4 June, 2015.

Principal's Column

Prep Open Morning:
We had a great turn out for our Prep Open Morning today! We were able to talk to our prospective parents about our wonderful Prep program, and what our school has to offer. Our parents also had the opportunity to listen to our Deputy Principal, Ben Laws, our Prep teacher, J-E Harris, our chaplain, Rachel and our P&C Representatives, Bronwyn and Tracey. As we would like to start finalising our Prep classes for 2016, we encourage parents, including those who already have children at the school, to submit enrolment forms as soon as possible. Both Ben and I will start conducting Prep interviews next term. My thanks to Mrs Elwynne Buckley for her superb organisation of the morning.

Physical Changes around the School:
You will have noticed that A and B Block have recently received a face lift with a new paint job. This work is the result of funds directed to the school through Metropolitan Regional Facilities. To continue the beautification of our buildings, the P&C and school are working together to fund the painting of the Administration Building and the Library. This will mean that roughly half of our school buildings will be freshly painted.

Due to the significant efforts of our P&C, a new playground will be installed over the holidays in the Year 2 and 3 playground area. This, combined with the new soccer field represents a significant achievement on behalf of our P&C to renew our playground spaces. My sincere thanks to Bronwyn and her team for their dedication to our school improvement.

Report Cards:
Teachers are currently busy completing report cards. Report cards will be issued to parents on Wednesday June 24, 2015. I encourage all parents to read the report cards and make a time to discuss with your child’s teacher any concerns or questions you may have about your child’s progress or achievement. Formal parent-teacher interviews will also be offered Term 3, however, we would like any parent/s to feel free to make a time with their child’s teacher to discuss their child’s learning. My thanks to our hard working teachers for the time
that they are currently taking to ensure that report cards are completed and whilst also focussing on their teaching.

Melissa Burke

Deputy Principal's Column

Under 8's Day
What a fantastic morning it was for Under 8’s Celebrations which has taken place since the last edition of the newsletter has gone out! The Prep to Year 2 students all had a wonderful time participating in all the activities. Thank you to all the parents who also came along and had a fun time with their child. A lot of time went into organising the day to ensure it ran as well as it did. Special thanks must go to all staff that supported the event and helped make it as special as it was, as well as to Miss Harris who coordinated the event and helped ensure it ran as smoothly as it did.

Student Behaviour
At Bracken Ridge we are committed to providing a safe respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff.

We have high expectations around behaviour. This is something that all staff work extremely hard on and want to continue to build upon, ensuring that all students feel safe and enjoy coming to school, and have the potential to achieve the best they possibly can.

The school has a Responsible Behaviour Plan for students, which is designed to facilitate high standards of behaviour so that learning and teaching in the school can be effective and students can participate positively within the school community.

Our school rules have been agreed upon and endorsed by all staff and our school P&C. They are aligned with the values, principles and expected standards outlined in Education Queensland’s Code of School Behaviour. While classroom rules may be different from class to class they all still relate to the overall school rules.

Be Safe
Follow safe behaviours towards people and property.

Respect Others and Our School
Treat all people with respect and tolerance.

Strive to Learn
Learn to the best of our ability and allow others to do the same.

Solve Problems the High 5 Way
Manage conflict peacefully, calmly and fairly.
Our school seeks to ensure that responses to unacceptable behaviour are consistent and proportionate to the nature of the behaviour.

Much of this work continues to happen as part of the school’s School Wide Positive Behaviour Support focus.

**Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer**

Last week we saw a large number of school community members join us for the annual Cancer Morning Tea Fundraiser. Thank you to all who attended, your participation in this event not only helped raise funds for those battling the disease but provided the opportunity for our students to demonstrate their musical talents.

Thank-you to all classes and teachers who provided the entertainment including the Choirs, Ovation and the Concert Band. It was a great morning tea and fellowship. Special thanks to Bronwyn Brown & Tracey Bellinger for their overall organisation, to Mrs Grant who co-ordinated all the entertainment for the day and the tuckshop ladies and parents who helped cook for the event. It is also worth mentioning our school leaders who did a wonderful job waiting on the tables.

We raised just over $1200.00 which is a fantastic effort.

**Parking Before and After School**

I would again like to convey thanks to the majority of our parents and families who continue to ensure the safety of our students through observing speed and parking signage around the school, especially at drop off and pick up time.

Unfortunately there has been a couple of instances where parents or family members picking children up are not adhering to signage and thus are putting their children and others at risk due to the speeds they are travelling or where they are parking.

I would particularly like to encourage all parents to take extra care when parking around our crossings and nearby the school, as this is where there is a high volume of children crossing and walking or riding.

With extra care and vigilance around these areas as well as with the help from our Crossing Supervisors, this should help minimise any risk of injury or a more serious accident.

Ultimately we want to ensure the safety of all children as well as parents and families, especially during the busy times of pick up and drop off. Everyone has a part to play, whether it’s crossing the road in the right place, wearing helmets, dropping off and parking in the right areas or adhering to the speed limits.

**A Message from our Adopt-A-Cop – Sergeant Steve Wake**

Last week Sergeant Steve visited our assembly to introduce himself. Sergeant Steve was also at our Under 8’s celebrations with his police car. We would like to thank him very much for this.

Below is a message he gave to the boys and girls on assembly.
My job is a Police Officer and I work from the Sandgate Police Station. My first name is Steven and just as Ms Burke and Mr Laws are called Principal and Deputy Principal, I also have a title which is Sergeant. So you will hear people referring to me as Sergeant Steve.

One of the things that I get to do as a Police Officer is to visit schools now and then and your school is the school I have been invited to visit. As the Under 8s saw yesterday, I will be around at various times, either during activities and taking part in your classroom with your teacher.

You might wonder why a police officer would be taking time to visit your school.

One of the main reasons for having Police is to maintain the safety of all people living in our Community. Safety is something we should all practice and I would like to pass on ideas about how we can all live safely.

I will also talk about rules which you may also know as laws. Laws are the rules that people in our Community live by so that we can enjoy a safe place to live in.

The last reason is that having Police visit your school provides a role model for you. You see role models here at your school every day from leaders in your classroom to the senior students and all the teachers and staff here at the school. They all model positive behaviours for you to learn from. I am another person that you can use as a model for good behavior.

I look forward to my time here in your school and if I am around in the playground feel free to come over and talk with me.

Ben Laws

♫ Music Notes ♫

Senior Choir

Congratulations to the Senior Choir for their wonderful performance at the Bracken Ridge Backyard Bonanza on Sunday 24 May. Thanks to parents and other members of the school community for supporting this event.

The Senior Choir is currently rehearsing repertoire for the Bramble Bay Schools Music Festival which will take place in week three of Term 3. The students will attend a choir day on Thursday 30 July at Bald Hills and participate in a concert in the evening at the same venue. More information will be given closer to that date.

Northside Beginner Band Blitz

A group of our Year 4 and 5 beginner instrumentalists will be attending this one day event on Wednesday 10 June at Bald Hills State School. The day will begin at 9.00 a.m. with students participating in large ensemble rehearsals as well as group tutorials. A concert at 4.00 p.m. will showcase what the young musicians have achieved throughout the day.
Twilight Concert

Our next Twilight Concert will be in week two of Term 3 (Wednesday 22 July). The groups involved will be Prep 1 and 2, Year 3/4C, 4A and 4B, Year 5A and 5B, Year 6A and 6B as well as the Band and Choirs. Please mark this date in your calendars.

Annette Grant (Music Co-ordinator)

P&C NEWS

- Backyard Bonanza – Thank you to the people WHO came and volunteered their time to help at the Backyard Bonanza on the different areas that the P&C ran. In all we managed to raise a little over $1300.

- Pie Drive – At present we are running a pie drive. Please check with your children if you have not received a order form as yet. All orders need to be in by Monday the 15th June and all pies will be back on Wednesday the 24th June. All money raised will go towards improvements around the playgrounds.

- Quick Beds – This is a sight to help you seek cheap accommodation online. Please keep an eye out for a flyer regarding this. You need to use a code 1692 when booking and they will donate a percentage back to our school. This is a very easy fundraiser indeed.

- Scholastic Book Club Issue 4 is now closed but you can still order online up till the end of term.

- McDonalds Day is being held on the 10th of June. You should have already received an order form for this. If not, please see Libby in the tuckshop or spare copies are available from the school office.

- Uniform shop –If anyone is interested in helping out in the uniform shop, please come and see me (Bronwyn). We are open Monday & Wednesday Mornings from 8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

- If you require any information about anything to do with the P&C please email me at brssfundraiser@optusnet.com.au.

- The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday the 17th of June at 7.00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Bronwyn Brown
Mobile: 0402 459 164
Ph: 07 3261 1690
Email: bcjcj@optusnet.com.au

Hello students and parents!! It’s Will I Bee! I’m as happy as can bee!

I hope you are all enjoying the change of season! Winter is a time to take extra care of ourselves. I do hope you agree. I want to share some friendly
advice with you all. It’s really important to have a healthy breakfast every morning. I know I just can’t fly as high when I have no food in my belly.

Sleeping well in my warm cosy hive helps me to bee the best bee I can bee. I’m happy to start my day with a smile, it really is the best way to bee! I’ve been buzzing and humming my way around Bracken Ridge State School checking in to see how well students are looking after themselves. 6B and 3B are doing some special things to help each other to bee healthy and happy, they are practicing positive thinking and doing regular stretching and movements each day. Have a wonderful day and be on the lookout as you might see me buzzing your way

Will.I.Bee@gmail.com

SPORTS DAY (Years 3-6)

Dear Parents,

You are cordially invited to attend the Senior Athletics Carnival being conducted on Wednesday 24th June. Our students have been working hard at developing their Athletic skills in their Physical Education lessons and will complete in the annual Inter-House Carnival covering Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Sprint events (100/200m). Prior to the Pentathlon students will compete in the Distance events (400/800m) on Friday 12th June. Each child’s performance will be allocated points and these points are utilized to generate Individual and House Totals, which will be used to determine the winners of this years Inter-House Sports Day. On Wednesday 24th June all children will be able to compete in the Sprint, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put events. A complete program of events is listed below for your information, please note however the times are suggested times only and may vary.

We remind all students and parents that children are required to compete in age groups which are determined by each student’s year of birth (that is all children born in 2005 are classified as being in the 10yrs age group, 2004 classified as 11yrs etc.) This classification method replicates District, Regional, State and National School Sport standards. Please note Year 3 students will be competing in both the Junior and Senior Sports Days this year. We also remind students and parents that competitors are to wear shoes at all times (even during events) as we are in a public park. Hats, sunscreen, large drink bottles and personal asthma sprays (for students who self-administer) will also be required for the day. Students were informed on assembly that they are not to paint themselves in coloured zinc or hair spray.

This year we are seeking HELP FROM PARENTS on Wednesday 24th June to assist us to conduct events. No special skills are required and it is a great opportunity to mix with the staff. Parents will be assigned to an age group and will move around the rotations so that they don’t miss their child competing. If you can assist please fill out the slip below and return it to the office.

We look forward to seeing you at the Carnival and sharing your House Spirit (are you ready to run in the parent relay team?).
PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE OFFICE

YES I AM AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH THE SENIOR SPORTYS DAY ON WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL.

Parents Name _________________________________________________________

CHILD'S NAME _________________________________________________________

CHILD'S CLASS _________________________________________________________

800/400 Metres
McPherson Park
Friday 12th June 2015

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Pentathlon
Wednesday 24th June 2015.
McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge

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**JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Thursday 18th June**

The Junior Sports Day is going to be held on Thursday 18 June. We would love to see the parents of children in Prep – Yr 3 attend the day as the students have been training very hard for the occasion. The emphasis for the
day is to work together as a team and for each individual student to “have-a-go”. Points will be awarded for both tabloid and races and the winning House will be announced at the end of the Sports Day.

Students have been asked to wear their House shirt for the day and will also require their hat, sunscreen and a large water bottle (with their name on it) and lunch (if they are not participating in Pre-ordered Food). Students have been informed that they are not to paint themselves in coloured zinc nor coloured hairspray.

The P&C are organising a small selection of food on this day which will need to be pre-ordered or parents are encouraged to have a picnic lunch on the oval with their children during the lunch break and should feel free to bring a picnic blanket etc.

A program of the days activities has been included for your information.

We look forward to you joining us on the school oval for this marvelous event.

**JUNIOR SPORTS DAY PROGRAM**

**Thursday 18th June**

9.30-9.40  March Past

9.40-9.50  Welcome, March Past result and tabloid explanation.

9.50-10.50  Tabloid Activities

10.50-11.00  Pack up and assemble for lunch

11.00-11.45  Picnic Lunch on the Oval

11.45  Houses Assemble on oval in House Area on the prep side of the running track behind the barrier.

11.45-12.45  Sprints (Heats and Finals)

12.45-1.00  Presentations 1st, 2nd and 3rd Age Champion and Champion House.

Conclusion of the Day

**CHAPPIE NEWS**
SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY SNAPSHOT

SUPPORTING

STUDENT WELLBEING IN QUEENSLAND

2015 Report

Celebrating 25 Years of SU QLD School Chaplaincy

SU QLD

WHY SCHOOL CHAPLAINS?

One of the most important features of school chaplaincy is that it complements rather than duplicates the work of other school-based support staff.

Stakeholders* rated SU QLD chaplains 4.6 on a 5 point scale for the following statement: “The chaplaincy service makes a unique contribution to our school.”
GRASSROOTS PROGRAM

Your Fundraising So Far

You have not raised any funds yet.

Some Hints and Tips

The clubs that are getting the best results are doing these things:

1. Place a link and info about the Grassroots program prominently on your website.
2. Hand out your flyers and remind people to keep them in a place they will remember.
3. Add a reminder to every email sent to your members.

Promote the code to your sponsors and supporters to use when booking their business or personal travel.

Ridge State School P&C Association, Grassroots Code: 1692

Here is your unique Grassroots Code and link:

Bracken Ridge State School P&C Association

1692

www.quickbeds.com/?grassrootscode=1692

JABIRU CARNIVAL - JUNE/JULY HOLIDAY

Join the Jabiru Carnival at Bracken Ridge State School this June-July holidays.
Jabiru Kids Bracken Ridge has planned a great program of activities for the June/July holidays.

We’re creating our own Carnival, with children making booths, games, snacks and decorations, culminating in rides and fun on Carnival Day, Friday 10 July. We’ll also be making science, art and craft creations, and going to the movies to see "Inside Out", an animated comedy.

Jabiru Kids Bracken Ridge opens from 6.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

The full program is available from Jabiru Bracken Ridge or online at http://www.jabiru.org.au/kids

Jabiru Vacation Care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit. Please call Jabiru for a quote on 3269 0044.

THANKS

Thank-you to Phil Henley from Steadfast Realty Qld who has generously donated $315.00 to help subsidise Chaplaincy.

SU Holiday Camp - In the next school holidays there will be a great SU Camp called 'Winter Mapleton Adventure Camp' happening in the second week of the holidays (6th - 10th July). This is a camp for Years 5 - 7's and includes activities like - canoeing, rock climbing, archery, nerf wars, a carnival, sports, games and lots more. Over the years we have had many students attend this camp, and they have all had a great time. For more info or to register for this camp please head to www.sucamps.org.au and look for 'Winter Mapleton Adventure Camp'.

Enrolment for 2016

Bracken Ridge State High School
Barfoot, Street Bracken Ridge

Parents wishing to enrol their son/daughter at Bracken Ridge State High School are encouraged to return their completed Application for student enrolment form as soon as possible (if you have not already done so). The Principal is conducting enrolment interviews now for our 2016 year 7 students. An enrolment interview will be arranged with you by our office staff once an Application for student enrolment form has been submitted.

Enrolment Application Packs have been made available to all year 6 students in our local primary schools and can also be obtained directly from our school office. Drop in or call us on 3869 7222 for more information.

We look forward to working with your son or daughter next year.

Mrs Regina Garrick
Principal

**Brisbane City Council Libraries Gold Star Reading Club**

Exciting news, the Gold Star Reading Club program starts again in Council libraries across the city on Monday 1 June 2015 running for three months until the end of August.

- Membership to the Gold Star Reading Club is free.
- Register at your local library. Your child must be a library member to join Gold Star - library membership takes only a couple of minutes.
- Children will be rewarded for reading with exciting monthly incentives - a bookmark, coloured pencil kit and torch pen.
- All children can enter the monthly draw to win a $25 book voucher.
- Finally the Gold Star a is a fun way to help children enjoy reading.

For more information about the Gold Star Reading Club, visit your local library or call Council on (07) 3403 8888.

**OFFICE NEWS**

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW MUSIC SHIRTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE. COST IS $26.00.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE A "CARS" READING BOOK IF THIS HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE.

ALL YEAR LEVELS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT A COST OF $5.50 EACH.

STUDENTS ARE USING THESE BOOKS IN CLASS.

THE "CARS" RACE IS EXCITING. STILL A LITTLE WAY TO GO TO SEE WHO WINS!!!

*PARENTS PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AS THIS ENDANGERS THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS.*

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN THIS MATTER.

*PARENTS PLEASE REMEMBER TO PHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 3869 7888 OR EMAIL CAROL FISHER cfish63@eq.edu.au FOR ANY STUDENT ABSENCES. IF WE...*
HAVE NOT HEARD FROM YOU REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE, WE ARE
NOW REQUIRED TO CONTACT YOU REGARDING THIS SO THAT ANY
UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES CAN BE MANAGED. YOUR HELP IN THIS MATTER IS GREATLY
APPRECIATED.

BRACKEN RIDGE STATE SCHOOL Facebook Page is now available. Please
'like' our page and share with other parents at our school. We will endeavour to
use this page to keep you informed with upcoming school events as they
happen.

If you would like the school newsletter emailed directly to you, please email Carol Fisher on cfish63@eq.edu.au,
or phone the school office on 3869 7888. Our newsletter is also available via our School Website. If you are
unable to access the internet, a paper copy can be collected from the office on request.

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