12 October, 2015

Principal's Column

Welcome back to Term 4! I trust our students enjoyed a relaxing break and have enjoyed a calm and settled start to the term, with students focused on teaching. This term promises to be especially busy with graduations, concerts, assessment and reporting.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that I was successful in being appointed permanently to Bracken Ridge State School as Principal. It is a great honour to have been selected to lead this school, and I am excited and am looking forward to working closely with the Leadership Team, Teachers, Staff, Students, Parents and the Community to support, move and improve our school. My sincere thanks to Mr Mai Lupo for handing over to me a beautiful school community.

Action Plan Review Meetings:

This week, Mr Ben Laws and I worked with every teacher to review their Reading Action Plan. The overall purpose of the review meetings was to review the success of the Action Plan in terms of:

- Student performance and achievement - Which students have met their targets and what made the difference? Which students have not met their targets and what are their future learning needs/support?
- Class, group, individual learning needs - What is getting in the way of student achievement? What is improving student achievement? What are the most salient learning needs in Reading in your class at the moment? What is your data telling you is the next instructional focus?
- Professional learning and coaching needs - Were these met through professional learning and coaching? If not, what got in the way? What are your ongoing professional learning needs?

Teachers and the Leadership Team will be meeting during Week 3 of Term to review reading data from Term 3, and to develop the next collaborative Reading Action Plan for the next 5 weeks.

Rewards Day:

A HUGE thanks to Mr Nic White for his organisation of a very memorable Rewards Day. Our Gold, Silver, Bronze students really enjoyed the jumping castle and velcro wall. Our students who achieved “gold on gold on gold” relished in an extra session in the afternoon.

Facilities:

You may have noticed that painting of our buildings and undercover links has now been completed. Our school now shares the one colour palette! Our schools officer, Mr Sean Wallace has worked hard during the break to trim, mow and prune to ensure our gardens are ready for Spring. A HUGE thanks to Sean for his work in ensuring that our grounds are looking their best.

Melissa Burke

Deputy Principal's Column

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Bracken Ridge for the final Term for 2015. I have had the opportunity to recharge the batteries ready year is nearly over and that preparations for 2016 are well under way.

Uniforms

With the onset of summer fast approaching we would like to expect some of the school uniform. All sports shorts, t-shirts, caps, thongs, etc. are not part of our school uniform. The dress code also includes students not wearing makeup and nail polish to school. We ask that parents assist us by monitoring what their children are wearing to school and take the appropriate course of action as required.

It is especially important that all children have and are wearing a broad brimmed hat, not only at lunchtime but if they are also involved in Summer sports.

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It is also worthwhile reminding children about the importance of ensuring they are adequately hydrated. We would certainly encourage all children to come to school with at least one water bottle for the day, which they will be able to access during class time. This is one way of ensuring your child is drinking an adequate intake of water for the day.

2016
Preparations for 2016 are well and truly underway. As advertised previously it is important for us to have an indication of the number of students that will be attending Bracken Ridge State School in 2016. This is particularly important as our staffing is dependent upon this number. If your children will be moving to another school could you please let us know either via the office or through your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Prep enrolments for 2016 are also currently being taken. It is a requirement that we sight either the original or legal copy of the child’s birth certificate so that the enrolment can begin accurately planning for 2016.

High School enrolments also need to be undertaken. If your contact the High School that you wish your child to attend Principal/Deputy Principal. Our local High Schools are requires they can begin to plan and organise Year 7 classes and resources.

Interschool Sports
Next week, Inter-school and Rec sports will begin. In preparation for the coaching of these teams are currently organising training sess

This is a continuation of the program that began in Term 1. St will be selected again. Due to students previously signing a ‘Code again. Although, permission letters will again need to be sign payment for this term was not charged in Term 1).

All children who do not participate in Inter-school sports will have the option to take part in Rec sports which will be held at the school. Children participating in the Rec sport pool, co-operative games and art and design.

Cybersafety and Cyberbullying
How do I report an incident to a website operator?

Social networking sites
Most social networking providers have a ‘Report/Block this F the user’s profile. You or your child can report the content and

Safety reporting links for some common sites
Facebook:
www.facebook.com/safety

YouTube:
www.youtube.com/contact_us

Twitter:
http://support.twitter.com/groups/33-report-a-violation

Moshi Monsters:
www.moshimonsters.com/parents

Club Penguin:
www.clubpenguin.com/parents

Instant messaging
For applications like Windows Live or Yahoo Messenger, c option.

Mobile phones
Most mobile service providers will accept complaints and requests to have content removed when made by the account holder.

Mobile phone network provider contacts:–

Telstra 1800 805 996

3 Mobile 133 320

Optus 1800 780 219

Virgin Mobile 1300 555 100

Vodafone 1800 638 638

Thank you and I look forward to catching-up in the next issue

Ben Laws
Deputy Principal

Uniform Shop News
• Culottes size 16 x 2 only - $5.00 each until sold out.

• Skorts plain black size 12, 14, & 16 on sale for $5.00 each.

• Remember to have a look at the second hand rack - all just $2.00 each.

• There is an example of the refreshed look uniform (shirts, pants, jumpers, & dresses) on display for you in the school office to voice your opinion. All the pants will have BRSS embroidered on them.

• We now have an order form for the uniform shop for your convenience. These are available from the tuckshop, uniform shop or office and will be online shortly.

**Tuckshop News**

Online survey [https://www.surveymonkey.com/survey-dsm8mlJsdFIVwIB7_2B BK56aCjPOYSVJancJLumk](https://www.surveymonkey.com/survey-dsm8mlJsdFIVwIB7_2B BK56aCjPOYSVJancJLumk)

It would be greatly appreciated if parents could please complete the survey as above.

If anyone is interested in volunteering in our school Tuckshop, could you please put your name down with Libby at the Tuckshop? Many thanks.

**P&C News**

• P&C meeting on the 21st October 7.00 p.m. in staff room.

• Scholastic Book Club for Issue 7 is now open and will close on the 23rd October.

• Grass Roots - If you are looking to book a holiday, please visit this website and check out what they have available. For anyone who books a holiday with [www.quickbeds.com/?grassrootscode=1692](http://www.quickbeds.com/?grassrootscode=1692)

• Education Experience fundraising catalogues are available in the school office or you can also go to the website to have a look through a catalogue. Remember it is never too early to start Christmas shopping.

• We are looking for helpers to assist us at the P&C BBQ on this Sunday 18 October. Please contact me as per below if you can help at all on this day. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments on any of the above P&C information, please feel free to contact me Bronwyn at brssfundraiser@optusnet.com.au or 0402 459 164 at any time.

**CHAPPIE NEWS**

Please note Chappy Rachael will be on leave from Monday 14th September to Friday 16th October. Rachael will be back at school Week 3 of Term 4.

For those looking to sell their home:

If you engage Steadfast Realty Qld to sell your home by taking up this offer, $500 from the commission earned will be donated to School Chaplaincy. Steadfast Realty guarantees great service, a competitive commission rate and more, while supporting your School Chaplain.

Contact Phil Hanley to find out more.

0439 990 320

“*The school chaplaincy program is a great resource for our students and bringing in extra funds is always beneficial. Thank you for your support.*

**HUMBLE BE MARKETS GRAND OPENING**

Sunday 18th October, 8.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. on site at Bracken Ridge State School.

With over 50 stalls, there is something for everyone - fresh produce, kids activities, and more. FREE entry makes it a great morning out with lots to see and do.
Stalls include:
- Mountain Wine
- Emma’s Bees
- Nannie Goat Soap
- Zella Bello

**Book Fair and Book Week - Term 4**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the library this Term on Monday October 26 and Tuesday October 27. We will be selling books at the following times:

- 8.00 - 8.40 a.m.
- 1.25 - 1.40 p.m.
- 3.00 - 4.00 p.m.

There will be a Book Week Colouring Lucky Draw for all students which was handed out at the end of last term (to be returned to the library by the end of the second week of Term 4). One student from each year level will receive a $10.00 voucher to spend at the Book Fair.

Happy Reading!

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**WILL I BEE FOC**

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Today’s breaking news from Will-I-Bee is: **Including others is really important at School.** This is really important because we need to invite others to play when they are lonely or have no friends to play with. Sometimes people may feel left out or worried if no one will play with them. If you see a person who is alone or sitting by themselves: go up to them and ask if they want to play with you.

Thank you also to those students who entered the Riddle Competition. Our five winners are enjoying their lovely new prizes.

From your amazingly, inclusive friendly Mascot -
Will-I-Bee.

Will.I.Bee@gmail.com

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**GRASSROOTS**

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Here is your unique Grassroots code:
Get your family active and eating well

Families in North Lakes can now sign up for the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are open for a new group to commence in Term 4, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each.

Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing screen time and being more active as a family. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

What: PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health)

When: Term 4, Thursdays, 4-5.30pm (weekly)

Where: Bounty Boulevard State School

Cost: FREE

The program is funded by the Queensland government and delivered state-wide by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au
Parents please note that Monday the 19th October 2015 is a PUPIL FREE DAY.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME 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

If you 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 '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 contact 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.