Dear Parents/Caregivers

The following is an overview of current school events presented at our last P&C meeting with some recent additions.

**School Review**
Our school will undergo a full school review in week 10 of this term. Feedback from the review will determine an improvement plan that will be available to parents from our website.

**Behaviour Audit**
This term our school will be audited around our behaviour management programs and processes. This is in line with being a PBL school.

**Naplan**
Naplan for grades 3 & 5 is in week 5 of this term. Processes around students being withdrawn from the test and/or modifications to be made are now underway. Please contact your child’s classroom teacher if you have any concerns. (Deadlines apply).

**Schoolzone**
We are moving to an electronic school magazine type format to replace our school newsletter. We are aiming to launch the change in week 4 of this term. Parents will receive a link that will enable them to receive the school magazine via email.

**ANZAC Parade**
Our school ANZAC Parade was held on Monday, 18th of April at 2.15pm in the hall.

**School Electronic Sign**
This term, an electronic sign will be erected at the front of the school to assist with communication and school promotion to the wider public.

**Term Planner**
These went home last term. Collect one from the office if you don’t have one. You can also find one on our school website.

**Reminder:**
**Reports via email**
Academic reports will now be emailed to parents at the end of semester. Hard copies will still be available to parents who request one. It is essential that your correct email address is known at the office.

**Staffing Update**
Liz Cox (music), Anna Marr (booster teacher)

**Student Leadership Peer support (starts week 2)**
As part of our student leadership program, student leaders will have the opportunity to take on the role of Peer Support on the playground at break times. These students will help manage organised games and will be wearing peer support vests when in the role.

**Senior Rugby League team makes history.**
Last week, we held our first interschool rugby league game on our new field here at BSSS. Whilst the game against Wellington Point was played in great spirit, we were unable to pull back an early lead and lost the match 26-16. Thankyou to all parents who came along as spectators and supported the game.

**P-3 Cross Country well supported by parents.**
Congratulations to both Mr Johnson and Mrs Butterworth for putting on an entertaining cross country event which motivated all students to participate for their house. The event had a huge crowd of parents supporting all involved.
Under 8’s Day
Friday 27 May is our Under 8’s Day this year. The theme in 2016: “Early Learning, Everyone Benefits; Queensland Celebrating 60 years of Under Eights week”. Shortly there will be a letter outlining the day. Please make plans for a parent, grandparent, relative or friend to come along on the day to supervise children as they make their way around the many, many activities on the day. Don’t forget the Under 8’s sausage sizzle and disco starts at 12:00pm.

Program Alive
Today is the first of the Chess workshops for this term—please see the outline attached Program Alive offers Drama weekly and Chess Workshops on determined dates.

National Young Leaders Day - “Master the Little”
6 of Birkdale South Student Council Representatives were among the emerging generation of leaders at The National Young Leaders Day at Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre on Monday, the 14th of March.

The event, which attracted 3,500 upper primary students along with their teachers and principals from schools across the state, is hosted by the Halogen Foundation; a not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to inspire and empower young people to be active leaders in their schools and the wider community.

Keynote speakers who shared their stories and leadership insights included Police Commissioner, Ian Stewart, Journalist, Pippa Sheehan, and Mars One Astronaut Candidate, Josh Richards. Each speaker brought unique life experience to the event, sharing empowering lessons and instilling the message that despite circumstances, anyone can be a good leader and make a difference in the world around them.

“The theme of this year’s National Young Leaders Day was Master the Little,” says Sam Skinner, General Manager at the Halogen Foundation. “Many young people believe they need to do something grand to make an impact. We sought to break this down and highlight the power of practical and everyday actions when it comes to leading well.”

“Given the dynamic nature of today’s fast-paced society, great leadership can be demonstrat- ed in so many different ways. We wanted to empower young people with the knowledge that even the little things matter in helping them grow and reach their potential,” she adds.

An interactive panel made for an exciting and inspiring conclusion to the day, exposing students to people with some of Australia’s most interesting jobs. Panelists included, Frosty Boy General Manager, Sarah Cutler, and Camel Whisperer, Hannah Purss. The National Young Leaders Day events for primary students take place annually around Australia, with more than 14,000 students participating.

Reading
Never under estimate the power of reading to children, this includes our “Big kids”. I am never surprised by the engagement of students when they are listening to great readers. Students listen to the enjoyment in a storytellers voice, they watch avidly the movements storytellers make as they move through a scene that is exciting and captivating. Their eyes twinkle as much as the storytellers eyes do in their enjoyment of the moment. Try it yourself, watch your children as you read to them and engage them in the excitement, the tragedy, the betrayal, the suspense, the humour in a story.
Positive Behaviour for Learning...

This week’s behaviour expectation is “Be Safe”.

This includes following directions, keeping hands, feet and other objects to yourself, wearing a broad brimmed hat in the sun, walking around the school environment especially on hard surfaces and wearing a helmet when riding a bike.

All students have been working hard to earn beestings both individually, and as a class, to earn their rewards. Well done.

Be Safe! Be Responsible! Be Respectful! Be a Learner!

Deadly News...

Kim Paulson

Yura everyone

Welcome back to term 2.

Exciting news the BSSS Jajam Dancers will be performing at the school fete this year on the 30th July. Please remind your children that are involved in the dance group that dance practice will be starting on Tuesday the 19th April. This will be an opportunity for the new Indigenous Preps to be a part of the Jajams dance group.

Yuwayi, Kim

Workplace Health and Safety...

Narelle Davy

Protect your brain

Always wear a helmet when riding a bike.
Welcome Spotlight

Hi - I’m Mrs Elisabeth Cox and I’ll be filling in for Miss Gibbs while she is on family leave.

It is exciting to join the team at Birkdale South State School and I look forward to working together with the staff and students on an exciting musical adventure.

I have been teaching music for a very long time in both state and independent schools, as well as working with students with disabilities. My experience includes teaching classroom music, dance, drama, special needs and working as teacher librarian.

I believe that music is a great way for students to achieve their educational goals. My passion is to take students on the creative journey of the Arts, to experience the excitement and imagination that they all have within and to strive to reach their creative and expressive potential.

If you have any questions about the music program, feel free to pop into the music room and meet with me.

Upcoming Events

Birkdale South’s Got Talent

Thank you to the students who have returned their forms for the talent show. I will be organising the heats this week and will put up the list in the music room window so that students can see when they are performing. The talent show will begin in week 3 and run each Tuesday at Big Lunch until all of the performers have had a turn. We will then announce who the finalists are for each section and when the Grand Finals will take place. All students are welcome to come to the hall to watch the shows each week!

Library

Jean Schenk

Students will be viewing our ANZAC Day display with their teacher during Library visits. We have a large range of memorabilia that have been loaned to us by the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee.

Our annual Book Fair is on again later this term to coincide with celebrating Under 8’s day. We will even have a visit from a popular book character, Geronimo Stilton. More to come on this next newsletter.

Students are able to come and make some Mother’s day gifts during the breaks.

Thanks for your continued support with student borrowing. It’s great to see so many students engaging in good reading practises.
Youkoso! Welcome to Term 2!

This term has started very well. We have been fortunate to host two Japanese teaching assistants; Yuta in the last week of term 1 and Sayaka for week 1 of this term. Our students enthusiastically engaged with these visitors and eagerly practised their Japanese. It has been very beneficial having these visiting students in our Japanese classes as they provide authentic real life language learning experiences.

This term, Year 5 students are learning to introduce themselves in the Japanese language. This is called a jikoshoukai. It was great to listen to Sayaka share her jikoshoukai with the students. Students will present this jikoshoukai as an oral assessment task.

Year 6 students are studying a unit about weather and will present their own mini weather report as an assessment task.

We look forward to an interesting, fun term rich in language learning.

Sport and Physical Education

Prep – Yr 3 Cross Country

Today was our P-3 cross country event. It was fantastic to see our lower school students active and having fun. Well done to all students for their efforts and enthusiasm and thank you to parents and family who came along to support our little ones.

Yr 4-6 Cross Country Results

The results from our Yr 4-6 cross country are below;

Congratulations to these students for placing in our cross country. We wish those who qualified for the district cross country team luck for this Thursday.

Sporting Recognition

• Chayse and Kydan T competed in the State Athletics at QSAC before the holidays. Chayse came 3rd for discus and shot put. Kydan came 5th for shot put and 9th for discus. Congratulations to you both.

• Congratulations to Indi I who has won gold in the State Championships for WAKO kickboxing for the second year in a row. He will be competing at the Australian Nationals in May.

• Congratulations to Jobe T for his efforts in State Basketball winning gold and silver.

Reminder

• Cross-country training will transition into athletics training next week. It will continue on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8:15am sharp.

• Please return Project Consent forms for students selected for district sport trials ASAP.

• District cross country is this Thursday.
Support Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy

In our school we have a Support Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy (STLaN) and her name is Danee Cikoja. Miss Cikoja works with a range of students throughout the school and wears numerous hats here at BSSS.

She conducts diagnostic assessments on students who are new to BSSS and on any child who has been identified by their teacher as having difficulties with their literacy and/or numeracy. She also conducts assessments which help identify gifted and talented students throughout the school.

She implements an assortment of reading programs throughout the school for students who are having some difficulty with their reading. Miss Cikoja is currently working with the Year 3 team, helping to prepare students for NAPLAN Reading and she is also a Spelling Mastery teacher for the lower school.

She helps to organise and implement the National Assessment Program –Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) at the school (Miss Cikoja would be happy to answer your questions surrounding this if you have any).

She is also a Case Manager for Individual Curriculum Plans (ICPs) for students who are working well above the year level standards or well below year level standards.

Miss Cikoja lives in F Block next to the Hall and would be happy to answer any questions you may have on any of these areas at our school.

Finance and Admin

School Fees

A reminder letter will be sent home next week to those that haven’t paid for their Student Resource Scheme.

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Report Cards emailed

Report cards will be emailed this semester. It is very important that you update your email address at the office.

Students arriving before school

Children, other than children involved in an organised and supervised activity (i.e. sports training, chess club, music) are not expected at school before 8:30am. Supervision starts at 8:30am. No responsibility can be accepted for children arriving before that time. Upon entering the school grounds students are expected to make their way directly to the top covered area (P-3) or bottom covered area (4-6).

Children are to sit quietly in the undercover areas. We thank parents for assisting staff with this.
School Banking

Caroline Bastow

Thank you to all those students who opened new Dolarmite accounts at the start of the year. We have had over 20 new accounts opened and have had a fantastic start to the year with lots of deposits being made throughout Term 1. Stay tuned to hear which classes made the most deposits; your Class Certificates will be coming soon.

Also don’t forget every time you make a deposit through the school banking program you get a token, when you receive 10 tokens you can redeem them for rewards. The new rewards for Term 2 are Mud Splat Handball and Outback Pat Bag Tag. So start saving now to grab these great rewards. Term 1 rewards are still available.

We are also still seeking volunteers to help with school banking. If you are available for 3 hours Wednesday mornings and would like to help the School Banking program please contact the schools P & C Association @ pandc@birkdalesouthss.eq.edu.au. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposits every WEDNESDAY.

Chappy’s chat

John Rutter

Welcome back to term two – As you would have already read in this week’s newsletter, this is going to be a long term with lots happening around our school. For me this term, we will be having Chappy Week which is a fun week with lots of activities for the students and parents to get involved in including our annual pancake breakfast and rainbow free dress day. Keep an eye out for further details in newsletters and on parade.

Over the Easter break I completed Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) facilitator training. If you haven’t heard of Triple P, this is a fantastic and very empowering parenting program that equips you as a parent with very practical and simple strategies to help you positively parent your children. And to be honest, make your own life a lot easier. I will be looking to run the series of 3 programs this year so am looking for a show of interest from you as parents as to how many of you would be interested in attending or wanting more information. I can run a teen specific program which will be relevant to upper school parents as well as a junior school program for younger children. Please email me on johnr@chappy.org.au or come and see me at School Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Have a great week.
Welcome back to Term 2 Wow hasn’t this year gone fast. We have a busy term so we hope you all had a good holiday and that the Easter Bunny was good to you all.

Fete News
Birkdale South SS Fete - Saturday July 20, 2016 - 9am - 3pm

Only 15 weeks till Fete Day!!!

Keep your eye out for the Fete Volunteer Flyers. Each year level has been allocated a stall for this year’s fete. Please sign up and donate some of your time to the schools biggest fundraiser. The greater involvement the greater the event.

- Have you recently done a clean out at home? Save all your unwanted toys, clothing and books for the Fete Trash ‘n’ Treasure.
- Grab the kids and propagate some plants for the Plant Stall, they love getting their hands dirty and we love potted plants.
- Crafty Parents, we need you. Can you create some cool arts and crafts for the Fete Craft Stall?

Contact Belinda 0434 078 445 or Amy 0422 444 660 or email: birkdalesouthss-fete@gmail.com for further information or questions about this year’s Fete.

Easter Raffle
Letters were sent home last Friday 15th April 2016 for all outstanding Easter Raffle books. It is a requirement under Fair Trading that all books be accounted for, so please return them ASAP to the tuckshop. We have 118 books still outstanding.

Tuckshop
MANY ORDERS ARE COMING THROUGH WITHOUT PAYMENT FOR PAPER BAGS. The cost of these bags is 10cents each. Parents please make sure 10cents is included per bag when ordering lunches for your children.

Also please note that when ordering tuckshop write L/L for first break and B/L for second break. This will help the volunteers in the tuckshop as to not having to guess which order is for when.

SMART CHOICES – Healthy food and drink supply strategy for Queensland Schools—information for parents. What is smart choices?
Smart Choices is all about offering healthy food and drink choices to students in Queensland schools. Smart Choices provides guidelines for all situations where food is supplied in the school environment. This includes tuckshops, vending machines, fundraising, classroom rewards and school camps.

Uniform Shop News
Sports Day T Shirts – If you would like to order a coloured T Shirt for the Prep to Year 3 Sports Day on 31st May 2016, please place your order at the uniform shop for the $10.00 shirt by 19th May, 2016. Spare stock is not held. T Shirts are in Size 4 to 3XL.

Book Club www.scholastic.com.au
NO CASH is accepted by the office for orders. Orders online ONLY.
BIRKDALE SOUTH’S STATE SCHOOL'S

CHESS WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP DATES: Monday 18TH APRIL , 2ND MAY , 16TH MAY, 30TH MAY, 13TH JUNE (TERM 2 2016)
(Two coaches per session) 3:15 TO 4:45PM
Combines Chess THEORY, notation and Chess language
Plus interschool invitations.

$10 PER Casual FORTNIGHTLY WORKSHOP
$45 FULL TERM PRICE if paid in advance

This form should be returned to the school OFFICE as soon as possible to enable you to start the program, which is designed to be on-going. Our expectation is that your child will continue each term unless notified in writing/email. If this form is not returned by the students first day of attendance, Program Alive cannot accept responsibility of the student.

The cost is normally per term, including GST. Part term fees will be calculated at a pro-rata rate. We will require the full fee to be paid except in the case of extended absences, where special allowance may be made on written request. The fee is based upon a full class of students, and no allowance can be made for occasional absences.

Please include details of any medical, behavioural, custodial, or other factors of which we need to be aware, on the back of this permission form. Coaches cannot be expected to remember this information if given by conversation, also it allows for replacement coaches to be informed. This information will be kept confidential and if preferred emailed to myself the director on programalive@programalive.com subject: Director attention.

It is a condition of this enrolment that we be advised immediately of any change in contact details or any medical, behavioural, custodial, or other factors that Program Alive Staff need to be aware of in writing.

Program Alive
Email:administration@programalive.com
WEB SITE www.programalive.com
Phone (07) 31370025

PROGRAM ALIVE PERMISSION SLIP

Child’s Name: .................................................................Class: ..............Date of Birth ........../........../...........

2nd Childs Name ..............................................................Class: ..............Date of Birth ........../........../...........

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at BIRKDALE SOUTH

STATE SCHOOL, has permission to participate in Program Alive school clubs run by Dratculash Enterprises until further notice. I authorize Program Alive coaches to seek emergency medical, hospital or ambulance assistance for my child if necessary. I have informed all medical, behavioural, custodial, or other factors that the Program Alive staff require to be aware of in writing. I give permission to Program Alive to use the information below for billing purposes and Program Alive-related contacts.

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NB:- with $10 fortnightly option Program Alive staff cannot be assured when a student will be attending class therefore cannot be responsible for attendance unless notified by parent weekly prior to class start. Simply txt 0434 341 913 with student name and attendance or absence.

Signed ........................................................................................................Date............................................................

$10

A Dratculash Enterprise Initiative

PREFERRED PAYMENT for term $45

SUNCORP BSB 484-799 Acc 451357620

REF: BSSSch plus child’s initial and surname (example BSSSch P.smith)
OR IF REQUIRED By cash in an envelope to OFFICE by first day of attendance with students full name and class.