1 August 2016

From the Principal’s desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Fete Success

Congratulations to the fete committee coordinators, committee members and P&C who achieved another successful fete on Saturday. The weather was fantastic and the day was well organised and supported by our school and wider community. It’s great to see our school community coming together at such events. Thank you to Mr Benson for coordinating the logistics of setting up and pulling down of the equipment and to those who slept at the school over night to ensure the site was secure. A big call in anyone’s language!

NAPLAN

Naplan assessments come home this week for students in grades 3 and 5. I am pleased to report that we have shown significant improvement in all learning areas particularly in the grade 3 area of the school. Naplan data will now be triangulated with school summative and formative assessment data to inform further teaching direction.

BYO iPad 2017

Classes are filling fast for our BYO ipad classes for 2017. As stated earlier, these classes are limited in number and will be filled on a first in basis. If you would like your child/ren to be in one of these classes in 2017, you need to commit to the program quickly as the lists are growing fast. Contact the office for further details.

Prep Numbers for 2017

Our Pre Prep program has commenced and Prep interviews for 2017 start next week. Numbers are again looking very solid as in previous years which is excellent for the future of our school. We are committed to ensuring all Prep students for 2017 will enter the school year through a seamless transition as a result of participating in our Pre Prep program offered this year.

Craig Douglas
Principal

Deputy Chat

Loreyse Agnew-Green

BSSS BYOiPad – Term 3 Timeline

Thanks to those parents / care givers who have already completed the charter document, indicating their commitment to being in an iPad class in 2017. Following are the significant dates for this term which will cement our plans for next year around class grouping.

Great state. Great opportunity.
Thursday 11 August – Parent Information Session 2 starting at 6pm – for those who missed the session at the end of term 2. This will be held in the tech lab and a revisit of the information shared in term 2.

Monday 15 August – Prep Interviews – parents given information as part of interview process

Monday 29/ Tuesday 30 August from 3 to 6pm - 3 way conferencing – an opportunity to ask further questions

Friday 2 September – Final day to submit applications for BYOIPad classes

Monday 5 September – Class arrangements confirmed (BYO-iPad classes only).

Tuesday 6 September starting at 6pm – Parent Workshop > Purchasing of apps – family sharing

Pre-Prep Program

We were off to a flying start this week. The numbers for Pre-Prep were again healthy and we were able to spread the children into 3 groups. Our program received great feedback in our recent audit. The Tuesday mornings involve: A specialist lesson, library – literature and borrowing, classroom – oral language and inside time and an outside playtime in the Prep playgrounds (including a snack). Please make sure that you have booked a time for Prep 2017 interviews.

Days of Excellence

This is an extension program for students we are hosting from the 17 August - 24 August. Envelopes were sent home with students last Monday, extras are available from the office. Please note there is a clash of date for students in Year 5/6 considering “Architecture” . The Osprey A.C.E.S Science competition will also be staged on 17 August so it is necessary to make a choice.

Curriculum

Fiona Lane HOC

Reading Strategy: Back Up and Reread (Comprehension)

Each fortnight I will be introducing a reading strategy that aligns with our Birkdale South Reading Framework. Every student at BSSS will have a reading goal based on the one of the following components of reading: Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency or Expanding Vocabulary. Once each student knows what their focus is we have a list (Menu) of strategies that they can use to help them work towards improving this component.

This week’s strategy can help with the component of COMPREHENSION.

Many times as adults when we are reading we get to a point where we realise that we have lost understanding of what is occurring. Sometime during reading we have lost our concentration and connection to the text. When we realise we have lost comprehension we stop, back-up and reread. We may need to do this a few times until we have reconnected to the text. We need to encourage our children to stop throughout their reading and ask ‘who?’ and ‘what?’ . If they can’t answer these it’s time to use the strategy ‘Back up and reread’.

How can I help at home?

Model this strategy for your child – when reading with them stop to check their understanding by asking ‘Who?’ and ‘What?’ if they can answer keep reading, if they can’t ‘Back up and reread’. Tell your child to slow their reading down and think about what is being read.

Often it is easier to understand text when you read it slowly and truly think about the meaning of the words in the text.

ICAS English

Some of our students from years 2 to 6 will be participating in the ICAS English test this Tuesday (August 2nd). ICAS testing provides quality assessments linked to rigorous data analysis. Students are tracked against their peers nation-wide as well as tracked against their own year to year performance, if, the tests are taken each year.

Premiers Reading Challenge

I love walking around on playground duty and having conversations with many students about how they are going with their reading challenge. Many of the conversations are with very excited children willing to share with me some of the stories they have included in their challenge.

Students have until August 26th to complete their challenge and have their results recorded in the online forum.

Osprey ACES Science day – Wellington Point High School

In week 7 of this term Mrs Anna Legge and I will be taking a group of 36 year 5 and 6 students across to the high school to compete in a Science Expo and Quiz session. Students will be able to engage in some hands on tasks throughout the day and challenge other local schools in the quiz session. I look forward to sharing more information with you after the event.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

PBL Team

We have had a great start to Term 3 and all classes have been busily collecting their beestings. 3/4D are definitely leading the way with 3B not far behind. Well done to those 2 classes. Great effort!
Collectively as a cohort, it is Year 2 that have the most beestings with a total of 15 414. Well done Year 2s!

**Deadly News**

**Kim Paulson**

**Yura everyone**

Last week BSSS celebrated NAIDOC week. This year's theme is ‘Songlines : The living narrative of our nation’. We had a great response from students wearing red, black and yellow for the Aboriginal colours or blue, white and green for the Torres Strait Islander colours. As a fundraiser for the Indigenous program at school the students placed their coin on BSSS songline ‘From Family, to School, to Community’. We also had guest performer Phil Gyer from Cairns share song, dance and stories of how he grew up learning from his elders. Thanks Chappy John for your support and remember everyone ‘stay Strong and stay Deadly’.

We investigated some of the features of “Book Creator” that would be useful for our books. The students were very creative with the cover pages by selecting interesting fonts and using some Aboriginal art techniques to decorate. The students added their story to the book by utilising the recording tool.

**Classroom Spotlight**

**Lower School – Prep to 3**

**Developing Number Facts – 1B**

Our Semester goal for year 1 focusses on developing number fact automaticity. Working with our maths coach Miss Jess children are being exposed to investigating numbers and recognising how their knowledge of number fact strategies can be applied to finding solutions to problems. Throughout the semester children will be introduced to a range of strategies to assist their learning.

Finally, the story was illustrated with the pen tool using aboriginal symbols for the family members.

**Embedding ICT in Writing with NAIDOC Week focus – Year 1**

**Di Menzies, Year One Booster Teacher**

In week 3 when we were celebrating NAIDOC Week at Birkdale South State School, the Year One students worked on creating stories about their families using indigenous art techniques and symbols for illustrations.

To begin the process we did a warm up where we listed all the members of our families that lived with us in our house. We then had a quick swap chat with a friend where we shared a short story about the people we listed. From here we wrote our stories into our writing books. This was followed by some careful rereading and editing of our work.

The students then moved to using the iPads to publish their work.

The Year One students were quick to pick up the tools of Book Creator, enjoying the process of publishing their written work in another medium. We are now looking forward to creating our own portfolios of work using the “Seesaw” app.
Upper School – 4 to 6

Robots – 5B
Since returning to Term 3, 5B has been working extremely hard! We have been experimenting with robots (bee bots, ozobots and probots) in the classroom and learning about digital technologies!

Students using LightBot to develop their coding skills

Students working collaboratively to create their bee bot map

Upcoming events

- **Intermediate Music Week**
  Selected students from the Band and String Program are eligible to participate in the Intermediate Music Week being held from Monday 29/8 – Thursday 1/9. Information notes, registration and medical consent forms will be sent home with those students in week 4. This is a great opportunity for the more advanced music students to access intensive tuition on their instrument.

- **School Fete**
  Congratulations to all of our BSSS choir members who sang so beautifully at the school fete on Saturday. We are very proud of you all!

- **Musical – ‘Go Geoffrey Go’**
  Our school musical is on **Wednesday September 14th**. There will be a matinee and evening show. Students in Years 2-6 need to bring their costumes to school in a clearly named plastic bag by **Week 9**. Please check with your class teacher if you have any queries about costumes.

  **Yr 2 [including 2/3E]** – Beachwear, glasses, floaties, sunhats
  **Yr 3 [including 3/4D]** – black t-shirt, black shorts/black sports knickers/skins
  **Yr 4** – animal onesie or plain coloured T-shirt and shorts
  **Yr 5** – Black wool – any reggae accessories including black, red, green, yellow clothing items, sun glasses, caps
  **Yr 6 [including 5/6D]** – sparkly disco wear

Music

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

Classroom Spotlight
This week in music we are featuring 2A. Students have had lots of fun creating puppet shows to present to the class. The sea creatures have been on exciting treasure hunts and made new friends at ‘fishy school’. The students are also busy practicing for our upcoming musical, Go Geoffrey Go. They will be performing their class song, Three Little Fishies, and joining in the finale.

Music News

Band lessons and rehearsals – attendance is vital
A reminder that all band students are expected to participate in band lessons and rehearsals. Lessons are on Mondays in the middle and afternoon sessions and rehearsal is after school from 3 – 4pm. If your child is at school but does not attend their lesson or rehearsal then a note or email needs to be sent to Ms Wolfe.

Band students also have a home practice journal to complete each week. They should be aiming for 90 – 120 minutes home practice per week working on the pieces set in lessons and
rehearsals. It is expected that students will bring their practice journal to their lesson each week.

**Library**

**Jean Schenk**

**Japanese Week**

During Japan Week students participated in activities during the lunch breaks. They could make and fly kites, dress up in traditional costumes, colour in and create origami bookmarks. Many kites were seen flying outside Rainbow Central and the Library.

**Book Week Parade**

On Monday 15th August we will be celebrating Book Week at Birkdale South. A special parade will be held at 2:30pm in the hall. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite storybook character (no gold coin is required – just a love of books)! Children’s Book Week is the longest running children’s festival in Australia – celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. The theme for this year is “Australia: Story Country”. There will be book prizes for the best costumes in each class. All students participating will be recognised for participating with a bookmark. We look forward to seeing your creative costumes.

**Sport and Physical Education**

**Dean Johnson and Yvette Butterworth**

**District Athletics**

Our district athletics competitors will be competing at Cleveland State High School this Thursday and Friday. We have 18 students who will be trying their best to make it into the district team to compete at Met East. All permission forms need to be returned to Mr Johnson or Mrs Butterworth as soon as possible.

We wish them all good luck and we are proud of their efforts and commitment in training to get to where there are. Well done.

**Auskick**

During the first week back we had Campbell and Mitch visit from AFL Qld to introduce the students in Prep to Yr 4 to the Auskick Program. Students enjoyed playing the games and having a go at some of the skills involved in AFL.

**Language**

**Ryan Sensei**

**Spotlight on Year 6 Learning**

Year 6 students are studying Sports and Hobbies this term. This topic is appealing to both boys and girls. Traditional Japanese sports are proving to be particularly interesting. The national sport of Japan is Sumou – a form of wrestling which has been practised in Japan for hundreds of years. Students are interested in many aspects of this ancient sport, steeped in ritual and tradition. Of particular interest is the wrestler’s costume, hair style or “man bun” as the boys call it and the huge amounts of food consumed daily by these sportsmen.

Judou is another traditional sport popular in Japan for a long time. It is an honourable sport which has a strict code of ethics and discipline. Judou means “gentle way”. Students discussed possible reasons for this, especially as the aim is to “mat” one’s opponent. Some of our students have learnt Judou and believe the description may relate to the fact that all contestants are taught to land gently so as to minimise injury.

Students were also interested to learn that whilst most Western sports have retained their original name, baseball has its very own Japanese word. Baseball originated in the USA and is a popular sport in modern Japan.

In addition to studying the culture of sport, students are also learning to describe their likes, dislikes and abilities in sport.
Soccer

Our senior soccer team have put in a great effort during the elimination rounds to be the Met East representative team. They played on Friday of week 2 against West End State School. Unfortunately they lost their game but remained focussed and displayed good sportsmanship throughout the whole match. Well done to all of the boys and thank you to Miss Thompson for coaching the team.

Rugby League

We have two rugby league events coming up this term. On Friday of Week 6 our junior and senior teams will be competing in a NRL Gala Day at Alexandra Hills State High School and on Friday of Week 7 our junior team will be competing at Suncorp Stadium. Permission forms for both of these events needs to be returned as soon as possible.

Reminder

- Athletics training will continue on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8:00am sharp.
- Please return Project Consent forms for students selected for district sport trials ASAP.

Support Team

STLaN

Welcome to a very busy Semester Two!

As the new semester has started, so have many of our newly formed reading intervention groups. Levelled Literacy Intervention (lower school) and Corrective Reading (upper school) are just two of the programs we use here at Birkdale South State School to support students with their reading. If your child brought home a note stating that they are doing one of these programs and you have questions about it, please do not hesitate to come in ask!

Students’ Individual Curriculum Plans are currently being revised by classroom teachers. If your child is on one, you will contacted in the coming weeks to talk about this and the best way we can support your child.

Some students will be invited in the coming weeks to participate in The SAGES 2 test. The SAGES ~2 is helpful in identifying gifted students ranging in age from 5 years to 14 years 11 months.

Its three subtests assess aspects of two of the most commonly used areas for identifying gifted students: achievement and aptitude.

Two of the subtests assess achievement. On the first of these subtests, the child answers questions about Mathematics and Science. On the second subtest, they answer questions about Language Arts and Social Studies.

Aptitude is measured via the Reasoning subtest. The student is asked to solve analogical problems by identifying relationships between pictures or figures.

Permission forms will be sent home with identified students in the coming weeks to invite them to participate.

Have a great week!

Finance and Admin

Megan Murphy

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Prep 2017 Enrolments

If you haven’t already done so, please put your child’s name down for Prep next year. We communicate upcoming events
via email, so come along to the office to put your details on our list.

Staff Car Park

Just a reminder that the staff car park is off limits to parents unless you have applied for and been granted a permit to collect your child/ren from here. The gate will remain half closed to limit unauthorised access. These rules apply to minimise the risk of injury to our students and staff. A large car park exists at the back of the school if parents need to park and collect younger children from class. Otherwise, the 2 minute zones are to be used but heavily policed by the local authorities.

Student Absences

Please remember if your student is absent from school you need to let the office or teacher know. This can be done via our parent app, absent line, email to admin@birkdalesouthss.eq.edu.au or letter to the teacher. You may have received a letter home from the school regarding unexplained absences please record the reason and return to the school asap. Your assistance is appreciated.

Banking

Caroline Bastow

DON’T FORGET YOU STILL HAVE UNTIL WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST

To get your Colouring-In form in for the School Banking FETE Colouring Competition.

We hope you remembered to drop your drawing of The Dollarmites in at the competition box at the Fete. If not you have till the Wednesday 3rd August to get your entries in. 1st prize is a $50 Gift Card and a Prize Bag. There are also 3 runner up prize bags with money boxes and a prize bag for each year level. Plus the next 130 entries will also receive a gift!!! The colouring competition sheets (The Dollarmites) will still be available from your teachers, the office and from the banking staff on Wednesday 3rd August, but must be handed in by 3pm. So, you still have a few days. Let’s get colouring!!! I have lots of prizes I want to give away!!!

Prize Lights competition. The Commonwealth Bank Term 3 competition has a sky full of prizes to be won. Just make 3 deposits in Term 3 and you will automatically go into the draw for some great prizes. Visit commbank.com.au/prizelights for more details and activities.

Bronze rewards go to: Issac T 6B, Abbie T 3A, Emily D 2/3E , Samantha L 3B, Harper D 1B, Storm W-A 3A Silver Awards (20 deposits) go to: Zack V 3/4D, Kaleb C 1C, X-avier C PB, Ryan T PB, Liam F-E PC, Jessica H P/1E. New rewards are also available this Term. They are a Jump & Skip Rope and a Backtrack Eraser Pen. The Pat the Dog bagtag and Wildlife Writers Set are also still available. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit every WEDNESDAY.

Chappy’s Chat

John Rutter (Chappy John)

Our thoughts become our behaviour – So you better choose good ones.

In working with students to help them navigate life’s challenges, one thing that keeps coming up again and again is just how important it is to understand the power of our thoughts. It might seem overly simple, however, we need to recognise that our thoughts create how we feel and how we feel determines how we behave. And the simple equation is: Positive thoughts = positive feelings = positive behaviour; or negative thoughts = negative feelings = negative behaviour. In fact, insert any type or thought you like and it’s the same. “Fearful”, “aggressive”, “dishonest”, “brave”, “sad” or “happy”, it all starts with a thought.

This is an emotional principle that you can apply in all aspects of our life; and I’m not saying that we need to overlook bad stuff in our lives and pretend to be happy all the time, but it’s about “checking in” on our emotional reaction or response to a situation and seeing if we are making it worse or better by the “unhelpful” or “helpful” thoughts we are choosing. Yes, our thoughts are a choice and that’s why I encourage you to choose the good ones. It takes practice, but the results are worth it. If you want help with this or want to discuss it more with me, get in contact via johnr@chappy.org.au

Car Rally Scavenger Hunt

This term the Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) wanted to try a new school event for us to get together and have some fun as a community. So we came up with the idea of holding a “Car rally scavenger hunt” and family bbq on a Sunday morning; and at this stage it is scheduled for the 21st of August. This event will be fantastic fun and a great opportunity to get together for a relaxed but competitive day of exploring our local area, seeking out clues, looking for signs and answering trivia and testing your observation skills!! This event will also be a fundraiser for the chaplaincy program so please keep an eye out for further details. We already have some great prizes and entry in the car rally will be just $20 per car! This is going to be brilliant fun.

If you are looking for me this week I am away at our annual SU Qld Chaplaincy Conference, however, I will be in school Friday, so I look forward to seeing you all then.

P&C News

Cathy Bidois – President
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P&C Events - Term 2

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Fete Wrap Up

The P&C would like to give a big thank you to all our Fete Convenors and volunteers who helped out on the Fete Day, without your support we would not have been able to have the Fete. To the two Fete convenors Amy & Belinda thank you so much for all your hard work and effort, without you guys it would not have been the success it was. Your 8 months of hard work just for this day was amazing. I would personally like to thank you for this massive effort and it was fun working with you – so thanks guys you are amazing and we will see you again in two years for our next Fete!!!

To the schools groundsman Mr Benson you ROCK, thanks you so much for all you did in setting up and packing down as well as being here for the whole day. The P&C appreciates all that you do for us and as usual it is always such a pleasure to work alongside you. So thanks Gavin we owe you big time LOL!!!!

Thanks to the school community for supporting the Fete and to all our sponsors a big thank you goes out to you all. Please support these businesses if you can, and if you pop in to them be sure to thank them for supporting our school. All our sponsors can be found on the back of the A5 flyer that went home recently. A sponsor list will be on the P&C Facebook page for you to have a look at.

Last but not least thanks Mr Douglas for letting the P&C use the Hall and Oval on Friday. This makes our job that much easier so thanks Mr D.

Tuckshop

1. Please note that we are receiving many foreign coins. The bank doesn’t accept foreign coins so at the end of the day the tuckshop loses money. Please use Australian currency. For all those people who collect coins come along to the tuckshop and let’s do a deal.

2. Current Tuckshop Menu is out, dated 11th July. Copies are available from the front office, tuckshop and on the website. Please use the current menu. Thank you.

Uniform Shop News

Second Hand Clothing

We are unable to accept donation at this stage due to the large amount of second hand clothing already on hand. For those people who have handed in second hand clothing please check with the Uniform Shop for your money. We have a large amount of money that hasn’t been collected so at the end of term 3 all monies that are unclaimed will be considered a donation to the P&C.