Thank you to our BPPS staff for creating a wonderful first 4 weeks of school. It has been a delight to see great learning in every class. Thank you to our Year 6 students for being outstanding leaders and ambassadors of our Leader in Me program. You have been fantastic role models to all our students.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

INSPIRING LEARNING AND SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Thank you to our parents for attending our Class Information night last week and the combined Staff and Parent learning session. The session was a fantastic opportunity for our community to learn about the new educational reforms and work together to plan our priorities for the next 3 years. This strong collaboration is the key aspect of the School Excellence framework and new School Planning. It is about building community engagement (a positive school culture), student learning and quality teaching. 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.

Primary schools set up the important foundational mindsets and capabilities for students to grow educationally into high school, university and future careers. More than being a safe and happy learning environment, all primary schools build the essential skills that inspire learning and success for all students.

As principal, my task is to lead and support our school in developing quality learning experiences that enhance our students’ academic, social and future economic well-being. It is about preparing our students to become successful young adults who enter their future careers as highly literate, numerate, creative and confident individuals.

Currently our 2014 Annual School Report is being completed by Mr Gallagher and once finalised, we will focus on developing our 2015-2017 School Plan – which is due at the end of Term 1. Our professional learning focus with our staff is on implementing the new Australian curriculum – which has transformed the way we will teach English, Mathematics, Science and all key learning areas. I look forward to sharing the Annual School Report evaluations, new school plan and our staff curriculum learning journey as the term progresses.
Understanding the new Australian Curriculum - what makes it a curriculum for all students?

The Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (MCEETYA, 2008) (Melbourne Declaration) provides the policy framework for the Australian Curriculum. It includes two 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 way in which the Australian Curriculum has been designed to address these goals is detailed in The Shape of the Australian Curriculum Version 3 (ACARA, 2012). The propositions that shape the development of the Australian Curriculum establish expectations that the Australian Curriculum is appropriate for all students. These propositions include:

- that each student can learn and that the needs of every student are important
- that each student is entitled to knowledge, understanding and skills that provide a foundation for successful and lifelong learning and participation in the Australian community
- that high expectations should be set for each student as teachers account for the current level of learning of individual students and the different rates at which students develop
- that the needs and interests of students will vary, and that schools and teachers will plan from the curriculum in ways that respond to those needs and interests.

The Melbourne Declaration emphasises the importance of knowledge, understanding and skills from each learning area, general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities as the basis for a curriculum designed to support 21st-century learning. The Australian Curriculum is formed by these three dimensions, and it is the relationship between these dimensions that provides flexibility for schools and teachers to ‘promote personalised learning that aims to fulfil the diverse capabilities of each young Australian’ (MCEETYA, 2008, p. 7)

Student Representative Council

The SRC support the teachers and principal in making decisions about our school. Currently the focus is on rejuvenating the Leader in Me program. We ran our first SRC meeting last week. Congratulations to all students nominated. There are two students per class and all of Year 6 who attend our fortnightly meetings. Students are re-elected in Semester 2. The names of the elected SRC are listed in the awards section below.

Family Fun Day Picnic – Sunday 22nd February 2pm

Don’t forget to attend our 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. I look forward to seeing you all and sharing a fun afternoon together.

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 organising fundraising and other activities within the school, such as organising working bees and holding gift stalls and fetes. They support the educational priorities of the school by providing professional learning opportunities and social activities.

Congratulations to Mr Eddie Johnston who has been appointed permanently to BPPS and Mrs Hall who is now officially our permanent Learning and Support teacher (2 days per week).

Thank you for a wonderful first four weeks of school. I would like to personally thank Suzanne Robson for organising our class patrons for 2015 and Mrs Lopez who works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our office running smoothly. She has done an excellent job in coordinating the delivery of our School Account Statements to families today.

Best wishes,
Shanti Clements (Principal)
Kinder Week 2. "What's this at the end of the sentence?" 
"A dot."
"Not quite. It's called a full stop."

Kinder Week 3. "What's this at the end of the sentence?"
"A spot."
"Not quite. It's called a full stop."

Kinder Week 4. "What's this at the end of the sentence?"
"A full spot!"
"Not quite.....

Kinder- it's gradual, but we'll get there.

Mrs Curvey tells me that she is impressed with the way the Year 1s have commenced their Literacy groups, and how the Year 1 students are setting fine examples for the Kinder children in the eating areas and the playground. Similarly, the Year 2 classes have commenced their Maths groups with both sets of students working collaboratively to develop their maths skills. If you would like to help in any of these activities, please let your child’s teacher know so they can create a roster. I have been impressed with the children remembering to wear their hats and sports uniforms for their Sports sessions. Thanks you also to all those parents who attended the Classroom Information sessions and for completing and returning the many forms that were given out on the night.

STAGE 2 NEWS by Mrs Beynon

Stage 2 have started our Math Groups and are enjoying working with different teachers and moving around classrooms. Our Math Groups are interesting, challenging and fun!

SRC representatives were voted in by each class last week. Congratulations to these people. We are sure you will do a great job for our stage. Mandarin has begun for Year 4 on Thursdays and Year 3 have started their wonderful cricket sessions on Friday. It is very busy in Stage 2!

STAGE 3 NEWS by Mr Baker

It has been a busy and productive two weeks in Stage 3. Students have been actively engaged in class programs, started the PSSA summer T-ball competition and commenced planning their exciting science short films.

Students across all classes have commenced an enquiry based unit on Indonesia. The unit involves a mix of independent and group research tasks and projects. This week students have broadened their knowledge of Indonesia by completing facts files on the five main islands.

After two week of training with Mr Johnston, Stage 3 students put their skills to the test in the first round of the summer PSSA competition. For the first time, Beauty Point PS have entered two teams into the A grade division! Round 1 involved students playing against teams from their own school but this week the completion will commence with teams playing against other schools from the local area.

Mrs Farrell has started working with Stage 3 students to write and produce a short film explaining a science concept. Students will spend the coming weeks researching, writing, planning and producing their videos using iMovie with the goal of entering high standard projects in the Sleek Geeks competition.
The Leader In Me

Recently I have had parent queries about The Leader In Me program. The program is about developing leadership skills and 21st Century resilience. Based on The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, The Leader in Me produces transformational school cultures that support higher academic achievement, fewer discipline problems, and increased engagement among teachers and students.

Better yet, The Leader in Me equips students with the self-confidence and skills they need to thrive in the 21st century economy. The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People are the basis to The Leader In Me program.

At BPPS, we have implemented The Leader in Me program to help our students:
- Set leadership goals
- Work in collaborative whole school projects eg Imagination First groups
- Teach children 21st Century flexibility and multi-tasking skills
- Gain leadership experience and opportunities K-6

Gifted and Talented strategies have been integrated into The Leader In Me program, through the Imagination First sessions.

When we established The Leader In Me and Imagination First sessions, our school was successfully selected to present 3 sessions at the National Gifted and Talented conference in 2012 – to help inspire other educators to follow the Beauty Point PS model.
Save the date

**Grandfriends’ Day**

You are invited to visit our wonderful classrooms and enjoy morning tea on

Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} March, 2015 at 9.15am.
## DATES TO REMEMBER

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## CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

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

**SRC:** Giselle and Tom (2W), Minami and Charlie (2H), Will and Katie (3E), Estelle and Eddie (3B), Sienna and Connor (4I), Valante and James (5/4R), Jess and Nik (5B) and all students in Year 6.
The minutes of the last P&C meeting on February 16th were emailed to the school community earlier this week.

MORE PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH NEW ETHICS CLASSES AT BPPS

The philosophical ethics classes that make up the Primary Ethics curriculum use reasoned argument to discuss a vast variety of subjects, from knowing right from wrong and the value of friendship and sharing to the rights of animals and what is courage? They are also fascinating and fun.

We now need more teachers to keep the classes nice and small. Full training is totally free and available at Sydney and Macquarie Uni shortly.

Come along to the school hall after drop off on Wednesday 18th February to have a cup of tea, a chat and meet one of our wonderful volunteer teachers.

To find out more on how to get involved please give Andy Price a call on 0447121081 or check out www.primaryethics.com.au.
Welcome back to a new year of band! All bands have started rehearsing with their new conductors:

- Junior Band with Mr Madrid on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday lunchtimes.
- Senior Band with Mr Crocker on Wednesday mornings.
- Concert Band with Mr Hampton on Friday mornings.

Congratulations to Rose Ryan and Abby Pike, our new Senior 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 15th March, 1-5pm. This is an important event for all band members - please save the date!
- Band camp at the Academy of Sport at Narrabeen on 15-17 May for all band children.
- City of Sydney Eisteddfod festival on 1-2 June.
- Performing at Grandfriends Day, Education Open Day, Tim Tam night and the End of Year Concert.

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

And finally, many thanks to Rita Kadi for offering to help to organise our pizza fundraiser lunch each term. We are looking for one other person to partner with Rita on this - please contact Rosie or Rita if you can help.

**Practice pieces this week**

**Concert Band:**
- Paint it Black
- Australia Fair
- Band Tuning & Sonority
- Concert E flat major scale

**Senior Band:**
- Cops and Robbers
- Concert B flat major scale

**Junior Band:**
- Essential Elements up to No 43
- Mickey Mouse March

For general queries about our Band Programme contact Rosie Connor on 0420 507762 or email connorsnoz@bigpond.com.
Dear Friends of OOSH

Welcome back to 2015!

ACREDITATION VISIT
At the end of 2014 Beauty Point OOSH received their accreditation visit from the Department of Education and Communities (see certificate). We are extremely happy with the results and we are proud to have received the highest rating (exceeding) within 3 categories and the second highest rating (meeting) in all of the remaining categories. We would just like to take this opportunity to thank our current staff, Beauty Point School, our committee members and families who helped us greatly throughout the accreditation process, allowing us to receive such fantastic results.

AGM
Our Annual general meeting will be taking place in the Library between 6:30 and 8:30 on Thursday 26th February. The Directors and Management Committee will be summarising last year in OOSH and with your help we will set goals for OOSH for 2014. Your opinion is valued and we welcome your feedback and suggestions. It is a great opportunity to meet other OOSH parents, talk about OOSH, present your ideas and join our Management Committee. Childcare and a children’s dinner will be available staffed by the OOSH team in the staffroom. We hope to see you there.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
One of our goals at Beauty Point OOSH this year is to encourage the children to make a difference in their community. With this in mind we have registered a site for ‘Clean-up Australia Day 2015’! On the 3rd of March 2015 at 4.00pm the children at Beauty Point OOSH will be donning their gloves and rubbish bags and taking to Chainman’s Beach in a bid to clean up our community. We will be leaving the centre at 3:45pm aiming to be at our meeting point at Chainman’s Beach by 4.00pm, we aim to be back at the Centre by 5.15pm. This is a great opportunity to educate the children about the importance of looking after our beautiful beaches and the environment. We hope to have a representative from the Mosman Daily to join us as well as some ‘special guests’. All friends, parents and children of OOSH are welcome to join us, the more the merrier.

REMINDER: HALL RENOVATION
Whilst the hall is being renovated from BSC on Friday 20th February 2015 OOSH will be taking place in the Year 1 and 2 classrooms, the sign in station will be on the deck outside the hall. We will do our utmost to ensure OOSH runs as smoothly as possible during this time.

Kind Regards,

Francine Cook
WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
A Leader in Girls Education

Please join us for

OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday 11 March 2015
5.00 – 7.30 pm
School Hall

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

WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
A Leader in Girls Education

Extension Class Placement Test for Year 7, 2016

Year 8 students will have an opportunity to sit a placement test for our Year 7 extension class for selected students.

Saturday 14th 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

COMMUNITY NOTES
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. **Players aged 6 years and younger in 2015 play for FREE.** 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

Year 7 Academic Placement Test 2016 Intake

Placement in the Year 7 Academic classes at NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer Campus and at Mackellar Girls Campus’ is based on supporting evidence of eligibility including the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test.

**Application Forms**

Application forms can be downloaded from The Northern Beaches Secondary College website as well as the campus’ websites.

**Test Date**

Thursday 19th March 2015 at 9 am

**Contacts**

NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus:  Lorna Curtis 9939 6942  
NBSC Cromer Campus:  Lorna Curtis 9939 6942  
NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus:  Wendy Mailey 9949 2083

**Closing Dates for Applications for 2016 Intake**

- NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus - **3rd March 2015 by 4 pm.**
- NBSC Cromer Campus - **3rd March 2015 by 4 pm.**
- NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus - **27th February 2015 by 4 pm.**

Students will sit the test at the Campus they wish to attend in 2016.
OPEN DAYS 2015

Prospective student OPEN DAYS

NBSC BALGOWLAH BOYS CAMPUS

Open Day: Tuesday 24th February 9.30 – 11.30 am
Tours of the campus, band performance, mini lessons in Science, Music, PE, Technology and Visual Arts. BBQ for students, morning tea for parents.

Information Night: Wednesday 25th February 6.30 – 7.30 pm, in the School Hall.
Enquiries: 9949 4200
Principal: Paul Sheather

NBSC MACKELLAR GIRLS CAMPUS

Open Day: Tuesday 24th February 8.30 – 11.30 am
Guided tour of the campus and student activities. Welcome assembly and Meet the Principal. Information session and morning tea for parents and students.

Information Night: Thursday 26th February 6.30 – 7.30 pm
Enquiries: 9949 2083
Principal: Christine Del Gallo

NBSC MANLY SELECTIVE CAMPUS

Open Day: Thursday 26th February 9.30 – 11.30 am
See band and other performances, student presentations and speakers. Tour of the campus. Morning tea provided for parents and students.

Enquiries: 9905 3982
Principal: Anthony Rudd

NBSC CROMER CAMPUS

Cromer Festival Open Evening: Monday 16th February 4.00 – 7.00 pm
Experience the full range of programs at our campus. Evening of performances, hands on activities, displays, meet the staff and students.

Enquiries: 9981 1155
Principal: Justin Hong

NBSC FRESHWATER SENIOR CAMPUS

Open Afternoon: Tuesday 12th May 3.00 – 7.00 pm
See the campus in action - lessons and co-curricular activities conducted throughout the afternoon. View the spectacular facilities and discuss, with students and staff, the full range of programs offered at the campus.

Enquiries: 9905 2634
Principal: Frank Pikardt

ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST

For 2016 Year 7 academic extension classes at Balgowlah Boys Campus, Cromer Campus and Mackellar Girls Campus
Closing date: MGC Friday 27th February BBC, CC 3rd March
Test date: Thursday 19th March 2015 at 9 am
Balgowlah and Cromer applications will be available on the College website:
www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au/
Enquiries: Lorna Curtis: 9939 6942
Mackellar Girls applications available from the school and on the school website.
Mackellar Girls Campus: 9949 2083

College Principal: Neil Worsley | Enquiries: 9939 6942
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 3.05-4.05pm (Beginner Speaking & Listening). For a free trial class or to express interest for a more advanced 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
- **Communication with parents** through homework sheets and email support
- **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.
FREE PARENT EVENT

How to Help your Anxious Child

This event is a Kids First Community Service Seminar


Or call Kids First now on 9938 5419

TUESDAY 24 February
7.30pm – 9.30pm

The Chairman’s Lounge
Brookvale Oval
Alfred Street Brookvale

Located in the Ken Arthuson Stand. Enter via main gate on Alfred Street.
Ample parking available