FIREWORKS NIGHT

Beauty Point Public School
17 Medusa Street Mosman

Saturday May 24th 2014 2.30pm to 7pm
Fireworks start at 6.30pm
Back up date Saturday May 31st 2014

Annual family fun fair with rides, slides, food stalls, games, prizes, entertainment and spectacular fireworks!

Entry tickets:
Family: $22 | Adults: $12 | Children: * $5 (4-16)
* under 4 years FREE
LEADERSHIP HABIT: Synergise

I value other people’s strengths and learn from them
I get along with others, even people who are different from me
I work well in groups.
I know that “two heads are better than one”.

**** STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE ****

Couper Baskus,
who is attending the National Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne on the 16th May.
Specialising in the high bar, pommel, and rings and floor, Couper will do himself proud.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Another term has commenced, and we have started with the grounds looking a picture thanks to Mr Baker organising a team of gardeners to do a clean up and planting of the grounds. We also welcome Mr Johnston to Year 6 (Ms Newsom sends her regards from South Australia) and a newly married Mrs Coon (Ms Axtens). Please find below a list of current classes and staff members.

The Beauty Point Staff Development Day was fantastic. We met at the Museum of Sydney for an excellent 2 hour session about how the museum’s exhibits and programs support the existing HSIE and soon to be implemented History syllabus, and I believe Mrs Ewan is organising an excursion there for Stage 2 later in the year. After lunch, all staff had IPad training at the Apple Centre on George St. Teachers are a notoriously difficult audience, but our tutor Chris was fantastic and we all learnt a great deal more about using these tools. Finally, staff members went to the University of Technology at Broadway to give suggestions and our thoughts on the presentations by UTS students who are working on the Creative Play Initiative. We were all blown away by the creativity and variety of ideas on display. Every student presented models that were innovative, creative and often just plain fun. The development process is under way, and our thanks for the role that Sabine Simmons has undertaken in promoting this extraordinary process. There will be a display of all the student’s plans and models in the Library for one night later in the term.

On Tuesday I had the privilege of taking our school captains, Couper and Sunday, to a presentation at Mosman Art gallery of new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags to go on the Hall wall. Couper and Sunday were the perfect ambassadors- polite, attentive and respectful, and I could not have been prouder. They, like all their peers at BPPS, are lovely kids. Mosman Council is committed to supporting and promoting the aboriginal heritage of the local area, and we got to eat mini sausage rolls and fairy bread at the buffet. It’s all good!
LIST OF CURRENT CLASSES & STAFF MEMBERS

R/Principal Kevin Gallagher
School Administrative Manager Ann-marie Lopez
School Administrative Officers Heather McAnulty (Mon – Fri)
Annette Lutze (Wed)
Barbara Wiles (Thu)
KB Jenni Beynon (R/Assistant Principal)
KD Robin Dunn
KW Carina Weir
1C Lisa Curvey / (Lucy Pollock relieving Term 2 & 3)
1G Andrew Nicholls
2H Rowan Heath
2M Marianne Hart
3D Madeline Coon (nee Axtens)
3F Sandy Flower
4E Amelia Ewan (R/Assistant Principal)
5B Adam Baker (R/Assistant Principal)
6N Edward Johnston
Science/G&T Mirelle Farrell
Library Eliza Hal (Mon & Tue)/Carole Brown (Wed & Thu)
STLA Robyn Ingram (Mon/Wed)
ESL Judy Smith (Tue/Thu)
School Counsellor Noeline Cox (Thu)
General Assistant Ulrich Kagi (Thu & Fri)

Please note that the correct class name needs to be put on any paperwork that is sent in ie. permission notes, absence notes etc, as they are invalid if they do not carry the correct class name.

Did you see Caspar Davidson on the cover of the Mosman Daily? What a great story about his great grandfather during WW1. Mrs Ewan and Mrs Pollock organised another moving and reverent ANZAC Day commemorative service where the focus is on loss, sacrifice and remembrance of those who served their country and paid the ultimate price. It was only as little as 25 years ago that ANZAC Day was seen as anachronistic and fading, but to see all students beginning to develop an understanding of what ANZAC Day means to our country is heartening. Our special guest, Mrs Eileen Henderson, always comments on how beautifully behaved the students are and how moving the service. I need to make a special acknowledgement of our sentries on the day, Lachie Wren and Julian Mare.

Did you know I am the Prime Minister of Australia? At the end of the service, Mrs Henderson presented the captains with two books donated by, she informed us, the current member for Manly. She asked the children, “Do you know who that is?” Many of the Kinder children (full of worldly knowledge) near her nodded at each other knowingly and a few whispered “Mr Gallagher”. She suppressed a giggle and whispered back, “No! Mr Abbott!” I will be seeing Mr Abbott at a function in a few weeks and need to tell him of the importance of a captive (and very young) audience.

Life-long learning and being a life-long learner is central to the philosophy of Beauty Point School. To their credit, the teaching staff is constantly seeking out and receiving training so they can provide the best education for your child. At present this takes the form of on-line courses, after school sessions and full day seminars. The most relevant form though is on the spot mentoring and collaborative work, which is being conducted by Mrs Ann Leaf for the teachers of Years 2-6 with substantial funding provided by the P&C. On Tuesday I sat in on the after school summative session conducted by Ann (who works in
each class for one hour over a two week period), and the richness and collegiality of the discussion about unpacking the new English syllabus was fabulous.

All the staff were very happy with the timing of the parent/teacher interviews at the end of Term 1. I would be interested in any feedback you could provide (email the school) as we propose to make this a permanent feature of our assessment cycle. Semester 1 reports will be sent out on the last day of this term.

We have a lot of student teachers at school at present. All of them are committed and enthusiastic, and revelling in the opportunity to develop their craft and skills with the best possible mentors. Having another pair of hands in a classroom is always welcome, and the learning process is a two way street with students often showing their mentors innovative ways of teaching and their ICT knowledge.

Nits. You can start scratching now because I spent half of Monday investigating websites for effective treatments, DEC policy, the school survey, and talking to the Legal Branch about what role parents can have in treating infestations. And scratching! The DEC policy refers to the NSW Health in that no child with head lice needs to be sent home or excluded from school. At no time can any adult look through another child’s hair. And, at no time can any child be excluded or separated from other children because of head lice. We have to be very careful about treatment, prevention and reinfection and focus on a consistent plan to eradicate head lice, and to not be judgemental and presumptuous about sources of infestations. I will be putting to the School Council for discussion my plan for a consistent and scheduled response to any head lice outbreaks. I get how incredibly frustrating it must be to treat your child for nits, only to have them be reinfested a few days later, but we need a voluntary and consistent whole school approach. Are you still scratching?

Opportunity Class applications are open and should be made on-line for any parent who would like their child to sit the OC examinations. Paper application forms are now available at the front office and are completed forms are due back by Friday 16th May.

Fireworks are on!!! Please check the information available in this Buzz and bring your families and friends and relatives and neighbours.

Below is a list of preschools. We need to get out to these preschools information about the school Kindergarten enrolment and orientation program. If any parent has a child attending one of these preschools or you live near one, could you please let me know if you are available to drop off the Orientation and Tour program?

Regards
Kevin Gallagher (Relieving Principal)

Preschools: Giraffe Early Learning Centre, Bond St Montessori, Goodstart Early Learning, Puddleducks Childcare, Mosman Early Learning Centre, Neutral Bay Kindergarten, Only About Children, Willow Cottage, Mosman Occasional Childcare, Pippies, KU Kindergarten, Shadforth Cottage, Sally’s Place, Northern Nursery, Killarney Preschool, KU Preschool, Jack and Jill Kindergarten, Ballykins, Heritage House, Rhonda’s Cottage, Crawo’s Nest Kindergarten, St John’s Kindergarten, Gabriella’s Cottage, Neutral Bay Preschool.

CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

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

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Hello!

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter and Anzac break.

As ever, the school term launches with a long to-do list and a great host of parents who put their hands up and volunteer. Your help is so appreciated by the P&C and the school and makes BPPS the great community school it is.

So, moving on to that to-do list....

School watch is 1 year old!
Yes, it’s been a whole year since the BPPS School Watch program was launched. To celebrate it’s success in reducing the number of incidents and keeping the school open to the community, Richard and Melissa Howes have offered to host a drinks party for all School Watch members. I would like to thank the Howes for the tremendous support they continue to give to BPPS.

Ros Van Extel has been the driving force in getting the School Watch project up and running. She has done a marvelous job of recruiting volunteers organising schedules and has even applied for a $2,000 grant!

The hard work has been done and now Ros is ready to hand over the reins to a new School Watch coordinator to keep it running. If you, or you know someone from the Beauty Point community who could take on this vital community role, please contact myself or Ros.

Uniform
We are now in Winter School uniform season and my boys are already complaining that they have to wear long pants...... If, like me, you have shirts that have ¾ length sleeves and the long pants are not quite as long as they should be, please consider donating them to the 2nd hand shop Kate Prior runs every Friday after school.

To purchase new school uniform you can either visit Pickles store in Brookvale (Unit 8, 42-46 Wattle Road, Brookvale NSW 2100) or order online at http://www.youruniformshop.com.au/. Pickles will make deliveries to the school office every Wednesday.

The school uniform has been under review for a number of months. We hope to finalise and order new items of the uniform shortly. If you have any suggestions or comments on the school uniform that you would like us to consider please email me before 16th May.

Facebook page
Beauty Point Parents now have a Facebook page! Please like the page at https://www.facebook.com/beautypointparents to see all the posts.

This page is a community page for the parents of Beauty Point school. It can be used for fundraiser updates, parents wanting to swap, sell, give away stuff, get togethers, advice for new parents, recommendations for what to do in school holidays, posting pictures of school events, and anything else you think BPPS parents may be interested in. Any parent can post on the page, check it out and start posting!
P&C Blog.
Don’t forget to check out the P&C Blog P&C updates, minutes of the meetings and what the P&C have voted to spend the money on.

Fireworks Night – 24th May
Year 4 Parents are busy coordinating and organising fireworks night. Tickets will be on sale shortly, and your class parents will have spoken to each year regarding your nominated stall for the evening. Not only is Fireworks night a fantastic community event (please invite friends and other families along!) it is also the 2nd biggest fundraiser of the year for the P&C.

This year promises to be a great event with rides, cakes, lolly bags, Pizza, sausage sizzle etc.... finishing off with a firework display inspiring lots of Aahhs and OOOO’s.

It is one of THE events in the children’s calendar, don’t miss it!

Main Fundraiser Artwork
Plans for this year’s major fundraiser next term are well underway by Year 2 parents. Each year produces an art work is one of the most anticipated and exciting items you can bid for on the evening (Kindy’s make one per class).

Work on these will commence this term and you will be getting an email from Class parents asking for volunteerees to help. If you have a tiny ounce of creative blood in your body, or are an inspiring artist, please consider helping out. There are guidelines on what tends to be popular on the night and examples of past years art work so lots of help and inspiration provided.

Band Camp – 16th – 18th May
Only a couple of weeks until band camp where all band members get a chance to spend 2 days working on their musical skills. Last year was my first year and the improvement from day 1 to the concert preformed to parents on day 2 was exceptional.

Many thanks in advance to Rosie, the band coordinators, conductors, teachers and parents who give up their weekend to support the band camp, supervise fun activities, help set up and transport instruments, and spend the night getting over excited children to sleep!

And finally...

The P&C AGM – 7pm 19th May
The P&C AGM will be held at 7pm on 19th May where nominations and votes for next year’s office bearers are elected. A President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer will be elected.

If you are interested in being nominated for any of the above positions please let Kevin know as he will be chairing the meeting and facilitating the vote. Nominations for all positions are welcome.

Please come along to the AGM to vote your next P&C office bearers in.

The AGM will be followed by the P&C meeting. Please bring you $1 along to become members of next years P&C so you can vote at the meeting.

Many thanks and have a great term 2!

Mandy Sigaloff
P&C President
Band News

This is where it starts...

Welcome back to a new year of band! All bands have started rehearsing and their Band Leader, Mr Heath has asked children to practise the following:

Concert Band: Two Folksongs & Sandy Bay March
Senior Band: Cops and Robbers
Training Band: Ess Elements Nos 39 and 52, & Nutcracker March

Congratulations to Vivian Lam and Nina Weymouth, our new Concert Band captains

This year in band

We are looking forward to a fun packed year of music making. Highlights for the year will include:

- Band workshop at Beauty Point on the afternoon of Sunday 16th March.
- Band camp at the Academy of Sport at Narrabeen on 16-18 May.
- Sydney Eisteddfodd and Yamaha Music festival in June.
- Performing at Grandfriends Day, Education Open Day, Tim Tam night and the End of Year Concert.

We will be sending out enrolments and invoices shortly to all band members. Please pay promptly to keep us solvent!

Many thanks to Kathy Walsh for offering to coordinate Senior Band. We are still urgently looking for 1 or 2 people to serve as Concert Band coordinator(s) please! No musical experience needed, and lots of support given.

Want to learn to play an instrument?

If your child is in Years 3-5 and would like to learn a musical instrument, we can help you to get going, hire a school instrument and find a teacher.

We have some vacancies in our training band for beginners, and we are especially looking for children interested in learning to play:

- saxophone
- drums/percussion
- flute
- trombone
- French horn

Contact Rosie on 0420 507762 to find out more.

For general queries about our Band Programme contact Rosie Connor on 0420 507762 or email connorsinoz@bigpond.com.
What is Interschools?
The Interschools Snowsports Championships is a series of snowsports competitions where students from kindergarten to year 12 compete for their school as part of a team or an individual in any of seven discipline events in skiing or snowboarding. School students from all ability levels are encouraged to enter, with an emphasis on fun and participation.

In 2013, the Championships attracted 5,588 entries from 254 NSW, QLD and ACT schools. Alex’s brother participated and it proved great fun all along, so I am keen to give Beauty Point the opportunity to enter this year!

Where and when does it take place?
Regional championships take place in Perisher during the school holidays, July 2 to July 5th. For those selected, the State championships will take place in Thredbo August 28th-31st. The last round is the Australian finals in Perisher, September 10th-14th.

How much does it cost?
Race entry fees are $40 per race, per competitor. There is also a once only annual registration fee of $30 covering insurance. Ski lift tickets are offered at a subsidised rate to participants, however parents are expected to pay for their own travel to the snow as well as meals and accommodation whilst there.

David Thevenon, father of Alex (yr 5)
FREE PARENT EVENT

A PARENT’S GUIDE TO PRIMARY SCHOOL MATHS

This event is a Kids First Community Service Seminar

Tickets are absolutely FREE, however places are limited.
Bookings are essential

To reserve your place, book on-line at

www.kids-first.com.au

Or call Kids First now on
9938 5419

Do you want to help your child feel confident about maths?

Diane Bastable is an experienced teacher and former Numeracy Advisor to the NSW Department of Education.

In this valuable 2 hour presentation, Diane will share tips and resources to help your child avoid maths homework hassles.

She’ll also help you to understand the maths your child is learning in class, explain new terminology and demonstrate maths methods so that you can confidently support your child.

Don’t delay – this event is already filling fast!

WEDNESDAY
21 May 2014
7.30pm – 9.30pm

The Chairman’s Lounge
Brookvale Oval
Alfred Street Brookvale

Located in the Ken Arthursen Stand.
Enter via main gate on Alfred Street.
Ample parking available
Are you preparing your child for the ‘Asian Century’ by learning Mandarin Chinese? ChiFUNese is one of the most innovative Chinese 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, Thu 7.50-8.50am (continuer class) and Wed 3.05-4.05pm (beginner class). To enrol or trial a class, please email 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

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