Congratulations to our winning Junior Boys Osprey Cup Basket Ball team

From the Principal’s desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

School Review

This week, we start our school review, which is a process where we celebrate what we do well within our school community and identify areas requiring improvement through setting a four year school plan. The process will provide us with valuable feedback as a school community and a summary of the review will be available to all stakeholders through our school website.

Sports Carnival

Another successful sports carnival has come and gone and particular thanks needs to go to our Physical Education staff who organised a well-planned carnival for grades 4-6 last Tuesday. Well done to Mr Johnson and Mrs Butterworth.

Debating

Mrs Buxton’s debating team battled well last week in the ‘Running Bear Debating Challenge’ but lost to Ironside State School who presented a better model of debate on the day. Well done to all who participated and we wish you best of luck in the Brisbane Schools Debating Round Robin competition involving four debates against other schools at East Brisbane Adventist College over the next two months. Debating is a valuable life skill and one, participating students will carry with them for life.

Chess

Chess is an extra curricula activity that has really grown over the last two years at BSSS under the watchful eyes of our Deputy Principal, Mrs Green. Chess club is available to all interested students at our school from Prep to grade 6. This week, our chess teams travel to Churchie to compete against other schools. We wish them luck!

Electronic School Sign

Our electronic school sign is up and running (if you haven’t noticed) and thanks again goes to our supportive P&C who supported the school in its purchase. The sign can communicate a lot of information in a short period of time and already is proving to be a useful tool for communication across our school community.

Email addresses

Most parents have updated their email addresses with the office in preparation for academic reports to be emailed out at the end of term. If you haven’t done so, it is not too late, 38204333.
**BYO iPad Classes**

Next year we aim to operate 6 BYO iPad classes. An information night for interested parents is scheduled for Tuesday, 21st of June, 6-7pm in the lab. All interested parents are invited to come along. Please RSVP at the office prior to night if you plan on attending.

**Arts Showcase Night**

Our Arts Showcase Night is on the 16th of June and involves a class Visual Arts Display in the multi-purpose building from 5:30-6pm, then the Junior Premier Concert in the hall from 6pm.

Yours in Education

Craig Douglas
Principal

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### School Events - Term 2

**Monday 13 June**
- Newsletter
- Parade 2:30 – whole school

**Tuesday 14 June**
- Gardiner Chess Tournament (Churchie)
- School Review

**Wednesday 15 June**
- C/Dojo 8am & 1:30pm
- School Review
- Cleaners Day

**Thursday 16 June**
- Chess 8am
- School Review
- Arts Showcase Evening – Jnr Premiere Concert & Visual Arts Display

**Monday 20 June**
- Parade 2:40pm – Grade P-3 Q/W Prep
- Yr 4 Adventure Days

**Tuesday 21 June**
- Yr 4 Adventure Days

**Wednesday 22 June**
- C/Dojo 8am & 1:30pm

**Thursday 23 June**
- Chess 8am
- Student Council meeting 1:30
- Reports emailed home

**Friday 24 June**
- Fete Free Dress Day
- Last Day of term

**Monday 11 July**
- School Resumes

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**Deputy Chat**

**Loreyse Agnew-Green**

**Under 8’s Day**

A big thanks to parents, carers, teachers and Year 6 leaders for making Under 8’s Day another memorable occasion. There was lots of fun and excitement throughout the morning with students making, painting and creating monsters of all sizes and shapes. There were lots of favourite activities among the 32 on offer – cooking, slime, soccer & lots of monster mayhem. Some incredibly creative work went home to be enjoyed.

Thanks also to the P&C who put on such a great sausage sizzle and disco for everyone in Prep to Year 3 to finish off the day.

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**Chess Tournament**

On Tuesday 14 June there will be several teams attending the Gardiner Chess Tournament a Churchie to represent Birkdale South. We will have 1 x A Grade Team; 2 x B Grade Teams and 3 x C Grade Teams. One of our C Grade Teams is made up entirely of Year 1 students. Thanks to Chappy John, Ms McIntyre and Mrs Floyd for managing the teams and helping with transport. Good Luck Teams!!!

**Jarjum Dancers / Marrin Gamu**

On Wednesday 15 June the Jarjum Dancers have been invited to go to Ormiston State School to dance, as part of their Reconciliation parade at 2:30pm.

Thanks to Miss Thompson, Kim and our author who shared their persuasive essay about Reconciliation and the Stolen Generation at parade on 30 May. It was lovely to receive video footage taken of the dancers and great job to the students who learned the “Marrin Gamu” song in Jandai Language to join in.

**BYO iPad 2017 Parent Information Evening**

On Tuesday 21 June, at 6pm, parents and caregivers are invited to join us for an evening of investigation and information related to implementing the BYO iPad, 1 to 1 program. Your attendance will be significant in assisting you in the decision
making process around involving your child in the first draft of children using these devices to support their learning. Documentation for your consideration will be provided on the night and then sign up will take place on a “first in best dressed basis”.

We would like to have 1 class in each year level in 2017 from Prep – Year 6. Currently there will not be a class available in Year 4 and 5 in 2017, but there will be at least one class in every other year group.

Curriculum

Fiona Lane HOC

Reporting Semester

It is the pointy end of term 2 with all year levels in the midst of writing report cards. These will be e-mailed to parents on Wednesday in week 11. Please ensure you have a current email address lodged with the school so that you will have access to your child report card at this time.

Visioning for the Future at Birkdale South

“Limitless Learning”

As we envison what teaching and learning might look like at Birkdale South in the future we have jumped on the phrase “Limitless Learning”. We are well on our way to establishing 1 to 1 learning classes as part of this process. Our vision works towards providing our community with the tools and thinking needed to be successful in life. Providing our students with learning opportunities anywhere anytime, learning how to learn, by providing flexiblity though rigorous opportunities.

What does this phrase mean to you?

Premier’s Reading Challenge

We have once again enrolled all students at Birkdale South State School into the Premier’s Reading Challenge. We are trying to encourage a love of reading in all our students. Reading record sheets have been provided for each student.

- Children in Prep to 2 are encouraged to engage with 20 books,
- Students in 3 and 4 are encouraged to read 20 books
- Students in 5 and 6 are encouraged to read 15 books
- Students have until August 26 to complete their reading challenge.

Last year we had a healthy competition running between 1C and Prep A to see which class could finish first with 100% completion, in the end it came down to 1 day separating the two classes. This year we are looking to hold a lower school P-4 and an upper school 5-6 competition.

Not sure what books your children should be reading. Have a look at the following web address


This has lists of appropriate texts for each age group.

If you have already completed your challenge and would like to continue and need a new record sheet please let Ms Lane know and she can organise a new one for you or you could print your own from the Premiers Challenge website.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

PBL Team

As we head towards the end of the term all of our classes are doing a great job of displaying our expected behaviours. The graph shows how many beestings each class has so about half the classes have reached their target. We have organised some exciting activities for the end of term reward if twenty out of twenty-four classes reach a goal of 3 beehives each. We are endeavouring to book a magic show for the lower school and the upper school will be participating in some giant yard games. This will be a great finish to the first semester.
Deadly News

Kim Paulson
Yura everyone

The weather is getting chilly and nothing better than a nice warm stew with damper.
Why not make this delicious damper recipe also great with golden syrup? Stay Strong, Stay Deadly!!! Yuway Kim

Workplace Health and Safety

Narelle Davy

Medicated Lollies

Please note the sending of medicated lollies/lozenges eg Strepsils is discouraged. If students are unwell, and likely to spread illness, they should be at home recuperating. These items are often treated by students as lollies and pressure is applied to them to share them with friends, which is unacceptable.

Medications – Keeping all students safe

Any parent whose child is taking medication (whether of a permanent or temporary nature) should follow these guidelines:

1. Make sure that the medication is accompanied by written instructions on timing and dosage rate for the child. Forms are available from the office for your completion.
2. Medications must be labelled with a chemist’s label showing the student’s name, type of medication and dosage.
3. Take the medication to the office where a staff member will be responsible for administering the medication and ensuring that it is kept in a safe place.
4. When the treatment is finished please collect the medication from the office.

The above procedures apply to all medications including aspirin, paracetamol and cough mixtures. Staff are unable to administer any medication without your written consent or if the above procedures have not been adhered to. Thank you for your assistance.

Can we contact you in an emergency?

Please ensure we have your up to date contact information so that in the event of an emergency we can contact you.

Classroom Spotlight

Lower School – Prep to 3

Fire Truck Visit

1C had a great time learning more about the firemen and their fire truck. They especially enjoyed spraying water on Mrs G!

Upper School – 4 to 6

The Importance of Problem Solving

Why is it important to learn problem-solving skills? Because we all have to make decisions. Whether you’re a student, a parent, a businessperson, or the prime minister of Australia, you face problems every day that need solving. It’s important to realise that being a problem solver isn’t just an ability; it’s a whole mind-set, one that drives people to bring out the best in themselves and to shape the world in a positive way.

Mathematics plays a valuable role in providing students with the necessary intellectual and application skills that will allow them to develop into confident problem solvers both in Mathematics and in all other aspects of life.

The focus of the work I have been doing in the upper school has been to provide students with problem based learning experiences that require students to develop a wide variety of problem solving skills that enable students to develop and justify viable answers to the problems. Students are required to apply their mathematical knowledge in unfamiliar and non-standard ways, which will allow students to develop a deep understanding of the concepts covered.

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greater confidence and enjoyment in mathematics, which is something every child should experience.

**Specialist Highlights**

**Music**
Liz Cox - Classroom Music, Joanne Wolfe – Band Program, Julie Schmidt – Strings Program

**Classroom Spotlight**
This week we are featuring 5B have been learning how to perform riffs on tuned percussion, Funky style. The students are now progressing to the keyboard- learning about different functions and how to play some well-known melodies. They have also completed an inner ear training unit on melodic phrases to prepare for their song writing unit next term.

**Upcoming events**
- **Musical – ‘Go Geoffrey Go’**
  Birkdale South State School will be presenting the musical ‘Go Geoffrey Go’ at the end of Term 3. The show is about the water dragon that lives in our school grounds. He is training for the Rio Olympics but not everything runs according to plan…… All students will present a class item as part of the show and students with the main roles and select singing group will start rehearsals in week 10. There will be more information at the beginning of Term 3.
- **Junior Premiere Concert**
  Birkdale South will be holding the annual Junior Premiere Concert on Thursday June 16th, 2016. This concert will showcase students from the Junior String Ensemble, Junior Choir, Boys Choir and Junior Band. The venue is the School Hall. Starting time of the concert is 6:30pm sharp but students are asked to arrive by 6.00pm at the latest to set up and tune instruments.

**Music News**
- **Birkdale South’s Got Talent**
  The Birkdale South’s Got Talent has been a huge success! Congratulations to our finalists in the show. The results are
  - Junior: 1st-Amelie W, 2nd-Charlotte R, 3rd-Tia S and Samira C
  - Middle: 1st- Talia C, 2nd-He-Rou K, 3rd-Andy M
  - Senior: 1st-Talitha P, 2nd-Faith B, 3rd – Zayden W and Aly S

**Library**
Jean Schenk

**Book Fair**
Thanks for the great support given to our annual Book Fair. We have new books coming out for students to borrow that we purchased from the fair.
Year 3 students in 3/4D have been busy making a playground diorama. They have based their models on our current senior playground making their designs more safe and more fun. Please feel free to come into the Library and have a look at the excellent job they did.

**Language**
Ryan Sensei

**Spotlight on culture**
An important part of language learning is an appreciation and understanding of the culture and customs related to the particular language. In our busy Japanese lessons it is always a fun activity when students have the opportunity to experience true cultural aspects of Japanese.
Students have been “playing” with a variety of traditional Japanese resources, some of which are truly foreign to them. They have attempted to use a wooden toy called a kendama, the object of which is to land a wooden ball attached to a string on a small round disc. The daruma toshi, another traditional wooden toy presented challenges as students used a small hammer to eliminate sections. Students also enjoyed making various origami, playing with spinning tops call koma, Japanese marbles which are flat disc shapes, hakkysacks, little bean bags and completing Hello Kitty puzzles.

Cultural activities like these help us to understand and enjoy cultures which may differ to our own.

Sport and Physical Education
Dean Johnson and Yvette Butterworth

Sports Days
Both our P-3 and 4-6 sports days for 2016 were a great success. It was fantastic to see so many students involved in the events and putting in the effort to do their best. Well done to all of the students that placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in our track and field events.

We are unable to announce age champions or house points for our 4-6 sports day at this stage due to our 800m finals. Unfortunately our 800m finals were postponed last Friday due to the weather. An alternative date is yet to be set. As soon as this event is completed we will be able to calculate these results and announce the winners.

Yr 4 Adventure Day
Our Yr 4 Adventure Days are fast approaching (Monday and Tuesday of week 11). Each class will attend 1 of the 2 days. Permission forms and payment were due last Thursday. Please check the forms for details for what to bring on the day.

Sporting Recognition
Kaylee M, Alyse P, Keira I, Jazmin C and Shannee M all competed in the 2016 State Titles for skipping on 30/4/16 and 1/5/16. Kaylee received a bronze for her team events. Paige T, Emily D and Chelsea M also competed for the first time this year. Congratulations to all these girls for their outstanding efforts.

Reminder
• Athletics training 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.
• Adventure Days are next Monday and Tuesday.

Interschool Sport
The results for round three:

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Support Team
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As Semester One comes to an end, so does some of our Corrective Reading intervention with the Year 5 students and Levelled Literacy Intervention with my Year 2 group. These
students achieved some great improvements over the semester
and I am really proud of each and every one of them.

Semester Two sees our focus turn to Corrective Reading
Intervention for the Year 4 and 6 students and Levelled Literacy
Intervention for the Year 1 students. This intervention will
commence early in Semester Two. Parents/carers will receive a
letter detailing the intervention their child will receive if their child
has been selected.

Have a happy and safe holiday everyone!

Finance and Admin

Megan Murphy

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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.

Invoices emailed

Invoices are now being emailed for incursions/excursions. The
Corresponding permission notes should be sent home around
the same time as the invoices. If you do receive an invoice
before the permission note, you should receive the note shortly
after. We have had some confusion with the wording on the
invoices, where it shows ‘non food component’ or ‘food component’ with the amount of the incursion/excursion next
to it – this wording is automatically generated and cannot be
changed. The name of the incursion/excursion is stated below
this line (see attached invoice example).

Bpoint payment

The main reason we are now emailing invoices, is to allow
parents to pay by our preferred method of Bpoint. You will
see on the invoice attached, the Bpoint instructions on the
left hand side. This is an easy way for parents to pay for
incursions/excursions, rather than having to line up at the office.
Permission notes will still need to be sent in, and the box for
‘paid by Bpoint’ ticked.

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.

We have started handing out enrolment packs for 2017, if
you have received one, could you please fill out and return
enrolment paperwork? If you haven’t received a pack, please
collect one from the office if you know someone who is
intending on enrolling their child at our school in 2017.

Banking

Caroline Bastow

Receive a Silver token

Every time you make deposit through the school banking you receive a Silver token. When you reach 10 tokens you can claim a
reward. Each term we have great rewards available and for Term 2 they are the Mud Splat Handball and Pat the Dog Bag Tag.
From Term 1 the Wildlife Writer Set. Please note that the Flying Snake Tail is no longer available. Also there are some great rewards still available from last year’s Intergalactic Space theme. They are the Galaxy Glider, Outer Space Savers Money Box, Intergalactic Rocket and ET
DVD. Just fill in your rewards card and put it in with your banking on Wednesday. If you need a new one just let us know.

Also keep an eye out for the Newsletter in Term 3. Some exciting things are happening in School Banking. A Colouring in Competition at the Fete with some great
prizes and special packs for new Bankers.

Congratulations

To students who have done more than 10 deposits so far this
year and received a Bronze Certificate:

PA – Gemma W, PB- Charlie K, P/1E – Zander H, Verity S, 1B
– Oliver J-D, Marcelo M, 1C – Kayden B, 2A – Tyler B, Ronan
– Alyse P, 5B – Jade M. Keep up the great work and remember
to bring in your School Banking deposit every WEDNESDAY.
**Chappy’s Chat**

**John Rutter**

**We’re almost there…..**

There certainly has been a lot happening this term so it’s fair to say that it’s time for a break. It’s really important that we do take some time to rejuvenate and have ourselves refreshed to finish off the second half of the year. So here are some ideas to help you on your mid-year holidays.

**Reward yourself** - it’s important that we recognise our successes and our effort so do something as a family to celebrate the great stuff that has happened so far and inspire yourself to keep going next term.

**Spend time outside!** - Seems simple but getting outdoors and spending time in the park or “going bush” for a walk and an explore is great for you to energise and relax. There are heaps of local walks in Mt Cotton such as Venman’s Bushland Park or the Brisbane Forest Park is also a great spot close to home.

**Get some sleep** - it’s easy to fall into the trap of staying up later on holidays which is good but make sure you are still getting enough sleep and eating well so you can properly rest for the next term.

Whatever you do, make sure you take care of yourself and I look forward to seeing you all for term 3.

Also, make sure you keep an eye out for our Subway lunch deal for the last day of Term. Notes and order forms will go home this week.

*See you around our school. Chappy John.*

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**P&C News**

**Cathy Bidois – President**

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

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**P&C Events - Term 2**

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**Message from the P&C**

Term 2 has nearly come to an end, we would like to thank all the staff, front office and Mr Benson for all the help over the past term, without your help our job would be that much hard. We are very lucky to have such dedicated teachers in our school so huge thanks go out to them. With the school holidays in sight, we would like to wish our school community a safe and happy holiday and we are looking forward to seeing you all back on the 11th July. Happy Holidays.

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**Tuckshop**

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**Fete – Saturday 30 July (9am till 3pm)**

Hello from the Fete Team, were very excited that were only 8 weeks away from our International Friendship Day Fete. We are going to be out selling our Raffle Tickets on Thursday 16th June at Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre so if you could spare an hour to help out during the day or night it would be appreciated. On the 2nd July which is over the school holidays we will be selling the raffle tickets at the school on election day as well as Capalaba Park Shopping Centre. We are looking for volunteers for this day as well.

**Dates for your Diary**

- Pick A Prize - week commencing 13th June
- 24th June Free Dress Day – Gold coin donation
- TERM 3 Lob a choc second week back for donations of blocks of chocolate

**Reminder** - Donate some of your time on Fete Day, we’d love to have you join us for a fun filled day. Please contact Belinda 0434 078 445 or Amy 0422 444 660 or email: birkdalesouthssfete@gmail.com and stay tuned for our next Fete Newsletter.

**Major Rydges Raffle**

Raffle exclusive to Birkdale South State School. We have some awesome prizes up for grabs.

1st Prize: 4 nights holiday at any Rydges Hotel/Resort in Australia or New Zealand for 2 Adults and 2 Children, standard room including daily breakfast.

2nd Prize: $300 Bike voucher for Rival Bikes at Capalaba Park Shopping Centre. Please note due to unforeseen circumstances 2nd prize is with Rival Bikes and not with 99 Bikes as advertised on the tickets.

3rd Prize: iPod shuffle 2 GB

Tickets have been sent home. If you wish to sell more tickets they are available from the Tuckshop. Tickets cost $2 each.
### Uniform Shop News

#### Uniform Shop Opening Hours

| Tuesday & Thursday | 8 to 10am |

#### Book Club

- NO CASH is accepted by the office for orders
- Orders online ONLY