”, in the lower grades and “Respecting the personal space of others”, in the upper grades. All classes are busily working towards the goal of 8 beehives to participate in the end of semester reward day. Activities will be confirmed closer to the end of the year. 3/4D have already reached the goal so will definitely be participating. 1B, 2A, 2C, 2/3E, 3B and 5C are all in the 7000’s so are very close to the target. Well done those classes. The remaining classes will have to make an extra effort between now and the end of the semester to participate. Good luck!
Kim Paulson

Yura everyone

Have you had your health check lately? If not, head down to Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health Clinic today. Services the clinic provides are GP, dental, physio, counselling, podiatry, community support, social health services, Mums n Bubs and more. Choosing a Deadly choice is a Healthy choice. Watch Sam Thaiday whip up a storm in the kitchen.


Remember to stay Strong, stay healthy and stay Deadly!!

Health and Safety

Narelle Davy

Impetigo (school sores)

Impetigo (school sores) is highly contagious type of skin infection caused by the Staphylococcus or Streptococcus bacteria. The infection is characterised by inflamed blisters that pop, weep and form crusts. Treatment options include antibiotic cream, ointment, antibiotics.

Students with impetigo must be kept home from school until appropriate treatment has begun and the sores on exposed areas are covered with a waterproof dressing and where necessary a crepe bandage. First aid staff will not be able to replace dressing so parents will be called.

Playground Equipment

Reminder that no students should be on play equipment before or after school.

Year 3 Dance Unit

This semester 3/4D, along with the rest of the Year 3 cohort, created a dance to represent the 4 elements of Earth, Air, Fire and Water.

Students examined and incorporated actions using different body parts, body zones and bases. They explored and experimented with directions, time, dynamics and relationships using groupings, objects and props. They used technical skills including accuracy and awareness of body alignment, explored meaning and interpretation, elements and forms including shapes and sequences of dances when they were performing.

Students learnt a lot about dance concepts but also about co-operation, compromise and stepping outside the comfort zone. Miss Cikoja, our guest audience, was very impressed and moved by the effort and skill shown.

Music

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

Classroom Spotlight

Lower School – Prep to 3

Teachers Day

Mrs Buxton and Miss Julie were excited to share that Prep A and their buddies 4A both had all students present on Friday to celebrate Teachers Day.

Classroom Spotlight

This week the focus is on the wonderful Prep A students who have been learning about the famous Australian classic - Waltzing Matilda- and practicing their singing skills. They are also busy preparing for the Christmas concert on December 2nd which will take place here at school. The students will be singing ‘Rudolf’ and they are already excited about the festive season ahead!
Prep students singing in music

Upcoming events

Music Showcase

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. Students will bring home a note from school with all of the details. Please sign and return the slip to Mrs C in the music room.

Christmas Carols

The annual Christmas Carol evening is on Friday December 2nd commencing at 5pm with food and festivities. Every student from Prep to Year 6 is involved in the singing programme which starts at 6pm. Bring your carolling voices and get ready to celebrate!

Music News

Band and String Lessons and Rehearsals this week

Library

Jean Schenk

Christmas Craft

We are starting our Christmas craft activities at breaks. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun. The finished items will go home with students at the end of the year. One of our craft items is a placement for the centre of the Christmas table made and decorated by students.

Library Books

If you have any concerns regarding lost/damaged books please do not hesitate to come in or give us a call in the Library to see if we can help you in any way.

Language

Ryan Sensei

Assessment Time!

An important and mandated part of language learning is assessment. Assessment is implemented in a variety of ways and is both formative and summative. In language assessment the 4 macro skills of speaking, reading, writing and listening are assessed throughout the school year. This term the focus has been on listening. In Week 6, students will complete a listening comprehension task as their main assessment activity for Term 4. This task involves the students listening to a text read by the teacher and then answering a series of questions relevant to that text. Both the questions and answers are written in English. Students have also completed a self-evaluation and reflection on their language learning. It is important for all of us to reflect and as such this is another valuable assessment tool.

Listening is usually the most difficult of the 4 macro skills as many of us truly struggle to really listen to comprehend. Listening is the main way in which all of us learn any language. Think about small children when they first learn to talk. They mimic many words including some that perhaps we would prefer them not to copy! Some students struggle to listen well and consequently the listening assessment can be considered the most difficult. Please encourage and support your children as they complete this task.

Sport and Physical Education

Dean Johnson and Yvette Butterworth

Sports Parade

Thank you to all of the families and special visitors who attended the special Sports Parade which was held on Monday. It was wonderful to see Mr Rodney Stanley and Mr Mike Williams at the parade who presented the overall winning house Wattle with the Stanley/Williams Cup.

Congratulations to all of the recipients on your outstanding achievements this year.

Award Recipients

BRONZE MEDALLION
Track and Field - Cole S  
Cross Country - Kydan T  
Soccer - Kyla H and Amity S  
Cricket - Owen R  
Rugby League - Joshua P  

SILVER MEDALLION  
Softball - Makayla M  
Cricket - Kyla H and Makayla M  
Swimming - Ethan D  

GOLD MEDALLION  
Softball - Coby Van De G  
Track and Field - Kydan T  

ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS  
9 Yrs Boys - Chayse T  
9 Yrs Girls - Talia C  
10 Yrs Boys - Cooper J  
10 Yrs Girls - Kydan T  
11 Yrs Boys - Cole S  
11 Yrs Girls - Amity S  
12 Yrs Boys - Jerome M  
12 Yrs Girls - Nikkita L  
12 Yrs Girls - Nikkita R  

SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS  
9 Yrs Boys - Jay A  
9 Yrs Girls - Jazmyn G  
10 Yrs Boys - Eligh W  
10 Yrs Girls - Rebecca B  
11 Yrs Boys - Ethan D  
11 Yrs Girls - Jacinta W  
12 Yrs Boys - Jerome M  
12 Yrs Girls - Coby Van De G  
12 Yrs Boys - Ashley S  

PREMIERSHIP WINNING TEAMS  
Senior Boys Soccer - Inter-school Sport  
Junior Boys Soccer - Inter-school Sport  
Junior Boys Basketball - Osprey Cup  

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.

Year 6 Plantation
Please note that the payment cut-off date for the Year 6 end of year break-up excursion is 2 weeks before the excursion day. This is due to payments needing to be made to suppliers by the end of November. Therefore, there will be no late payments accepted after Thursday 24 November. There will also be no refunds.

Student Absences – new SMS system
Due to new Education Queensland regulations, we are implementing a new SMS system in the near future. Each day we will send automated text messages if your child is absent from school. To supply us with a reason, you just need to reply to the text.

QParents

QParents is coming, what is it?
The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Birkdale South SS students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.
QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
Volunteers
Thank you to the few people who offered to assist us with the banking on Wednesday mornings. If I have not contacted you yet, please email the P & C again and I will be in touch as soon as possible. We are still looking for more volunteers. If you can spare 3 hours on a Wednesday morning please contact the P & C for further information.

Deposit Slips
Thank you to those who filled in the deposits slips this week. It was very good to see and it makes things much easier for us. Please make sure that you put in the student number, as this is our main identifier with the CBA School Banking Portal and makes entering the deposits much quicker. Please note that we cannot do multiple deposits for students. All deposits will be put through as one single deposit and only ONE token will be issued for that deposit. This is Commonwealth Bank policy.

Reward Items
Please note that there are only a few rewards left to choose from as many have gone out of stock which is fantastic because that is hundreds of kids banking every week! These items are left for you to order for Term 4: Bush Fly Fan, Wriggly Glow Worm, Pat the Dog Bagtag, The Outer Space Savers Money Box and ET DVD. All other items are now unavailable. A new list will be sent home this week.

Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates
Congratulations to these students who have received their Bronze Award: Ryder L, Shelby W 5A, Congratulations to those who have received their Silver Award: Jed Holloway-Hill PA, Ruby N 1C, Nakara Holloway-Hill 1B and Charlotte Sieber 2C. Congratulations to all our Gold Award Certificates winners: Jack H PA, Daniel C PA, Adasia B PA, Zayden T PC, Cruz T PC, Liam F-E PC, Peyton Y 1A, Claudia S 1A, Chloe C 1B, Kaleb C 1C, Sophie R 2/3E, Sebastian B 3/4D, Katelin C 5A, Jade V 4B, Jett T 5B, Emily W 6B. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit every WEDNESDAY.

Banking

Caroline Bastow

Getting close to Christmas
We hope all our banking students are getting excited about Christmas. It’s only 7 weeks away. Start saving now so you can buy mum and dad a great Christmas present!!

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.

Don’t forget we will also be at the Prep Orientation Day on 2nd December, 2016 from 9am.

Thank you to all the Teachers last week for making sure that the class banking bags were brought down to the Banking Staff on Wednesday morning by 9am. We had every bag, so no phone calls were made, YAY!! Thanks Teachers!! ? Don’t forget to see Pat the Dog out every Wednesday morning to remind everyone!!

Chappy Chat

John Rutter

We’re down to counting on one hand
Week six means just 5 short weeks to go for the 2016 school year. Already so much has happened this term and there is still lots to come. As busy as it is, it’s important to take your time and enjoy the closing of the school year. The end of the year is also a great time to look back at all that has happened; both good and bad, and recognise how we have grown or developed through the year. This is especially important for our young people to learn to do. To recognise our own personal growth and that we are better than we were at the beginning of the year. Personally, I have had the pleasure of seeing students grow through anxiety and anger issues, push themselves to try new experiences, learn forgiveness and kindness in the playground, grow in maturity in

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**Please note: due to closing of finances, we cannot accept late payments for this excursion**

**Please note:**

- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents in the coming weeks.

QParents won’t replace the traditional ways we communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at: https://qparents.qld.edu.au/
their classrooms and in many cases, exceed their own expectations of what they can achieve. There is certainly a lot to celebrate and be grateful for this year.

Grade 5 Straddie Camp

Another brilliant camp experience for students and staff on the annual grade 5 camp on North Stradbroke Island. A great deal of planning and organisation goes into providing a fantastic experience for our students and it was a pleasure for me to be involved and share this experience with the cohort. From Beach Olympics to yabbie pumping and fishing, beach swimming and body boarding, it was non-stop and everyone had a great time together. Thanks to Mrs Schenk for all that she does in putting this camp together, to Mr Benson for his help in preparing all our gear and Mr Douglas for designing a great beach camp experience for our students.

Operation Christmas Child

Each year leading up to Christmas, a wonderful organisation called “Samaritan’s purse” facilitates a program called “Operation Christmas Child” where they call for people to pack and donate a shoebox full of small items for a child in a third world country as a Christmas present. This is a beautiful project and something that we at Birkdale South SS would love to grow to be a part of. This year Mrs Crank from class 3B came to me to see if we could get involved and within a short few days, her class was able to fill over 20 shoe boxes as gifts for children on the other side of the world. Well done 3B for getting us started this year and we will ensure that we are prepared for this project as a full school in October next year. I was so proud to deliver your shoeboxes to Samaritan’s Purse last week on your behalf.

Take care of each other and I will see you around our school.

Chappy John

P&C News

Cathy Bidois – President

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

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**Second Hand Uniforms**

The Uniform shop will now be accepting second hand uniforms. **Summer only please. No winter uniforms please until 2017 Term 2.** Please be aware it is your job to collect and pick up monies after 12 weeks. We have a lot of uniforms that have been on the racks since the beginning of the year. After 12 weeks, you need to collect them, if they haven't sold. If you leave them at the uniform shop they become the property of the P&C, so please call in and check the dates you left your uniforms within the next 2 weeks, after the 21st of November they will become P&C property. Thanks for your help in this matter.

The uniform shop will be limiting size 2 &4 polo; we are waiting on our big delivery which should be here at the end of the month. You can pre order and pay for your uniforms before the 15th November you will avoid the price rise.

**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

| Tuesday & Thursday | 8 to 10am |

**Book Club**


NO CASH is accepted by the office for orders

Orders online ONLY