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Principal’s Column

With only three weeks of the Term left, students have completed new units of work. Meanwhile, our teachers are busily preparing for parent-teacher interviews in two weeks’ time. I wholeheartedly would like to encourage all parents to attend these interviews, so that our teachers can share your child’s achievements and areas for growth and improvement.

Learning Walks:

In the last newsletter, I discussed that Mr Ben Laws and I would be conducting learning walks to discuss what students are learning and provide this as feedback to teachers.

During our visits to classrooms, we will ask students the following questions:

1. What are you learning?
2. How are you doing?
3. How do you know?
4. What do you need to do to improve?
5. Where do you go for help?

When we visit, we have been interviewing 5 students about their learning, using the above questions. Student feedback is incredibly powerful, as we don’t know if we have truly taught something until we ask the students.

Some of the responses we have had from the following questions have included:

1. What are you learning?
   - “We’re learning about writing a dialogue using 2-3 characters” – Year 3 student
   - “We are making our own rhymes... we are using actions for it” – Prep student
   - “We are learning to write our own traditional Asian stories” – Year 4 student
   - “Learning about instructions and procedures. We had to do Grandma that she liked. We are going to present to our class” – Year 2 student

2. How are you doing?
   - “I did pretty well. For the steps in the PowerPoint I didn’t go that well because I had to find all the right things” – Year 2 student
   - “I would say fairly well because I’m excited about it. I’m excited” – Year 3 student

3. How do you know?
   - “Mrs ___ gives us a check sheet and we went through it so we know what to expect for an A, B, C, D” – Year 3 student
   - “I use verbs and punctuation” – Year 3 student

4. What do you need to do to improve?
   - “The problem and the moral/message of the story” – Year 4 student
   - “I need to use more persuasive words” – Year 3 student
   - “A bit more formality between the characters” – Year 3 student

5. Where do you go for help?
   - “The teacher or your learning partner” – Year 3 student
   - “My learning buddy – we help each other with the difficult stuff” – Year 3 student

Well done everyone!

Melissa Burke

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Deputy Principal's Column

The Smith Family – Learning for Life Scholarships

Learning For Life provides families with opportunities for primary school to post-school studies.

Who is eligible:

- Families who possess a Health Care Card or Pension Card;
- Demonstrate a commitment to education (i.e. children attend school regularly);
- Be referred to the Smith Family by a community member.

If families are interested in this opportunity, please make time for you to meet with myself to explain eligibility criteria. There are also only limited places.

The Importance of Children Eating Breakfast

As all parents would appreciate, breakfast is an extremely important meal of the day. Not only does it give our bodies the fuel it needs, it is also critical in helping to develop a balanced diet. Thus, it is even more important for children.

Breakfast, as the word suggests, literally means 'break the fast'. After going 10–12 hours overnight without food, children's energy reserves are low and their brains, need that fuel.

With our busy lives and the fact that the mornings are usually a rush in preparing for the school day and for work, breakfast sometimes gets overlooked. This in turn usually leads to children feeling flat, lethargic and unwilling to engage in the school program.

Like any other meal, a balanced breakfast should include a mixture of foods from the different food groups. Breakfast cereal with milk provides many important nutrients such as calcium, iron, dietary fibre, vitamins and minerals.

Breakfast is generally based on breakfast cereals, fruit and bread. The average breakfast can supply up to a quarter of your daily fibre intake but a much lower proportion of fat intake. Children especially benefit when breakfast is eaten – a healthy breakfast can provide children with nearly half of their daily needs of many essential vitamins and minerals.

Research from around the globe also suggests:

- Eating breakfast can have a significant effect on attention and retain information, and more likely to be less likely to be ravenously hungry for snacks during the day.
- People who eat breakfast have better eating habits than people who skip breakfast as they are less likely to be ravenously hungry for snacks during the day.
- Children who eat an inadequate breakfast are more likely to make poor food choices for the rest of the day and in the long-term, may lead to an increased risk in obesity.

Once a week on Thursday, the school is supporting those children who may skip breakfast by providing breakfast through the Chaplaincy Program. This program continues to be very successful with all children involved enjoying the opportunity to have some toast and a drink before school begins. Special thanks must go to Rachael our Chaplain and her band of volunteers who volunteer each Thursday as well as to the local companies who donate the food items for the breakfast.

Father’s Day Stall Thankyou

Special thanks to Bronwyn Brown, Tracey Bellinger and their very dedicated team who prepared all the wonderful items that were made available for the children to buy through the Father’s Day Stall. I’m sure that there will be some delighted Dads out there who will be thrilled to receive a gift personally chosen by their child. All children who went through the stall were also very excited about the opportunity of purchasing a gift especially for the Dads.

Thank-you once again to all ladies who put in an enormous amount of time preparing for the stall and then manning the stall today and tomorrow. Your efforts are certainly very much appreciated.

District Maths Competition

Congratulations to all 20 children who participated in the District Maths Competition on Monday. Although the teams did not place, from all reports each and every student performed commendably and represented Bracken Ridge proudly.
All children should be extremely proud of their efforts and achievement.

Thank-you to Mr White who coached and supported the children on the day, as well as to parents who supported our teams during the event.

**Uniforms**

With the onset of summer fast approaching we would like to remind all students and parents that we have high expectations on the wearing of the school uniform. Boardshorts, t-shirts, caps, thongs etc should not be worn to school. Part of the dress code at school includes nail polish to school. We ask that parents assist us by 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 lunchtimes but for their Physical Education lessons as well.

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 an adequate intake of water for the day.

Ben Laws
Maths Tournament 2015

On Monday August 24th, fifteen students from our Year 5 and 6 classes participated in the 2015 Brisbane Curriculum Leaders Maths Tournament at Albany Hills State School. Students participated in teams of five and completed a Team Event and Relay Event comprising higher order thinking mathematical sums.

All of our teams performed well and are to be congratulated on the effort and behaviour that they have demonstrated in the lead-up to the event.

Thanks must go to parents who took time to transport students to and from the venue and especially Mrs. Amy Airey and Mrs. Sharyn Moody for their assistance on the day. Without it, the day would not have been possible.

Congratulations again guys.

Mr White.

Participants

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Will I Bee Focus

Dear Parents, Carers
At Bracken Ridge St other. This week we are sorry.
When you hurt someone you are hurting their feelings. When you need to say sorry say it like you mean it.

It’s important to say sorry because you could lose a friend. You should forgive you and you can stay friends.

From your buzzing, caring, friendly Mascot Will-I-Bee

P.S BBBbbzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz
Will.I.Bee@gmail.com

FROM THE P&C

Uniform Shop News

• From next week there will be an example of uniform (bottom halves only) on display for you to voice your opinion. The Student Council has already given it the thumbs up and the pants will all have BRSS embroidered on them.

• We now have an order form for the uniform shop for your convenience. You can collect this from the tuckshop or school office and shortly it will be available online. This order form is for all of our existing stock.

Tuckshop News

• McDonald’s Day will be held on the 16th September.
• If you have any suggestions for the tuckshop please send suggestions, allergies, etc.
• If anyone is interested in volunteering in the tuckshop please contact Libby at the Tuckshop. Thank you!
There is so much happening at the moment that you can be a part of –

- Spell-a-thon brochures have been handed out so if teacher or spares copies are available from the office and the spelling will be done on the 9th of September.

- Father’s Day stall has been held today. If students have forgotten their money they can bring it in tomorrow (Friday the 28th). Thank you to everyone who has donated items. Without you it would be impossible to run these.

- Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 is now open. If you did not receive a brochure there are spares in the office or, if you would like to look over all of the age catalogues, please check in the office as well. This order will close on the 4th September. Unfortunately we will be unable to take any orders after this date.

- Woolworths Earn & Learn is still happening. Collect more the students will benefit from this.

- Aspley Hypermarket - If you are shopping at the Aspley Hypermarket, please place any dockets into our school box located between Kmart and Coles for a chance to win $4000. This finishes on the 3rd September.

- CUAA Community Grant is now closed and we didn’t win this one but thank you to all that voted for our school.

- Grass Roots - If you are looking to book a holiday, please go to this website and check out what they have available. For anyone who books a holiday please use our Grassroots Code: 1692.

- Education Experience fundraising catalogues have been sent down to Prep classes and there are some available in the school office. You can also go to the website to have a look through this catalogue. Remember it is never too early to start Christmas shopping.

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 0402459164

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Get your family active and eating well

Families in North Lakes can now sign up the free - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. It commences in term 4, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and a part of every-day life. It is available to families who is above a healthy weight their age and consists of minutes each.

Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing family. While the parent sessions are taking place, 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 being 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

Join the Jabiru Carnival at Bracken Ridge SS this September Holidays.

Jabiru Kids Bracken Ridge has planned a great program of activities, sport, craft and cooking fun. Look out for the special Minecraft Dance Workshop and an easter egg hunt. Plus a spring picnic, a slumber party, slip’n’slide and more!

Jabiru Kids Bracken Ridge opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

The full program is available from Jabiru Bracken Ridge or online at

The Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru for a quote on 3269 0044.

OFFICE NEWS

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW MUSIC SHIRTS ARE 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. STUDENTS ARE NOW USING THESE BOOKS IN CLASS.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL ONCE AGAIN WITH THIS PROMO. WE CAN PURCHASE LOTS OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES."
WIN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL AT THE ASPLEY HYPERMARKET

Bracken Ridge State School is now registered for the chance to win a share of $7,000 at the Aspley Hypermarket with the winning prize being $4,000!

The Promotional Period commences on Wednesday 22 July. Simply make a purchase at the Aspley Hypermarket Shopping Centre during the promotional period and drop your receipts into the allocated Bracken Ridge State School entry box located between Coles and Kmart at the Aspley Hypermarket. It's that simple.

The School with the highest points will win. First Prize is $4,000, Second Prize is $2,000 and 3rd Prize is $1,000. If you are shopping at the Aspley Hypermarket, please support our school and encourage other family members and friends to do so as well.

Happy Hawks Playgroup

Meets: Every Thursday 9.30am to 11.30am (during school term)
Venue: Sandgate Hawks Sporting Club, 120 Lemke Rd, Taigum (new playground)
Cost: $5 per family (pays for venue hire, craft and resource)
Activities: Music and Storytime, Free Play, Outdoor/Active Play
BYO: hat, water bottle, morning tea

All welcome - families and carers with children birth to school aged.

Playgroup is a great way for local families to play, and children to make new friends.

For more information email happyhawks.playgroup@gmail.com or call 3633 9666.

The Kookaburra Playgroup operates out of our Prep 3 Classroom on a Thursday morning from 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. They are currently looking for someone to take over the role of Playgroup Facilitator. For further information please phone Deidre Steyn on 0414 786 057.

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 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: ‘like’ our page and share with friends.

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