Leadership Habit: Think Win Win

I want everyone to be a success. I don't have to put them down to get what I want. It makes me happy to see other people happy. I like to do nice things for others. When a conflict arises, I help brainstorm a solution.

**** STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE ****

To all the children and staff who attended the Great Aussie Bush Camp. They were fine representatives of our school. Also, Toby B-C and Finn B, for their achievements at the Zone Swimming Carnival at North Sydney Pool. They are off to Regional. Wow!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It's me again! I was trying to think of images from the 80s that would best illustrate my being back in the Principal’s chair, and from many I’ve decided it's the little girl in ‘Poltergeist” who turns away from the television and says.. "He's baaaack!” But slightly less spooky! It is a privilege to be in this position again and my priority is always making sure the children of Beauty Point School get the best education they can have. Term 1 is well underway, so much so that we are coming up to interviews very soon.

Parent/Teacher interviews are usually at the end of Term 2, where we can discuss your child’s progress based on the Semester 1 Report that has just been issued. We have moved the interviews to the end of Term 1 for a number of reasons. This gives the teachers the opportunity to discuss how your child is going and to make any adjustments, changes or variations that will enable the teacher to hit the ground running in Term 2. Parents can also be made aware earlier of any difficulties a child might be encountering and to discuss how you can assist your child and the ways you might achieve this, although any severe learning difficulties would have been notified before this. Teachers assess children in two ways- assessment of learning (what they know), and assessment as and for learning (knowing if current understanding is a suitable basis for future learning). Having the interviews earlier will enable the teachers to construct material which enables the students to learn better, not just achieve better marks. We will be asking for your feedback about moving the time of the interviews and I will be discussing with the staff their views so we can make a decision about the effectiveness of interviews at this time.

At last Friday’s Assembly, we saw a presentation showing what the Year 5 and 6 students did at ‘The Great Aussie Bush Camp’. It seemed to be all mud and smiles! And fun, teamwork, eating and more fun (and mud)! These are the things that school memories are made of. I need to congratulate Mr Baker, Ms Newsom, Mrs Ewan, Mrs Duffield and Mr Nichols for the work they did organising the camp and for keeping the children safe and secure. Think of how stressful it is to take another child with yours on a family outing, and multiply that by 60! The level of responsibility is incredible, and I have nothing but praise for all the teachers’ commitment and desire to give all the students a great time with their friends. And a small break for their parents!

Harmony Day was lovely. Mrs Ewan and Mrs Heath organised a fantastic Assembly where the children showcased their family origins by wearing traditional dress or speaking in the language they use at home with their family. Harmony Day is not just about multiculturalism. It is about all of us getting along despite our differences, and in many
cases because of our differences. And about showing respect for other cultures and realising, as the song all the children learnt says...“we are one, but we are many”.

Last Monday’s P&C meeting was very informative. You really should come along. One of the issues discussed was our recent moving of the Year 1 children from under the gum tree, where they eat morning tea and lunch, to under the shade shelter. Mel Tyas arranged for an arborist to look over the trees we have in the playground in the light of what happened a few weeks ago at another school. The trees are fine, but eucalyptus trees can be unpredictable and a few days of strong winds or protracted heat could begin the process of weakening a branch. The area under the tree, and it is a beautiful tree, will be turned into a native garden some time in the future.

There has always been a high level of parent involvement at Beauty Point. I love telling other teachers I know about the Reading Project. “You have how many parents???” is the usual response. We have been looking at ways to not just involve parents at the school, but to engage them in many more aspects of school life. The School Security Patrols, the second hand Uniform Shop, the Band program and working bees are all brilliant examples of outstanding organisation and commitment by parents at the school. And Fireworks and the Major Fundraiser! Extraordinary. But what do we do for new parents? How could we help a refugee family who came to the school? How many parents have had an idea they’d like to see realised at the school? In Term 2 I’ll be organising a forum for parents to discuss how we can engage our community in ways that would benefit everyone- students, teachers and families.

School photos are this Thursday. Your child needs to be wearing their Summer uniform for the photos. We have given feedback to the photography company to improve the product they are selling to us, and we’d like to think that this year’s photos will be better than last year’s.

There have been a couple of cases of croup in the junior grades, so can all parents keep an eye and ear out for the hacking cough that indicates your child may have this condition?

Regards
Kevin Gallagher
Relieving Principal

NORTH SHORE ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to our wonderful BPPS swimmers who participated in the North Shore Zone Swimming Carnival at North Sydney Olympic Pool on Tuesday 11th March. Special congratulations to Finn B who came 3rd in the 8yrs boys 50m freestyle and Toby BC who came 1st in the Jnr boys 50m breaststroke and 2nd in the 10yrs boys 50m freestyle. Toby and Finn will compete in the Regional Swimming Carnival at Homebush on 25th March. A big THANK YOU to our team managers, Catherine Bethell and Corinne La Rocca, for organising our swimmers at Zone.

Zone organiser
Rowan Heath

LIBRARY NEWS

The 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) has begun and all students at Beauty Point will be encouraged to participate. The Challenge runs from March until September each year, and aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Students are able to register online at the Premiere’s Reading Challenge
website: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html Students will need their school computer login name and password - class teachers have a record of these login details. The website also contains information about the booklists, challenge rules, frequently asked questions, etc.

Students and parents can record online the books from the challenge which they have read, and we will be validating their challenge when they have read the required number of books.

K-2: 30 books  
Year 3-4: 20 books  
Year 5-6: 20 books  

All students who enter and successfully complete the Challenge will receive a Premier's Reading Challenge certificate later in the year.

Happy Reading  
Carole Brown and Eliza Hall  
Library Teachers

FROM THE OFFICE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM (EOI) - HIGH SCHOOL 2015

As your child’s primary school education is coming to a close; it is time to think about which school your child will attend next year. An Expression of Interest form (that you will need to complete with your preference(s) for placement of your child in Year 7 at a government school) will have been sent home with all Year 6 students. Please complete the relevant areas indicating if your child is going to a Public or Private High School and return them to the SCHOOL OFFICE. This form needs to be completed by every student in Year 6, irrespective of which high school they hope to attend.

Please return all Expression of Interest Forms by Friday 21st March 2014 – to the school office.

UPDATE OF STUDENT INFORMATION (PINK FORMS)

A ‘pink’ form with student contact information on it was sent home to all parents last week – thank you for those who have returned it. If you have still not completed and returned, could you please review the details on this form and amend anything that may have changed and return this to the office. It is important that the office has up to date records of the students at all times.

CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

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

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P&C MATTERS – next P&C meeting is Monday 12 May at 7.00pm

Thank you to everyone who attended Monday's P&C meeting. It was a lively meeting at which we heard about, amongst other things, the new bike and scooter racks (featured in last week’s Mosman Daily!), the exciting progress of the Outdoor Learning Centre Project with UTS and the various fundraising activities being organised. Get ready for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term!

Shanti and Kevin were able to provide more background information regarding Shanti’s secondment and more detail about leadership in the school for this year. Despite the fact that the Department of Education tend to keep their options open until the last minute, Shanti has kindly undertaken to let the school community know about her likely role in 2015 well before the end of this year, to minimise the uncertainty. We thank Shanti and Kevin for the time they took to discuss concerns which the parents voiced.

The Schoolwatch program is almost 1 year old and we are planning a celebration for all the volunteers. Please contact Ros Van Extel (rosvanextel@hotmail.com) if you would like information about volunteering.

Finally, we’d like to, once again, thank Inspirations Paint for providing huge tins of paint, free of charge to the school. Do please consider using their shop in Cremorne for any painting projects you have, and let them know.
OOSH UPDATE

Dear Parents & Carers,

**Vacation Care**
We are now open for enrolments for our April 2014 vacation care. Priority enrolment will be open to existing Beauty Point OOSH users from the 17th – 23rd of March. Enrolments will then be open to Beauty Point School and the broader Mosman Community from the 24th March onwards. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

**AGM**
Our Annual General Meeting was a great success. I’d like to welcome some new friendly faces to the OOSH Committee. A big thank you to all those that came.

**Committee Member List**

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Band News

Band Workshop a Huge Hit!

70 children and their parents descended on Beauty Point Public School on a quiet Sunday afternoon recently. The afternoon was no longer quiet! The school echoed to the sound of young musicians everywhere. And, with the help of 2 conductors, 6 tutors, 45 parent volunteers and a large number of Paddle Pops, the children had a great time and learnt lots... And aren't the bands sounding awesome this week as a result!

Congratulations to Maya G and Catherine M who have been trialling in Senior Band

Band camp, 16-18 May at Narrabeen

Information will be coming out shortly on band camp. This is the highlight for many of the band year, and will involve all band members in a weekend of music making, sports and fun activities.

Rosie is calling for volunteers to help in:

Preparations team - needing people with a few hours to spare to coordinate an aspect of the preparations, such as dorm lists, helper roster or sports activities.

Camp team - needing people willing to spend the weekend on camp, to supervise the children and make it a success.

Please email Rosie on connorsinoz@bigpond or ring her on 0420 507762 if you think you can help with either of these. We can’t do it without you!

Practice Pieces

Concert Band:
- Two Folk Songs
- Rolling in the Deep
- Sandy Bay March

Senior Band:
- Cops and Robbers
- Supercalifragilistic
- In the Court of the King

Training Band:
- Essential Elements no. 52 Rhythmitude
- Aura Lee
- Monster Rock up to bar 25
- Nutcracker March

Please practise several times each week, so that you feel confident with the band music!
Photos from Band Workshop
COMMUNITY NOTES

ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU TO INSPIRATIONS PAINT!

Beauty Point Public School is grateful, once again, for the generosity of Roger and the team at Inspirations Paint in Cremorne for providing more paint and materials to the school, free of charge. This will enable us to paint the new science storeroom and part of the hall and add some more handball courts in the grounds.

The generous support of local companies like Inspirations Paint makes a big difference to small schools like ours. The P&C would encourage you to visit Inspirations Paint for your own painting projects.

Visit the website for more details: www.inspirationspaint.com.au

Working on a Painting Project?

We’re here to help. As a Paint Club member, you’ll receive:

- Your colours recorded. From now on, future touch-ups and colour matching will be a breeze
- Discounts on every product, every day! 10% off accessories and 5% off paint
- Special offers and an early heads up on sales and promotions
Bendigo School Banking Dates – Term 1

Bendigo Bank

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