Beauty Point is now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. If your child turns five years of age by July 31, 2015 please pick up an enrolment form from the school office.

Please put your child’s application in as soon as possible, as we have started sending out letters inviting parents & students to Orientation Sessions.
LEADERSHIP HABIT:

Begin With The End In Mind
I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference.
I am an important part of my classroom.
I look for ways to be a good citizen.

**** STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE ****

To James Starling,
for his amazing effort in raising money for research to prevent prostate cancer.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term - a very busy but exciting one. We will begin to hear and say lots of “Hasn’t the year flown by?” Well... yes it has, but that seems to happen every year! No sooner are the children beginning in a new grade than we are looking at placing them in their next year’s class! An interesting dynamic of working in a busy place like a school is how quickly time does fly and how much children grow in all areas. So... lots happening and lots to tell about.

The Year 6s did a marvellous job in organising and running the school disco. There were some wild and woolly dress ups, my favourites being Mr Potato Head and Princess Peach from Mario Brothers. Having the school disco during school and for a shorter period of time is inspired thinking and the Year Six students provided a variety of games and activities to keep everyone occupied. Round that off with pizza slices and a popper and you have a successful disco.

The 2015 Kindergarten program commences this Thursday with the first in-class orientation session for next year’s students, and a parent information session on Literacy and Numeracy. On October 28th there is another orientation day, and for parents the Best Start consultant will be taking the session to give you an overview of the Best Start program and interview.

If you have a child in Year 5, Selective High School placements for 2016 can be made online at [wwwschools.nsw.edu.au/shplacement](http://wwwschools.nsw.edu.au/shplacement) between October 14th and November 17th this year. The Selective High School placement tests will be conducted on Thursday 12th March 2015. All Year 5 students will be given an intention to apply letter, and further information is available from myself or Mr Baker.

Unfortunately our first Gibberagong excursion has had to be postponed due to the inclement weather. (So has the second!) There is no shelter at West Head and in fine weather it is a great place to try bush tucker and follow the tracks to the aboriginal carvings. But if it is raining or windy, quite another prospect and the excursion will be postponed to a later date for everyone’s comfort and safety.
Mrs Dunn has initiated a K-2 fundraiser to raise money for New Hope, the Cambodian orphanage, school and training facility (http://www.newhopecambodia.com/) we contribute to. The children’s drawings of themselves and their teachers will be collected and printed on a linen tea towel, providing a record of the students in 2014. I have one done by the children when I taught at Manly West PS a zillion years ago which I actually recently took out of a drawer and opened to look at. I can’t remember most of the names or the children who drew the pictures, but I recognised enough to make me feel a little nostalgic. It’s a nice and actually useful present for grandparents or something to pull out at your child’s 21\textsuperscript{st}. Framing one and putting it on the wall is actually going a bit too far but I’ll leave your decor options up to you! Orders need to be placed by returning the note you recently received by Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} October.

A lot of information we know about children has been through research based on interviews and surveys of parents by reputable and well known institutions and universities. Beauty Point is currently participating in the Aspirations Project, a longitudinal study over 4 years by the University of Newcastle. Parents can complete the survey (about 20 minutes) by going to this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PC_Beauty_Point_PS.

Also, the University of Western Australia is conducting research into children’s behaviours and possible effects. They have sent the following information:

![University of Western Australia](image)

**Remember when you believed in anything and everything?**

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children (especially 10 and 11 year olds) across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to: 

http://tinyurl.com/childsvq5

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au

Remember, productive and relevant information can only be created when there are participants in the research, so please feel free to participate. These studies are always at pains to reassure people that no-one is identified in the information they gather.

I need to report on quite an amazing feat that was performed by a Beauty Point student and his father. During the holidays, James Starling (and his dad) rode 3,200 km across Australia, from Sydney to Uluru, on a motor-bike to raise money and awareness for Prostate Cancer. Their aim is to raise $1,200 for the Prostate Foundation. What a great adventure and fantastic effort.

Tim Tam Night is on Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} October. This is a great opportunity to see the musical ability of Beauty Point children showcased in one event on one night. It is ably organised and run by the Band parents, only goes for one and a half hours, and you get free chocolate biscuits. It’s all good.
As part of the Outdoor Learning Area development process, a Sushi day is being organised for Wednesday 29th October. Order forms will be forthcoming, enabling your child to purchase a sushi roll for lunch that day.

Kevin Gallagher
R/Principal
Hi everyone and welcome back to term 4.

This is the ‘term of rest’ for the P&C as far as fundraising is concerned, which after a very busy term 3, I am sure is welcome by everyone. Having said that, this is the term of planning for next year and celebrating the success of this year, read on for more details.

We have had an amazing year and have raised enough money to not only support the school in their funding requests, but also replace 25 classroom computers, white boards and buy bike racks and an additional 20 iPads which will be delivered this term. A huge thank you to all the parents and teachers who work so hard to achieve this year after year.

It is that time of year when the school requests, and the P&C votes on, funding for the next school year. **The next P&C meeting on 17th November is a very important one** and I encourage as many people to attend as possible.

There will be a **presentation from the Learning Support teachers** on the work they have been doing this year and the impact this has had on the children and the school. This is the largest annual spend from the P&C and a discussion and vote will be had regarding the support of this program into next year. Please put this in your diary.

Although there are no major fundraising activities this term, we do need to start planning for next year. There has been some feedback that there seems to be a lot of requests for help or money through various events the school does, and sometime this can be a bit overwhelming.

We have taken this on board and would like to get as much input in agreeing what fundraising and community activities the P&C will do next year from everyone at the school. We would also like to ensure we plan events effectively around School and Band activities.

There will **be coffee (and even biscuits) on Friday 7th November in the school hall, 9am-10am** and we would like it if at least one person from every class can come along and contribute to the discussion to ensure we have everyone’s input. The amazing Lauren Adlam has agreed to coordinate, if you have any questions please contact Lauren.

Now onto Class Parent coordinator. Ros Van Extel has done a marvelous job in this role for the past 2 years and will be resigning at the end of this school year. So, we are looking for a new wonder woman to replace her for 2015. I would like to thank Ros for all her hard work over the past 2 years, our school communication has never been better.

This role is vital in ensuring that all information which isn’t circulated directly by the School office, is distributed to the school parent community in the most effective way possible.

The role involves:
- Recruiting class parents for each class at the start of the year, and explaining the role i.e. collecting the class kitty etc
- Forwarding notes to class parents, which are then circulated to each parent in the class by the class parents
- Attending P&C Meetings, when possible
- Helping Class parents with parent enquiries and directing to someone who can help
• Providing class parents, at the start of the year, with an up to date list of teacher’s birthdays (very important that these don’t get forgotten!)

This is a really fun role which enables you to get involved in all sorts of different aspects of things happening in our wonderful school. It doesn’t need to be particularly time consuming but the flexibility to respond to emails quickly would be an advantage. It is a great way for new parents to get to know the school and everyone in it!

If you would like to volunteer for this role please contact Ros Van Extel.

And finally onto the celebrating…..

It is a Beauty Point tradition that there is a Christmas Drinks party at the end of the year to celebrate all that’s good at Beauty Point. We usually ask one of the parents if they could donate their house as a venue for the evening.

The P&C sorts out the drink, everyone brings a plate of food and cleaners are paid to clean the next day. If you would like to help us out by hosting this year’s Christmas drinks then please give me a call or email me, it would be much appreciated!

We would like to fix a date as soon as possible so the event can be held well before Christmas.

Have a great term 4!

Mandy Sigaloff
P&C President

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BAND NOTES

Band Calendar 2014

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Band News

Tim Tam Night next Friday 24th October

With 130 children involved in the school's music programmes, this promises to be our biggest (and best?) Tim Tam Night ever. The concert (6:30-8pm) will be featuring performances from our school choir, year 2 recorder group, Concert, Senior and Junior bands, as well as solos from the Young Performers’ Awards winners.

On the night, don’t forget to bring a gold coin donation, a packet of Tim Tams... and your parents!

Please make sure you get some extra practice in and are confident with your concert pieces:
- Concert Band: Skyfall, Satin Doll, Roar
- Senior Band: Buggalugg, March, Cops & Robbers
- Junior Band: New World Symphony, Crocodile Rock, and Star Wars

A big thankyou to Chloe Menzies and our other Year 6 Band Mentors who have been helping our younger musicians this year.

Training band children start on their first five notes...

Many training band children have had their first 1 or 2 lessons with their instrument tutors, and are starting to tackle the first page or two of their Essential Elements book. Beginner musicians start by learning five different musical notes, and all of the early music that they learn is based on this. If they can learn to master these first five notes, then they're off to a great start...

Training band is all set for its first full band rehearsal next week on Friday 24th October at 7:45am. We can’t wait to hear them play together for the first time!

Auditions

As the end of the year approaches, we are hoping that all junior and senior band children are working towards their auditions to progress to the next band. Each child will have an individual audition with the conductor in the first week of December.

Auditions will involve set scales, sight reading and playing either New World Symphony piece (for junior band members moving to senior band) or a solo piece (for senior band members moving to concert band).
COMMUNITY NOTES

When shopping at Ritchies and by using a community benefit card/tag linked to Beauty Point Public School then Ritchies will donate money back to us. These cards/tags can be used at ANY Ritchies store throughout Vic, NSW and Qld by staff, students and their families, grandparents, neighbours and so on.

If you would like to support us and you don’t already have a CB card/tag please collect one at the registers next time you shop at ANY Ritchies store. All you do is nominate Beauty Point Public School, it’s that easy! Use your card or tag every time you shop, even if you only purchase a couple of items it all adds up. This is an easy way for us to raise funds for our school with no costs involved. Go on shop at Ritchies whereby Beauty Point Public School will benefit!
Important Information for Parents/Carers

North Sydney Oral Health Service recommends that all children have a dental check prior to starting school to ensure their mouth is healthy.

Many children and eligible adults may be missing out on free dental care as they are not aware of the Public Dental Service. Public Dental Services have received additional Commonwealth funding and waiting times have reduced. Now is an excellent time for people to contact Public Dental Service for an appointment.

Call 1300 732 503 to register your children.

What you can do to look after your child’s teeth:

- Provide them with a wide variety of nutritious foods.
- Avoid giving them sugary and sticky snacks between meals.
- Tap water is the best drink between meals and before bed.
- Avoid giving them acidic or sugary drinks between meals.
- Brush your child’s teeth with a fluoride toothpaste twice a day until they are about 8 years old.

Please note: Adult residents of Northern Sydney who hold one of the Government Concession Cards are also eligible for free dental care through a public dental clinic.

If you do not speak English very well and need an interpreter, call the National Telephone Interpreting Service before calling the dental service. 131 450.
ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

IT’S FREE!

Dental treatment for children under 18 years of age is free at NSW Public Dental Health Clinics.

Clinic Locations:
HORNSBY | TOP RYDE | ROYAL NORTH SHORE | DEE WHY
PHONE 1300 732 503
A FIVE SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR
PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOL – PRIMARY-SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Would you like to learn how to:

• be better at talking with your child?
• be better at understanding your child?
• help your child learn to manage their emotions?
• help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
• teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.

VENUE: Chatswood Community Health Centre
57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATES: Tuesday 28th October – Tuesday 25th November (5 wks)
TIME: 7.00pm – 9.30pm
COST: $165pp ($140 concession)

PLEASE PHONE 9887 5830 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE IN THIS COURSE

The 5 session course will be facilitated by a qualified Parent Educator from Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District.

2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A $105 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
“Maya the Bee” is a wonderful (and sadly rare) opportunity for our kids to see a home grown animated film on the big screen – and in case that’s not enough, the stars of our production (including Justine Clarke!) will be attending and everyone gets free goodie bags!!

RSVP (with name and numbers) to kabuku (on the invitation) by Friday 17 Oct

Thanks,
Fin Edquist

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSNrUGsxRYM
PARENTS OF 1 - 3 YEAR OLDS
SEE THINGS THROUGH YOUR TODDLER’S EYES
These workshops will help you to understand your toddler’s world.

Workshop 1: Understanding Your Toddler / Discipline & Tantrums (27/10)
Workshop 2: Tucker without Tantrums / Toilet Training (3/11)
Workshop 3: Speech & Language Development / Sleep (10/11)

VENUE: Chatswood Community Health Centre
57 Hercules St Chatswood
DATE: 3 sessions, commencing Monday 27th Oct. - 10th Nov.
You may attend 1, 2 or 3 sessions
TIME: 7.00pm - 9.30pm (2½ hours per session)
COST: $45pp for 1 workshop, or $110pp for 3 workshops

For all enquiries and bookings, please phone: 9887 5830

All our course leaders are parents and trained educators.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING

“I like the games we play. It makes learning fun.” – Jake, 9, BPPS

“I like learning the new words each week and the teacher is really nice.” – Reese, 8, BPPS

ChiFUNese
Play and Learn Mandarin Chinese

Are you interested for your child to learn Mandarin Chinese the fun way? ChiFUNese is one of the most innovative language programs in Sydney offering before/after school classes, private tuition and holiday programs. Classes at Beauty Point P.S. are held on Wed 7.50-8.50am (Beginner Reading & Writing) and Wed 3.05-4.05pm (Beginner Speaking & Listening). For a free trial class, please email your details to admin@chifunese.com.

Why learn Mandarin Chinese:

- Gain competitive advantage in the “Asian Century”. China is now the world’s second largest economy and Mandarin is the world’s most spoken language.

- Develop cognitive skills through learning the tones and the spatial written characters, which strengthens the link between the left and right sides of the brain.

- Gain new perspectives learning about China’s 5,000 years of history and culture.

The ChiFUNese difference: **PLAY = LEARN**

- **Student-centric and game-based approach** with customised lessons focused on students’ interests and needs within a small class environment

- **Multi-media learning resources** developed by leading educators from USA

- **Cultural enrichment** through fun excursions and immersion-style holiday programs

- **Support for parents** through weekly homework emails, seminars and online resources

- **Team of professional teachers** delivering top-quality lessons

- **Widely popular program** with more than 20 locations around Sydney

For enquiries, please email admin@chifunese.com or call (02) 8006 8606.