18 June, 2015.

Principal's Column

It's been a super busy term here Bracken Ridge State School! We have had many events, celebrations, learning experiences and assessment pieces. A HUGE thank you to our staff, students and families for their welcome and support during my first term at Bracken Ridge. I wish our school community a safe and relaxing holiday break, and look forward to returning for a productive Term 3.

Planning meetings:
Over the past week, all teaching teams were involved in meetings within their year levels, with myself, Deputy Principal, Ben Laws, Head of Curriculum, Louise Celledoni, and Literacy Coach, Robyne Harris to discuss their class planning for Term 3. The focus of the meetings was to unpack the Assessment Tasks, Guide to Making Judgements and A Exemplars for English, thus developing a clear understanding of what needs to be taught, and what it takes for a student to achieve their highest possible result. This will allow teachers to develop learning experiences and lessons, resulting in a very clear teaching focus for the term. Next term, Mr Ben Laws and I will engage in "learning walks", in which we will be talking directly to students about their learning in English.

Report Cards:
Semester 1 Report Cards will be issued next week. A MASSIVE thanks to our teachers for their work in ensuring that Report Cards were clearly written, giving families an understanding of how their child is progressing. While we are not offering face-to-face interviews this term, we strongly encourage all families to make contact with their child's teacher to talk about their child's progress or to clarify part of their child's report cards if they have any questions or concerns.

Staffing changes:
Next term, we will see some staffing changes as our teachers take some long service leave. Mrs Rachel Gaskin will be taking leave for the first two weeks of Term 3, and will be replaced by Jill Tomkins, who is well known to our School Community. Mr Jason Morish will also be accessing leave for the first 4 weeks of Term and will be replaced by Adrian Mackay who is also very familiar with our school. Ms Louise Celledoni, our Head of
Curriculum will also be taking some well-deserved leave. She will be replaced by Mrs Robyne Harris, our Literacy & Numeracy Coach for the first 4 weeks of Term 3.

Ms Julie-anne McMackin will be taking leave for the remainder of the 2015 academic year due to personal circumstances. We are yet to finalise arrangements for Julie-anne’s replacement and will inform the parents of Year 2A as soon as possible when this has been confirmed.

Melissa Burke

Deputy Principal's Column

This is our final Ridge Talk for Term 2. Thank you to all parents for your support once again. Our children and staff are definitely ready for a holiday after a very busy first Semester.

I wish everyone an enjoyable, safe and relaxing break with your families. If you are travelling anywhere – have a wonderful time and take care.

Watch Over Our School During the Holidays

With the holidays beginning at the end of next week, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88 or the Police.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queenslandschools. This year vandalism has cost our school dearly. It has made our school a less inviting place for our students and staff and has set a bad example for the children.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police deal with it. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer Bracken Ridge State School community!

If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call Education Queensland's School Security Section on 07 3237 0874.

NAIDOC Celebrations

Please come help us celebrate NAIDOC at Bracken Ridge by attending a special Assembly on Friday 24 July.

It will be a special assembly to promote and acknowledge NAIDOC. After the Assembly there will also be a special morning tea, and opportunity for a catch-up.

Please put this date in your diaries for after the holidays.

Safe Travel To and From School

Parents and carers are reminded to keep vigilant and slow around our school.
Parents and carers play an important role in teaching children about travelling safely to and from school.

You can help keep your child safe by:

- teaching them to look out for vehicles entering or leaving driveways
- discouraging them from playing with balls or toys when walking to school
- making sure they know the safest time to cross at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings or supervised school crossings
- ensuring they are familiar with the safest route to and from school, usually the way with the least traffic and fewest roads to cross
- accompanying young children until they are old enough to understand road safety
- if they are riding bikes or scooters ensure they are wearing helmets as well as abiding by the road rules

Get involved in our P&C

Getting involved with a Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, but many people may be unsure of how it works. If you’ve never been involved in a P&C before, the Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers is a great way to get familiar with what they do, and how you can help out. The guide sets out the roles and responsibilities of members in an easy-to-read format. The Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers has been produced by the Queensland Council of Parents’ and Citizens’ Associations and Education Queensland and is available for download from the Department of Education and Training website at:-


Thank you and I look forward to sharing more in the next edition of the newsletter.

Ben Laws

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council are holding a Free Dress Day (CRAZY SOCK DAY) on Friday 26 June, 2015. Please come in your craziest, brightest or favourite SOCKS but don’t forget your GOLD COIN donation for the Student Council.

MUSIC NOTES

Senior Choir

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.

**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)

Hello everyone!

This is your friendly mascot Will-I-Bee writing to you about something very important. This is something that you should absolutely take seriously! Keeping our school environment clean and healthy is showing respect and that we care. You **must** make sure your lunch rubbish gets put into the bins!

From your clean and tidy busy friend

Will-I-Bee

Will.I.Bee@gmail.com

**SPORTS DAY (Years 3-6)**

Parents don’t forget our second major Inter-House Competition for 2015 continues next Wednesday (24th June) when our students in Years 3-6 compete in the Senior Pentathlon. The program for the day is included below for your information (times indicated are approximate times only).

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 10 yrs age group, 2004 classified as 11 yrs 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 24th JUNE.**

| Parents Name | | | | | |
| CHILDS NAME | | | | | |
| CHILDS CLASS | | | | | |

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### Pentathlon

**Wednesday 24th June 2015.**

**McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge**

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Junior Sports Day  Prep-Year 3

Unfortunately as informed on Wednesday afternoon via a letter handed out to your child, the Junior Sports Day was postponed due to the inclement weather. Whilst disappointing, this decision was made in the best interests of our students and hopefully our wonderful Queensland winter weather will return for the rescheduled date of Thursday 16th July.

We have also included an outline of the program for your information.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY PROGRAM

Thursday 16th July

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Champion and Champion House.

Conclusion of the Day

Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisor

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Bracken Ridge State School.

Remuneration $27.49 per hour.

1.25 hours per day on a roster system - 4 days per week currently available.

Application packs available from the school office.

Applications close: Friday 26th June 2015.

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:

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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.

CHAPPIE NEWS

WHO DO CHAPLAINS TALK TO?
Chaplaincy services are available to everyone in a school, and students, parents/carers and staff all access chaplaincy services.

23%
SCHOOL STAFF

63%
PASTORAL CONVERSATIONS

14%
PARENTS/CARERS

STUDENTS

CHAPLAINS’ PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

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For the full research document head to www.suqld.org.au/snapshot.

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 NOW USING THESE BOOKS IN CLASS.

ANY YEAR 6 PARENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE ANOTHER YEAR 6 SHIRT FOR THEIR CHILD, WE STILL HAVE THREE SHIRTS LEFT FOR PURCHASE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE (1 SIZE 14 AND 1 SIZE 12’S). COST IS $35.00. PLEASE SEE CAROL OR ELWYNNE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.
PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AS THIS ENDANGERS THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN THIS MATTER.

PARENTS PLEASE 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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