Leadership Value: Be Proactive

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Educational Directions for 2014 … leading a Dynamic Learning School

Thank you for attending our Class Information night last week. It was a fantastic evening and I thank our teachers for running informative sessions in each classroom. We have many exciting learning directions for Beauty Point Public School, with a specific focus on creating a Dynamic Learning environment for all students, teachers and parents.

The Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (MCEETYA, 2008) outlines two national goals:

Goal 1: Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence.
Goal 2: All young Australians become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

The BPPS 3 year Strategic School Plan developed in 2012 for 2013 to 2015 supports these goals by focusing on 3 areas in our school plan:

1. School Culture – through the Imagination First and Leader in Me programs. Imagination First is about teaching students creative and collaborative leadership skills, collaborative project management skills and building an environment where student authorship and ownership is encouraged in the learning process.

2. Quality Teaching and Professional Learning – Accelerated Literacy and Writing to implement the National Curriculum in. All staff will also participate in a whole school Action Learning project for Writing and Accelerated Literacy.

3. Educational Leadership and Management –
   a. Implementing the Dynamic Learning System framework developed by the High Performance Directorate.
   b. Working together with staff to introduce the new School Planning, Monitoring and Reporting processes which support quality educational practices and big picture strategic directions for schools.

Current school projects relating to these 3 areas are outlined below:

Striving for Excellence

Congratulations to our new Student Representative Council reps:

2H - Lachlan Andrew and Matilda Walker
2M - Jessica Purcell and Connor Osborn
3D - Alex Hughes and Charlotte Harley-Gianfreda
3F - Kaia Hole and Hugo Smith
4E - Ella Slaiman and Toby Brandon-Cooper
4R - Xavier Foster and Maya Gile
5B – Brooke Bethell and Hunter Brosman
6N - Anabel Burrows and Lucas McKeown
Beauty Point Gifted and Talented Program
To enrich our program this year, we would love interested parents to share their expertise and assist our GATS students in a number of areas. If you are able to volunteer some time to work with a small number of students in the following areas, please contact the Mrs Farrell or Mrs Hart: computer programming, web design, film making, photography, mathematics, astronomy, archaeology, space, entomology, chemistry, physics, biology, environmental science, writing, history, art, sports and public speaking.

Reading Project - Parent Reading Helpers
I will be running a parent training session on the Reading Project on Monday 24th February. We are hoping to set up a supportive parent and grandparent reading network to assist the Reading Project running in all K-6 classes. Parents will be able to book in their sessions via an online system, which Mr Baker will set up. (Please see the attached flyer for more information).

Connected Classroom – Indonesian Project
Thank you to Mrs Ewan for coordinating our exciting Indonesian Connected Classroom project with all Year 3/4 classes. It is an exciting program that will teach students Indonesian values, culture and language. We are very excited to be part of this innovative Northern Sydney Region project, which uses Video Conference technology and quality Indonesian teachers to support our children in their learning. The project is commencing with Year 4 students in Semester One and will be introduced to Year 3 students in Semester 2.

Family Fun Day Picnic – Sunday 2nd March 2pm
Our Year One parents are organising our 2014 Family Fun Day Picnic. This is a wonderful community event that provides an informal opportunity for our parents, students and teachers to meet in a warm, social setting. There will be games for the children to play and a sausage sizzle/cake stall to treat the children.

I look forward to seeing you all and sharing a fun afternoon together.

Ethics Classes in 2014
Thank you to Andy Price for coordinating the BPPS Ethics program, which commenced this week. Thank you, also, to our parent volunteers who are assisting and teaching the program to our students.

Community Update
Thank you to all parents who attended the first P&C meeting for the year. The P&C plays an important role in the school by supporting our educational projects, fundraising and community activities within the school.

The School Council, which assists strategic educational planning of the school, will be holding its first meeting on Monday at 5pm. The School Council AGM will be held later this term, with all council positions continuing on, except for the Community Representative. The President of the School Council, David Rutter, will provide information on the nomination and election process for the Community Representative in his School Council update.

Safety and Well-being Update
During the past four weeks, we’ve had a number of children asking teachers for more food at lunchtime. Could you please check with your child if they need more food at recess and lunch? Sometimes children need extra food during growth spurts.

The staff car park is for the use of teaching and administrative staff members. For child safety reasons, we would like to reminder parents and students that the staff car park is a child-free zone. Please do not walk through the car park or park your car (unless you have been given permission by the school for medical emergencies).

Finally, thank you for a great first four weeks of school. Our success is due to the combined effort of teachers, students and parents. I would like to personally thank our P&C and School Council for their wonderful support.

Best wishes,
Shanti Clements (Principal)
Would you like to be a Parent Helper for our Reading Project?
Come along to our Information morning on Monday 24th February
9-10am in the School Hall.

We have had many parents ask for more information about The Reading Project and how we would implement it at Beauty Point Public School. We hope the information below helps to provide an overview of how the program works, and why we believe it would benefit our students.

The Reading Project was developed to target a critical period in the literacy development of K-2 children. It is a combined school and community reading program that helps improve reading outcomes by:

- Matching children to appropriate reading texts on a daily basis;
- Providing parent reading tutors to help implement some aspects of teachers' programs;
- Purchasing reading materials which will support reading progress from Level 1 to 30;
- Developing stronger connections between class and home-based reading programs

How does it work?

The Reading Project invites class parents or volunteers to listen to individual children read each day. Parents are asked to volunteer for one regular morning or afternoon session to listen to each child in the class read for approximately ‘5 minutes’ daily. Parent helpers also help students swap over their daily reading material. On average, this takes 1-1.5 hours – or 45 minutes if there are two parent helpers – on a K-2 class. The suggested reading times are: 9-10.30am or 1.30-3.00pm (depending on your class teacher’s timetable). The Reading Project has a Parent Routine that is easy to follow.

K-2 Routine: Each day, children swap and read their ‘new’ book with the parent helper. They then take this book home and read it ‘twice’. The repeat reading helps children develop fluency and confidence in their reading skills. Research shows that swapping a book daily helps to inspire and keep children motivated as readers. It also helps students develop better semantic understanding and comprehension skills.

Parent Training

Our Parent Training session will be held on Monday 24th February (from 9-10am in the Hall). All parent helpers will be trained on how to implement the reading project. Volunteers will be taught ways to help children develop the four components of a strong reading foundation:

- Phonics information and the ability to manipulate the sounds that make up spoken language.
- Phonics skills and the understanding that there are relationships between letters and sounds.
- The ability to read fluently with accuracy, speed, and expression.
- To apply reading comprehension strategies to enhance understanding and enjoyment of what they read.

Our Aim

We are hoping that every class will have a parent helper for each day of the school week. This would ensure that students have the opportunity to read and swap over a new text each day. Each K-6 classroom teacher will coordinate the daily reading roster with parent volunteers. The school’s Learning Support Team and executives will also ensure that reading resources are ordered to provide a variety of reading material for students.
Hi Everyone,

Welcome to a new school year, and I hope everyone has settled in well. Just a few admin reminders to start the year off with.

- **ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**
  Please note that it is a legal requirement that any student absence from school is followed by a note from the parent. There are ‘green’ slips available at the office.

  1/ Sick (1-5 days) - green slip as above or letter from parent
  2/ Sick (over 5 days) – medical certificate/letter from Doctor
  3/ Other (1-5 days) - green slip as above or letter from parent – **in advance where possible**
  4/ Other (over 5 days) – Exemption Certificate (available from the office) – **needs to be done before the absence, and needs to be approved by the Principal or School Education Director**

- **AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS**
  It would be appreciated if all after school arrangements (after school pick up, catching the bus, play dates etc) could be finalised with your child/ren prior to them coming to school on the day. If there is a change in plans due to an emergency however (illness, stuck in traffic etc.), please feel free to contact the office and we will make every effort to advise your child/ren of the change in plans. We cannot always guarantee the ability to pass on these last minute changes, so your assistance in planning ahead is appreciated.

- **BUS PASSES FOR 2014**
  We are still waiting on some bus passes from State Transit.

- **EARLY LEAVE OR LATE ARRIVAL**
  It is a legal requirement that all students who are late to school are signed in at the office by a parent/carer, or bring a note with them from the parent/carer explaining why they are late. If your child needs to leave early, they need to be signed out at the office.

- **HEALTH CARE PLANS**
  A Health Care Plan has been given out to all parents of students identified as having a medical issue. If you haven’t already done so, please take the time to read and complete accurately before returning it to us. These will remain in place for 2014, unless you advise us otherwise.

- **MEDICATION & STUDENTS WHO ARE ILL**
  Please note that ‘Yellow’ forms are available at the office that need to be completed, if your child needs to be given any prescribed medication ie. Antibiotics. The medication needs to be in the original package from the chemist, with your child’s name and dosage. We cannot administer any medication that is not in the original packaging.

  *However, if your child is ill, they need to be kept at home as we do not have the staff or facilities to look after sick children for long periods of time.*

- **OFFICE HOURS**
  The school office is open between the hours of 8.30 – 3.30pm.

- **NO PARKING**
  Please remember that there is NO PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME— you are endangering the lives of your child and all the other children who attend our school.
- **NO PEDESTRIAN OR VEHICULAR ACCESS VIA PURSELL AVENUE**
  Pedestrian access to our school and OOSH is via the Medusa Street, Newton Lane & Government Road entrances – THERE IS NO PEDESTRIAN OR VEHICULAR ACCESS VIA PURSELL AVENUE. Please respect the staff & children of your child’s school and adhere to this.

- **PERMISSION NOTES FOR EXCURSIONS & INCURSIONS**
  Please remember that even if you have paid for everything, you still need to sign and return any permission notes to your child’s class teacher, by the due date. All permission notes will also be on the school website as an attachment.

- **SCHOOL INVOICES**
  School Invoices will be sent home to all parents as soon as possible. Just a reminder that all monies paid go directly into school activities, excursions or resources used for your child/children through the year, and early payment of the school invoice would be greatly appreciated. At the moment payment can only be made by cash or cheque – we have been advised by the Dept of Education that other options will be available in the near future – will keep you advised on this.

- **STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAIL REPORT**
  Pink forms will be sent home to all parents soon – please check all information carefully, make any corrections (if any), sign and return to your child’s class teacher by Wed 26th Feb, irrespective of whether there are corrections or not. These forms are required to keep your child’s information up to date at all times.

- **VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL**
  If you find that you are able to help out in any way at school ie. Reading in class etc., (the teachers will talk to you about this in greater detail), please collect a ‘Declaration – Appendix 4) from the office which will need to be completed and returned to the office before you start.

If you have any questions or need help with anything, please feel free to contact us. Enjoy the rest of the term.

Ann-marie Lopez
School Admin Manager

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**School Council Update**

The first School Council meeting of 2014 will take place on Monday 24th of February.

2013 ended with discussion of the students numbers, the NAPLAN results for the school, the focus of the school for 2014, as well as a discussion of the language to be studied by Stage 2 this year.

Councillor Denise Wilton has been very capably serving as the community representative on the School Council, and we are very grateful for her input into the council.

The tenure of the community representative on the School Council is two years, and it is now time to open the nominations for the position for the next two years. The School Council will be voting at the AGM, which will be held prior to the second School Council meeting this term in March.

So, if you are a member of the local community and would like to serve on the School Council, then please contact me at dave.rutter@gmail.com.
CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

*Congratulations to all students who have received awards in the last fortnight!*

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HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW WEBISTE?

We are currently in the process of updating the school web site. You will notice the website has had a major overhaul of both design and content. Major changes include the inclusion of weekly class updates and a new notes & newsletters section. Copies of all notes that have been sent home will now be uploaded to the site once a week under the ‘Notes & Newsletters’ tab. If notes are misplaced parents can now download and print them directly from the website – there is no need to contact the office for extra copies. Under the ‘School years’ tab parents will now be able to view weekly updates from each stage. These updates will be completed by all classes on a rotational basis. This is a great way for our school community to view students’ work and classroom activities. Throughout the term and early next year we will continue to add content to our website including the inclusion of updated office information including frequently used forms. The Online learning tab will also be continually updated to include educational websites. Check it out at [http://www.beautypt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.beautypt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/)
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Nominate Beauty Point Public School when shopping at Richies!

When shopping at Ritchies and by using a community benefit card linked to our school then Ritchies will continue to donate money back to us.

We have been involved with the Ritchies CB Program since Ritchies took over the store at Spit Junction (Mosman) and our school has already received $887.31 in donations.

The CB cards/tags can be used at ANY Ritchies store, by staff, students and their families, grandparents, neighbours and so on. Use your card or tag every time you shop, even if you only purchase a couple of items it all adds up.

If you don’t already have a Ritchies community benefit card and would like to support our school please collect one at the registers next time you shop at a Ritchies store. All you do is nominate Beauty Point Public School, it’s that easy!

This is an easy way to raise funds for our school with no costs involved!

Mandy Sigaloff (P&C President)
Family Fun Day and Picnic

Sunday 2nd March 3-5pm at the School

Bring a picnic and try our food for sale!

Barista Made Coffee!
Face Painting
Nail Bar and Tattoos
Cake Stall and Lolly Bags
Sausage Sizzle
Old Fashioned Games

Please come along and enjoy some family fun!
Band News

Who do I ask?

The band programme could not happen without the behind-the-scenes efforts of the 12 wonderful parent volunteers in the band team. So, who do you go to for help?

Concerns about your child’s progress or motivation
Talk to the conductor, Jock Heath, on 0414 250110 or email him on rhealth4621@optusnet.com.au. Mr. Heath has urged children or parents to talk to him about any concerns.

Instrument hire/repair queries
Alison Bradshaw - 0450 069214 - albradshaw48@hotmail.com

Lesson/tutor queries
Anita Hegde - 0410 329595 - ashegde@yahoo.com.au

Invoice/fee queries
Jane Matthews - 0409 001528 - janemtw@gmail.com

Need new or replacement music?
Find it on bottom shelf in the Music Room - in folders in yellow tray labelled e.g. ‘Training Band Spare Copies’. Make sure that you take the part that is labelled for your instrument.

Any other queries about your band
Contact your lovely band coordinator:
Concert Band - Sarah Wormwell - 0421 797693
Senior Band - Kathy Walsh - 0405 192371
Training Band - Emma Plke - 0404 244510

And finally, for new enrolments or offers to help with the band team contact Rosie (Band Manager) on 0420 507762 or email connorsinoz@bigpond.com.

Don’t forget...

- Please pay your annual band fee (overdue!) and update your contact details asap.
- Please bring a pencil to all rehearsals.
- Band workshop for all band members on the afternoon of Sunday 16th March.

Practice Pieces

Concert Band:
- Two Folk Songs
- Sandy Bay March

Senior Band:
- Cops and Robbers
- Supercallifragilistic

Training Band:
- Nutcracker March up to Bar 17
- Essential Elements no. 42
COMMUNITY NOTES

WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
A Leader in Girls Education

Extension Class Placement Test for Year 7, 2015

Year 6 students will have an opportunity to sit a placement test for our Year 7 extension class for selected students.

Saturday 15th March 2014

9.15 – 11.30 am
School Hall

Please ring the school for further information and to book a test place.

Principal: Ms Elizabeth Diprose
Phone: 9958 4141
Fax: 9967 2174

WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
A Leader in Girls Education

Please join us for

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 12 March 2014

5.00 – 7.30 pm
School Hall

Principal: Ms Elizabeth Diprose
Phone: 9958 4141
Fax: 9967 2174

Bendigo School Banking Dates – Term 1

The dates for the pickup of school banking is as follows for Term 1

26 February 2014
12 March 2014
26 March 2014
09 April 2014

Pick-up from classrooms starting at 9.45am
Mosman Swans AFL Club
Come and play Australia’s most exciting game with the Mosman Swans in 2014. Registration for new and existing players aged 5-17 year is now open. Season kick-off is just 10 weeks away.

For more details go to the Registration tab at www.mosmanswans.com.au and follow the instructions.

Save the date: Tuesday March 4
Have a kick with a Sydney Swans player at our season launch at Middle Head Oval on March 4 from 5pm.

Beauty Point Public School families and friends are invited to join in our first training session for the year, have a kick and a sausage and meet the stars of the game.

Swans players will be there to sign autographs, pose for selfies and offer advice to aspiring young AFL players.
MOSMAN FOOTBALL CLUB

Register now at:
mosmanfootball.com

Registrations are now open and Mosman Football Club welcomes new and returning players to join one of over 100 teams.

Mosman FC is a club for all abilities and all ages, from Under 6 to Over 35s, for both male and female players. Whilst most junior teams are mixed (boys and girls), the club is also focussed on building our junior ladies and senior ladies divisions, U10 - O35.

Visit www.mosmanfootball.com for more details about how to register, trial events, and our Football Academy. Our ‘Come & Try Football Day’ for U6 - U7 is on Saturday 15 Feb. Visit the website to register if you’d like to come along.

Proudly supported by:
Circle of Security©

Circle of Security© is an eight week course for parents with young children.

The course focuses on how parents can strengthen the relationship with their children, understand their child’s behaviour and needs, and respond to meet that need.

The course supports Mums and Dads to look beyond a child’s obvious behaviour and notice what they actually need from a parent.

Relationship Australia services are available to people of all cultural backgrounds, family structures, gender and sexual orientation.

**DATE:**  
Thursdays, 20 February – 10 April

**TIME:**  
10 am – 12.30 pm

**LOCATION:**  
Ground Floor, Neutral Bay Community Centre  
Rear 190-192 Military Rd, Neutral Bay

**COST:**  
Free

To make a booking, or for more information please call: 9418 8800 or Email: northrep@ransw.org.au