Well done to every student at BPPS for a wonderful Week 2. Our Kinder students had a great start to school, our Year 1 students were fantastic buddy helpers and our Years 2-6 students were fantastic at our Swimming Carnival!

Our Leader in Me habit is Be Proactive

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of the 2015 “Beauty Point Buzz”, our online school newsletter that is published fortnightly and sent via email to every family. This newsletter will keep you informed about the many exciting activities that your children are involved in so look out for it every second week.

On behalf of the whole school community I would like to welcome all of our new students and their families to Beauty Point Public School. I know that you will enjoy your stay at our school and find it a very positive experience. We have enrolled 314 students and have formed 13 classes this year. I must congratulate the students on their very positive start to the year. It is a pleasure to visit the classrooms and see so many happy eager faces. The students were placed into their new classes last Friday and have settled in very quickly to their new learning environment.

I would like to welcome Mrs Isabelle Kremer and Ms Gabbi Jones to our staff. Both have come highly recommended from their previous schools: Mrs Rudd taught at SCEGGS Redlands and Ms Jones taught at Sydney Church of England Grammar School last year. I would like to extend our best wishes to Ms Shaw (who is leave for the rest of 2015) and Ms Honeybourne has been appointed to North Sydney Demonstration Schools as assistant principal. During Ms Shaw’s absence, Mrs Beynon will be the Stage 2 Assistant Principal.

The school is very fortunate to have a group of dedicated and experienced teachers to support and help each child reach their full potential. A complete list of staff is included below for your information.

**LIST OF STAFF MEMBERS and CLASSES**

Principal Shanti Clements
Assistant Principal/KG Kevin Gallagher
Assistant Principal/5B Adam Baker
Rel. Assistant Principal/3B Jenny Beynon
School Administrative Manager Ann-Marie Lopez
School Administrative Officer Heather Natale, Annette Lutze, Barbara Wiles
KD Robin Dunn
1BD Carole Brown and Danni Duffield
1C Lisa Curvey
1J Gabbi Jones
2H Rowan Heath
2W Carina Weir
3E Amelia Ewan
4I Isabelle Kremer
5/4R Susanna Robertson
Extracurricular Programs

Our specialised Drama and Dance lessons with Ms Amber Menard commenced this week for all classes K-6. Our PSSA sport program began last week and our infants classes will have weekly PE lessons. During Term 2 and 3, our K-2 classes will commence their SportsPro lessons. Please make sure that your child is wearing their sports uniform and a hat on that day. We have a “no hat no play” policy at our school, so it is very important that all children remember their hats.

Student Leadership Team

The selection of our 2015 Leadership Team was announced at the school assembly last week and emailed to our school community. Next week nominations will begin for our Years 2 to 6 Student Representative Council.

Captains: Teagan Price & Lucia Brown

Vice Captain: Liam Dempsey & Scarlett Fairfull

Prefects: Frederick Gardell & Brooke Bethell

Sports Captains:

Sirus: Jazz Gregan
Killarney: Milly Tasker
Merriwa: Hunter Brossman
Parrawi: Calvin Lonely

Community Events

All parents are invited to attend an information meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th February. It is very important to attend these meetings as you will be able to meet your child’s teacher and learn about what is happening in the classroom. Please note that this is not the time to discuss individual students, rather it is the opportunity to learn about the academic focus and class routines your child’s teacher will be establishing. If you wish to talk to your child’s teacher please make an appointment. Below are the times for the information evening.

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Save the date: don’t forget Family Fun Day on Sunday 22nd February!!!

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Mums and Dads who volunteered their time at our Swimming Carnival. Your enthusiasm helped to make our Swimming Carnival a huge success. Thank you, also, to Lauren Adlam, Vicki Albert, Christina Ludwigson, Amanda White, Effie Begetis, Mandy Shen, Tamara Keniry, Wai Taylor, Jennifer Haig, Sandra Campbell, Marlene Reay, Karen Philp for their great baking and support at the Kindergarten Welcome Morning Tea!

Finally, I welcome you to 2015. I know it will be an exciting year for your children and our staff as we implement the national curriculum, school excellence and Leader In Me programs.

Best wishes, Shanti Clements (Principal)
K-2 NEWS by Mr Gallagher

The Year has started with a mixture of apprehension, curiosity and a few tears for some children, but as the first days pass it is remarkable how everyone finds their place in their class, begin to make new friends and prepare for the year ahead.

There have been a few changes regarding staff, but all Beauty Point teachers are consummate professionals who look forward to the year ahead and the challenges and successes that will eventuate. Wednesday night’s information session will give you an insight into what has been prepared and planned by the teachers, and an understanding of class and Stage procedures that will involve your child.

Any query you have regarding your child’s progress or concerns you have need to be addressed through your child’s teacher by an appointment. Teachers are always happy to discuss the class program to show how they will cater for all the differences they encounter in their class. We will see you on Wednesday evening.

STAGE 2 NEWS by Mrs Beynon

Welcome to all parents of Year 3. Mrs Ewan and Mrs Beynon are really looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and socializing between the two classes. It is essential that friendship groups, and new ones made, continue across the year. We have had a wonderful start to 2015, beginning each day with fitness (preparing us for our cross country carnival later this term) and focusing on throwing and catching skills. This really gets the students awake and ready to start their studies! Mrs Ewan and Mrs Beynon look forward to meeting you at our Parent Information night next Wednesday, 11th February.

STAGE 3 NEWS by Mr Baker

Stage 3 students have made a flying start to the year! Year 6 has made a smooth transition to school leaders and Year 5 students have shown great enthusiasm for the exciting activities and opportunities available to them in Stage 3 at Beauty Point.
Stage 3 teachers have been busy planning class programs and integrating learning experiences with significant occasions and future excursions. The stage learning programs have been arranged to ensure students are provided with rich, meaningful learning experiences. Mr Johnston has commenced his ukulele program with both Year 5 and Year 6 and Year 5 students have started the year working in a collaborative learning environment with Mrs Robertson and myself for Mathematics and HSIE.

We look forward to meeting all parents at the upcoming information night where the stage program will be discussed in more detail.
The 2015 Swimming Carnival
On the 4\textsuperscript{th} of February, Years 2-6 travelled to Lane Cove Aquatic Centre for the 2015 Swimming Carnival for a fantastic day of fun and school spirit. Year 6 greeted the excited students at the gates and helped the younger ones prepare for their first races. Each house cheered for their team all the way to the finish!

Getting ready to race! It was great to see so many students racing.

We are proud to be the 2015 House Captains and can’t wait for the next big event! It was great to introduce the Year 2 kids to their first carnival and leading the cheers was a fantastic experience. We could not have done it without our year 6 classmates. We would like to thank our teachers for organising the day and all the parents who came along to help or cheer!

By Milly, Jazz, Calvin and Hunter – The 2015 House Captains
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES

➢ 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, which can be used for this purpose.

1/ Sick (1-5 school days) - green slip as above or letter from parent

2/ Sick (over 5 school days) - medical certificate/letter from Doctor

3/ Other (1-5 school days) - green slip as above or letter from parent - in advance where possible

4/ Other (over 5 school 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/children 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 call the office and we will make every effort to advise your child/children of the change in plans.

➢ 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 by an adult.

➢ 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 AT ANY TIME!
Despite numerous reminders, a few parents still continue to park on school grounds - 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 THE STAFF CAR PARK ON PURSELL AVENUE. Please respect the staff & children of your child’s school and adhere to this.

• NUT FREE POLICY
Please note that our school has a nut free policy, which means that NO NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS ARE PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME. This is for the safety of those children who have severe allergies, and we have no doubt that as a parent we would not want to put any child’s life at risk. Your strict adherence to this is appreciated.

• SCHOOL INVOICES
School Invoices will be sent home to all parents next week. Payment may be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS (chq, savings or credit card) - but NOT EFT. 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. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact me during school hours.

• STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAIL REPORT
A pink form will be sent home next week with all details the school has for your child. If any of your details - address, phone nos, emergency contacts etc., have changed please advise the school in writing as soon as possible. This is essential to enable us to look after your child to the best of our ability. ALL FORMS NEED TO COME BACK TO US IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THERE ARE CHANGES OR NOT.

• TREATS IN SCHOOL (IE. BIRTHDAY)
If you are bringing in a treat for the students in your child’s class, please make sure it has no traces of nuts in it. The treat also needs to be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day, who will check it and supervise the handing out to other students. Your child should not be handing out treats to any students on their own, because there are several children at school with severe allergies. Your assistance with this would ensure peace of mind for all parents and staff.

• 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. This needs to be done every year. You also need to sign in and out whenever you are on school premises between 9.00 - 3.00 pm.

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)
# DATES TO REMEMBER

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Dear Parents,

It has been brought to my attention that there is an issue with head lice in the school at the moment. Unfortunately, this is a common problem in every school. We are asking all parents to read the following information carefully and act accordingly.

Explanation:
The head louse (pediculus humanus capitis) is a tiny insect which lives and breeds in human hair. It has a life span of 20 to 30 days. The female louse lays her eggs on the shaft of a hair, close to the scalp. These eggs (nits) can be seen with the naked eye as tiny silvery white specks in the hair. The eggs hatch in approximately 7-10 days. The nymph which emerges will become a fully grown louse, ready to begin the breeding cycle again, 10 days after hatching.

How are lice spread?
Head lice cannot jump or fly. They are usually transmitted through direct head to head contact or by sharing infected items such as combs, brushes, hats and scarves, etc.

What to look for
The first warning sign is a child persistently scratching their head. Examine the hair for small silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Also look for redness and scratch marks on the scalp, behind the ears and on the nape of the neck. Please take a few minutes to check your child’s hair each night.

How to get rid of head lice
The most effective way is to wash your child’s hair with a specialised treatment, following the instructions of the manufacturer. These are available from chemists. A fine-toothed comb should be used to remove the dead lice and nits. To reduce the problem it is suggested that girls have their hair tied back or plaited, rather than being out. Normal hair conditioner applied is also suggested as a treatment as it suffocates the head lice.

Please check your child’s hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php.

Your cooperation is sought to end this problem quickly.
WHAT IS IMPETIGO?
Impetigo is a skin infection caused by the bacteria Staphylococcus or Streptococcus. It is most common in children and is contagious. Impetigo can form blisters or honey coloured crusted, oozing sores that grow larger day by day. The hands and face is the most common site for Impetigo, but it often appears on other parts of the body.

TREATMENT FOR IMPETIGO
Antibiotics usually clear up impetigo in four or five days. It's important for the antibiotic to be taken until the prescribed supply is completely used up. An antibiotic ointment may be prescribed also. Crusts should be removed before the ointment is applied. Soak a soft, clean cloth in lukewarm water. Press this cloth on the crusts for 10-15 minutes three or four times daily. Then gently wipe off the crusts and apply a little antibiotic ointment. You can stop soaking the Impetigo when crusts no longer form. When the skin is healed, stop the antibiotic ointment. If the Impetigo does not improve after one week, then you should return to your doctor for further medical advice.

HOW DID I ACQUIRE IMPETIGO?
You may have caught the bacteria causing Impetigo from being in contact with someone else infected with Impetigo. BUT, impetigo usually begins without any apparent source of infection.

WHO IS AT RISK FROM IMPETIGO INFECTIONS?
- Potentially everyone
- Anyone with a lowered immunity or long-term illness.
- The elderly
- Babies and Children

HOW CAN IMPETIGO BE SPREAD?
Impetigo can spread through contact with the bacteria, which is carried in the blisters and in the sores. The bacteria responsible for impetigo can be spread when a person comes into contact with the blisters or sores, either directly (by touching the impetigo) or indirectly (by touching something that has been used by the infected person, e.g. clothing, grooming items such as brushes or combs, tweezers and bedding).

GOOD HAND HYGIENE PRACTICES
Hand Hygiene is the most effective way to prevent ALL infections. Encourage your family and friends to maintain good hand hygiene practices every day. Please refer to the hand hygiene information in the patient information booklet or hand hygiene leaflet available from the Infection prevention and control team.

WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION?
You can talk to your doctor or the nursing staff. If you wish to speak with the Infection Control Department ask your nurse to contact us. Our office hours are 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Our Extension numbers are; 9433 or 9732

FURTHER INFORMATION / RESOURCES
NSW Department of Health www.health.nsw.gov.au

REFERENCES
NSW Dept. of Health, Infection Control Policy, PD 2007_036

The Undefeated Beauty Point Tsunami Basketball Team is seeking a few extra players for Term 1 only.

We have just joined the mini competition on Saturday afternoons

Seeking: Players aged 9 – 12 years Boys only

Time: Approx 1pm – 2.30pm on Saturdays
From Saturday 7th Feb – 28th March

Location: North Sydney Basketball Courts
Hume Street, Crows Nest

Contact: Lisa Miller on 0416 173 293
lisa@maddog.net.au
North Sydney Brothers Junior Rugby League Football Club

We are looking for additional players from 5 years old to Senior Players. We have great coaches & provide excellent training skills. It only cost $100.00 per player which includes socks, shorts, jersey & player insurance, End of Season Trophy & a 2015 NRL Pass to all Club Games. If you would like to join a great family orientated club & have lots of fun, please register by calling Annette Hema on: 0404 610 048 or email: nsbros@hotmail.com or visit our website: www.nsbrothers.com.au
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