PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

To BGSS Community,

Welcome to term 2, I hope you all had a wonderful break.

At last week’s P&C meeting we had 15 parents and teachers attend, which is the normal number that we have at meetings, but we’d love to see more parents there.

At each meeting the school does a presentation or discusses some aspect of the school, so that each meeting is informative. We will endeavour to let you know in advance what is being discussed. So please come along and find out what the school is doing to educate your child/children. Please be assured that you won’t be pressured into taking on any task that you don’t want to do.

We are also looking for fundraising ideas. So if you have any ideas come and let us know.

Regards,

Andrew Pegler
P&C President

AGENDA ITEMS FOR P&C

If you have an agenda item that you would like to have raised at the P&C Meeting, please send it into the Office in writing by 3:30pm on Monday the week before the meeting. Items received will be included on the agenda that will be publicised in the school newsletter or the P&C newsletter, whichever comes out at the end of that week (e.g. the next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 May 2015. Agenda items need to be received by Monday 20 April to be published in a newsletter that same week).

Volunteers Needed

School banking through the Commonwealth Bank is not only a chance to teach kids about saving money it is a great fundraiser for the school. To keep this tradition alive we rely on parent volunteers, full training will be provided by banking co-ordinator Edwina. We need 3 volunteers, on Wednesday mornings, every week for a few hours. Get together with a friend or get involved and meet new friends! Email Edwina at edwina@hotkey.net.au for more information.

Many thanks to Edwina, Dyan and Gina for their great help and support!
HAST UPDATE

National Walk to School Day is on Friday 22nd May and the school will be participating in this event as part of the HAST (Healthy Active School Travel) program. Townsville City Council are again supporting BGSS by providing a healthy snack and fruit as well as sponsoring lucky door prizes. We will be using registration names for use in the draw for prizes, the raffle ticket given to you at the gate will be for the snacks.

So make sure you have your registration in on time. A detailed letter and registration form will be sent home to families next week. Spare copies of this are available at the office or from the BGSS website (Under Forms and Documents). Registrations will need to be returned to the Green HAST box in the office by 3pm Wednesday 20th May.

We will have two walking groups:

1. The passenger train from PCYC oval/ Harold Phillips Park; and
2. The Junior Caboose will leave from the Hooper Street playground (aimed at the Prep to Grade 3) both leaving at 8am. We have parent leaders for both groups and the Queensland Police Service will assist again on Bundock Street.

For more information about this national event, as well as directions on downloading the free Walk Safely to School Day App, go to www.walk.com.au.

Remember being active in the morning is a great way to start the day.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL

A huge thank you to Robyn and Peter Southwell for organising this year’s Mothers’ Day Stall and to the parents who helped “man the stall” on the day. Your support is greatly valued. The children enjoyed their opportunity to browse through all the lovely gifts and “shop” for their “Mother”.

SCHOOL DISCO

On Thursday June, the P&C will hold a Disco for the BGSS students. There was an error in the times that were advertised on the flyer that went home last week. The correct times are:

- Prep to Year 3 - 5:30 to 6:30
- Years 4 to 6 - 7:00 to 8:30
- The theme for the evening is “circus”

If you have completed the volunteer induction course and are able to volunteer on the night, please complete the tear off slip on the bottom of the flyer and indicate which session you are able to help with.

For the safety of all students, parents are reminded that the disco is only for BGSS school aged children and siblings are only to attend their own sessions.

As in previous years, only parents who have been allocated supervision roles for the evening will be able to stay at the disco.

Tuckshop News

PRICE CHANGES

- Price of Jelly Cups have gone up to: -.70cents
- Price of Chocolate & Rainbow ice blocks have gone up to: $1.50

Reminder:
Opening hours for the Tuckshop are as follows:

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - Morning Tea break only
- Thursday and Friday—Morning Tea and Lunch

Dates for your Diary

19 May T’ville Cross Country
19-22 May Pimlico district Band workshops
20 May 6A & 6B—RBJR Beach Clean Up
21 May BGSS Student Disco
22 May National Walk Safe to School Day
26 May NQ Cross Country
27 May Yr 2 Jezzine Brks Excursion

NAPLAN testing time again

Our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 12–14 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can.

Further NAPLAN information for parents and carers is available online. Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing.

http://www.nap.edu.au/

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