Leadership Value: Begin With the End in Mind

**** STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE ****
Congratulations to Beauty Point Public School students and teachers who have achieved national recognition in our NAPLAN results. We are one of the 300 schools in Australia who have scored above average gain from 2012 to 2014. This is the 3rd time BPPS has topped NSW results for NAPLAN and received state recognition during the past 6 years. Well done BPPS!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
A HEALTHY AND HAPPY SCHOOL

Education about nutrition is an important part of the school curriculum in NSW. The goal is to help children understand the importance of having a healthy diet and developing healthy eating habits. A child’s diet is important to their overall health. Proper nutrition can prevent many medical problems, including becoming overweight, developing weak bones, and developing diabetes. A healthy diet will ensure that children grow to their full potential. As such, nutrition education is an important part of the school curriculum and enables children to learn at an early age the importance of healthy eating. It is also beneficial when this is supported by an aligned school and community approach.

BPPS supports healthy eating through the daily Crunch and Sip program and Flexi-Meal Canteen. Very soon we will be offering real-fruit ice blocks as part of lunch time treats. There are many ways we can support a range of healthy options for school snacks and birthday celebrations. I am attaching a list of suggestions developed kindly by Polly Georgeou. In addition, recipe suggestions for nutritional eating can be found at http://www.nutritionaustralia.org/national/recipes.

In one of my previous schools, I helped set up the first Organic School Canteen at Crown Street Public School in 2006. At the time, I was Relieving Principal and I noticed the incredible difference that organic and wholefoods had on students – they were calmer, happier and more focused during classroom learning. More recently, I have heard of schools using their Crunch and Sip programs to support birthday celebrations by offering yummy, healthy fruit and vegetable dip options. We have many students who have gluten intolerance, nut allergies and sugar intolerance, so providing a range of healthy, sweet and savoury options for all students at class parties can be helpful.

Sunhats and sunscreen update
Please don’t forget that we have a ‘No Hat – No Play’ policy at BPPS. That means that in the morning (including Monday morning assembly), recess and lunch that all students should be wearing their hat. Thank you to our P&C for purchasing sunscreen for each class. This will help our students ‘top up ‘ their sunscreen at recess and lunch.

Winter Sports
If you are interested in enrolling your child into The Interschools Snowsports Championships, please attend the information night hosted by David and Helene Thevenon on Wednesday March 11th, 7pm to 8pm. Details are in the flyer at the back of this newsletter.
Late arrivals and absences
Please ensure that your child arrives at school promptly and daily so that we can provide the best learning environment for them to reach their full academic potential. Regular absences and chronic lateness has major impact on a child’s learning. Morning time is peak learning time, so we encourage every child to arrive before 9.00am to get the full benefits of their classroom learning programs.

Please Do Not Park in the Staff Car Park
Recently we have noticed several parents and students walking through or parking in the Staff Car Park. This is a major Work Health and Safety issue – with a young toddler almost run over this year by a parent. Please do not enter or use the Staff Car Park at any time. This includes parents using our OOSH services.

Hungry Kids at Lunch Time 🍳
During the past month, teachers on lunch duty have received requests from students for lunch. Several students have said that Mum and Dad have forgotten to pack their lunch. Could you please make sure that your child comes to school with fully packed lunch – including recess and snacks for ‘Crunch and Sip’ - to support your child’s healthy growth and development.

Staffing Update
Due to a personal family issue, Mrs Rudd has relinquished her teaching position at Beauty Point Public School. I would like to thank Mr Peter Griffiths for taking up the position as the teacher of 4G. Mr Griffiths is a highly experienced and exceptional teacher. He has taught on the OC class at Woollahra Public School and has expertise in leading whole school Technology, Numeracy, Drama, Music and Dancing programs. Welcome to BPPS, Mr Griffiths!

Community Update
Thank you to our parents and grandfriends who have been part of the development of 2015-2017 School Plan. We really appreciate your attendance at our combined Staff and Community learning sessions. Your commitment and enthusiasm is highly valued and we thank you for your support.

Don’t forget that Grandfriends Day will be held on Friday 20th March - please save the date in your calendars.

Please also note that our P&C AGM will be delayed until April. If you are interested in nominating yourself for an Executive P&C position, please read through the P&C update in this week’s Buzz.

Finally, thank you to Mr Baker and students from 5B for their excellent writing during the fortnight. We have selected two writing samples from Giacomo and Toby to showcase some of the great work in 5B.

Warm wishes,
Shanti
(Principal, Beauty Point Public School)

K-2 NEWS BY Mr Gallagher

Kinder Week 6...
“What are things in this picture that start with d?”
“Air conditioning.” “Not quite.” It’s gradual...... but we’ll get there.

The Year 1 teachers have been doing a lot of work with grammar. I can see the verbs and adjectives floating around the room as they speak. There is also a lot of work being done on our Local Area, and some of the photos from the past are very revealing on the Beauty Point area and how some things have changed dramatically and others remain the same.

Year 2s have settled down to work in their Maths and Literacy groups, and Ms Weir commented on how enthusiastic the children are towards their learning and the excellent behaviour shown by the children.
STAGE 2 NEWS by Mrs Beynon

Stage 2 would like to formally welcome Mr Peter Griffiths to Beauty Point Public School. He will be teaching Yr 4, taking over from Mrs Rudd. Mr Griffiths has a wealth of experience and many hidden talents which I’m sure his class will find out about over time.

Years 3 and 4 have been really embracing our HSIE topic ‘Gallipoli’, investigating the geography of Turkey, the power of recruitment posters, the conditions soldiers fought and lived in, and even the history of the Soldier’s Biscuits (ANZAC biscuits). All teachers have been very impressed with the questions that the students have posed and their level of interest in this topic.

Math Groups have been a great success with students racing off to different classrooms after recess. It’s great to hear the positive chatter from students as they talk about all the fun they have in their classes.

STAGE 3 NEWS by Mr Baker

Stage 3 continues to be a hive of activity. Year 5 students have settled into the routines of Stage 3 well while Year 6 students are eagerly awaiting the start of the Cricket World Cup.

Year 5 students are taking the demands of Stage 3 in their stride. Our Maths groups are overflowing with inquisitive minds. Students are enjoying the collaborative learning environment. On any one day students can be participating in a range of activities room from independent work, peer tutoring, small group activities or interactive lessons online. Students have commented that the flipped classroom model is helping them understand new concepts more readily.

Year 6 students have commenced a unit of work based on the upcoming Cricket World Cup. Throughout the event students will work individually and in small groups to present speeches and develop projects based on a selected participating country and track the teams’ progress throughout the event. In preparation, students have been refining their cricket skills during PE lessons.

Save the date

Grandfriends’ Day

You are invited to visit our wonderful classrooms and enjoy morning tea on Friday 20th March, 2015 at 9.15am.
5B STUDENT WORKSAMPLES

Man: murder of the sea turtle
Giacomo B

Sea turtles are on the fast road to extinction and humans are the culprits. These animals are being endangered by changing habitats, marine debris, fishing activities and boat strikes.

Firstly, boat strikes are killing hundreds of thousands of sea turtles. A boat strike occurs when the sea turtle comes up to the surface of the ocean and the boat hits it. This is because sea turtles have poor eye sight and hearing when out of the water. For example, 15% of sea turtles are killed every year on Qld coast by careless boat owners.

Additionally, coastal developments are destroying sea turtles nesting sites. Coastal developments are buildings, roads, marinas and brick-walls along the beach. Sea turtles have to travel thousands of kilometres to lay their eggs at the same beach where they were born. So once their nesting habitat is destroyed the sea turtles lay their eggs in inappropriate places or dump them in the ocean. Therefore the eggs do not hatch.

Furthermore, marine debris kills many sea turtles every year. Marine debris consists of any piece of rubbish thrown onto the road which will end up in the ocean by moving down to storm water drains, creeks and eventually moving down to rivers. Due to this 100,000 of marine mammals including sea turtles, die every year from digesting the rubbish and becoming entangled in marine debris.

Moreover, commercial and recreational fishing causes the death of many sea turtles. Sea turtles drown after getting entangled in fishing nets and fishing lines left behind by careless humans. Fishermen must use nets which include a Turtle Excluding Device (TED) which will allow turtles to escape if they become caught.

If we want these precious sea turtles to live and thrive in their native habitats man must take responsibility. Society must protect their environment by not dumping anything in the ocean and protecting sea turtle nesting grounds.
Man: Murderer of the sea turtle:

Toby V

Sea turtles could sit alongside the dodo bird and the cave bear in the list of extinct animals if we don’t do something. 
Humans have hit them with boats, built on their nesting sites, thrown our litter in the ocean for them to choke on and drowned them in fishing nets. Man is the murderer and now is the time to stop.

Firstly, boat strikes can kill sea turtles. Sea turtles have very poor vision when out of water. 15% of sea turtles found on the Queensland coast show evidence of boat strikes. As a result, boat owners must slowdown in turtle feeding areas.

Undoubtedly, coastal developments are influencing many sea turtle nesting sites. Sea turtles cross many thousands of kilometres to get to the same beach they hatched on to lay their eggs but with marinas, hotels etc there is not be enough sand. With not enough sand, sea turtles lay their eggs on unsuitable beaches where they do not hatch or drop them at sea. The consequences of this are that sea turtle numbers will continue to drop.

As well as this, many sea turtles die from mistaking rubbish for food. Once the sea turtle eats the rubbish, it either chokes or staves to death. Most sea turtles die from plastic bags which they mistake for their main source of food, jellyfish. Globally, around 100,000 marine mammals and sea turtles die every year from eating our litter.

Additionally, commercial fishing causes the death of many sea turtles. Sea turtles get tangled up in ghost nets, which are used to catch fish. They fight to get free but soon enough, they drown. Ghost nets in Queensland can be as long as 4kms and as deep as 12metres. It is very easy for turtles to get caught up in these nets. Shark control programs that use nets are also responsible for sea turtle deaths.

To conclude, we need to point the sea turtles’ road away from extinction. If we do, sea turtles can live on. But if we don’t, the sea turtle will go down as yet another animal man has murdered.
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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

From class birthday parties to fundraising events, there are many celebrations at Beauty Point Public School. Although these events are lots of fun, these celebrations often revolve around foods high in sugar, whether homemade or pre-packaged heavily processed foods that have little or no nutritional value.

Promoting healthy options like crunch & sip and allowing foods high in sugar at BPPS celebrations sends students conflicting messages. Our bodies are engines and how we fuel them matters. Forming and maintaining healthy dietary habits is the best way to nourish and sustain good health. With a few minor adjustments together as a school community parents and teachers can shift the focus from unhealthy food to healthy fun.

HEALTHIER ALTERNATIVES FOR IN-CLASS BIRTHDAYS

Try to incorporate fruits or vegetables into your offerings as these are high in nutritional value and fuels the brain. (FACT: ABS statistics show that 94% of Australians don’t consume the right amount of fruit and vegetables every day)

Frozen fruit - Oranges, grapes, pineapple pieces, especially now with the warmer months ahead.

Fresh fruit platter - simply slice into pieces large enough for the students to pick them up by hand

Fruit kebabs - skewered fruit

Yogurt in a cup with fruit topping - using plain yogurt top with the birthday child's choice of fruit

Fruit muffins - when you bake lower the sugar/sweetness ingredient by 1/4 to 1/3 and opt for healthier flours such as spelt, wholemeal etc.

Mini pancakes, pikelets, or scones topped with yogurt and fruit

Popcorn

Sweet treats are almost always supplied for the child’s in-class birthday celebration. There is no rule to this, it is just a conditioning which stems off the birthday cake ceremony. So why not celebrate with a savoury option.

Fresh veggie platter - celery, cucumber, carrots etc. cut into sticks. Add a homemade dip like guacamole or hummus. This could also be served individually in cups.

Homemade mini scrolls - pizza or spinach & feta are great in scrolls

Savoury muffins - such as pumpkin & feta, corn & capsicum or pizza are all tasty combinations

Vegetable sushi - freshly made. Avoid seafood, chicken or any meat filled sushi for school birthdays.

Baked plain corn chips with guacamole, salsa and/or bean dip

Baked crackers with cheese and dried fruit (sultanas or raisins) - canapé style

Students birthdays do not always have to be celebrated using food. Many children suffer from various allergies from gluten to lactose, dairy to nuts, it's hard to please everyone. Here are some ideas on making your child’s birthday celebration memorable without food.

Donate a book to the library - sign the front page ‘Donated on behalf of Jonah’s 8th Birthday’

Donate stationary to your class - supplies are forever running out. Find out what your class is low on and restock by donating a packet of pencils, glue sticks, tissues etc.

Stock a birthday treasure chest - at the beginning of each year, each parent donate a small gift e.g.: pencils, rubbers, mini note pads etc on behalf of their child. Have the teacher wrap these gifts place them in a box (which the students can decorate) and have the birthday child pick one on their special day.

Keep in mind that each student’s birthday can mean multiple celebrations: one in class, one at home with family and a party with friends. Food does not need to be the focus of celebrating a birthday at school. Instead, let’s find other ways to recognise the child, celebrate them and make them feel special.

If you have any other ideas on healthy birthday celebrations that you would like to share or ideas on how we could promote healthy food within the school, please email me at p.georgeou@yahoo.com.au and together, change is possible.
Well, it’s certainly been a busy start to the term. I’d like to say thank you to Sue Robson who is coordinating this year’s class parents and to all those who have volunteered - you do an invaluable job.

Family Fun Day was a great success and a relaxing way to start the year - thanks also go to all those parents in year 1 who organised the afternoon.

The Yarramundi Camp for fathers, sons and daughters (years 3-6) is fast approaching – 28/29 March. Information has gone out by email and is also available on the school’s website. It's an event not to be missed and a whole lot of fun is had by all. Book now and enjoy the Early Bird rate (valid until 13th March) [http://www.trybooking.com/124610](http://www.trybooking.com/124610)

Please ensure also that you have handed the Medical / Consent forms into your child’s teacher (class teachers have spare copies if needed.)

The NSW State Election on 28 March is unlikely to be as exciting as Yarramundi but the P&C will be organising a BBQ / cake stall at the school so please come and vote at the school and support the band program and other initiatives.

We are interested in hearing from anyone who would like to nominate themselves for an Executive position on the P&C at the upcoming AGM.

Executive Roles are –

President
Vice President (can have 1 or 2)
Secretary
Treasurer

Being part of the P&C is a rewarding role. If you would be interested in any of these positions please contact either myself, Ros Van Extel, Lauren Adlam or Shanti.

Kind regards

Mandy Sigaloff
P&C President

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](http://www.primaryethics.com.au).
Band Workshop next week

Don’t forget our forthcoming Band Workshop for all band members on Sunday 15th March, 1-5pm. This will be an opportunity for the children to polish their pieces for the forthcoming performances at Grandparents’ Day, Banner Assembly or Mosman Public School.

Please return your reply form asap, if you haven’t done so already. Hope to see you all there!

Who do I ask?

Here’s a quick Who’s Who Guide to our Band Team, so you know where to go to for help...

Concerns about your child’s progress or motivation
Talk to your band coordinators and they will put you in touch with the conductor, who is always happy to talk through 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 - janemtws@gmail.com

Any other queries about band
Contact your lovely band coordinators:
   Concert Band - Anna Josephson & Anne Tasker
   Senior Band - Emma Pike & Fiona Paris
   Junior Band - Kerri Warner & Chrissie Bartram

Practice pieces

Please practise these at home and take them to your tutors...

Concert Band:
- Paint It Black
- Band Tuning & Sonority
- Australia Fair
- All About the Bass

Senior Band:
- Race to the Moon
- The Spook

Junior Band:
- Power Rock
- Essential Elements Nos 43 and 47
- Mickey Mouse March

And finally, a plea to pay your band fees please! This will really help with our cashflow this term... Thanks!
Leah Jilovsky Robinson

Flute Lessons

"Beautiful tone, beautiful heart."
Shinichi Suzuki

Positive and Inspiring Flute Lessons for kids age 5-18! Leah is an experienced flautist, brand new to the Lower North Shore. Lessons are taught with care and excellence! Suzuki Method. Places available from Term 1, 2015.

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Dear Parents of Year 6 Students,

I am writing to you to let you know the procedure for enrolling your daughter in Willoughby Girls High School in Year 7 2016.

As you may be aware, in past years it has not always been possible to offer places in the first round to all those who wished to enrol in Year 7. However, places often become available later in the year as people’s circumstances change.

For your information I would like to emphasise the following:

- As WGH is a single sex school, enrolment is contingent on places being available. This is different from a local co-educational high school where enrolment is an entitlement for students residing in the designated intake area.
- If you wish to enrol your daughter at WGH, you should indicate this on the expression of interest form issued by your primary school principal. You may nominate Willoughby GHS as one of your local designated high schools (Section B of the form) or as your first choice in the non-local section (Section C) or both. If you are not successful in gaining a place your daughter in our initial round of offers, her name will be placed on a waiting list.
- The main criterion for enrolment at WGH is residential proximity. Students with siblings currently attending the school receive priority placement provided that this information is made known to the school prior to offers.
- While there have been waiting lists in past years, most applicants for Year 7 are eventually offered a place. Demand varies from year to year and the circumstances of some families change over the course of the year, creating vacancies for others.
- WGH operates its own extension class for selected students in Year 7. Year 6 students are invited to sit the placement test in the year prior to actual enrolment, on Saturday 14 March 2015. Details are provided to all local primary schools and are advertised in the local papers. More information is available from the school.

I do hope that our school will be able to accommodate all those applying for enrolment next year. Please contact the school if you would like further information.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Elizabeth Diprose
PRINCIPAL
February 2015
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 2014, the Championships attracted 5,431 entries from 270 NSW, QLD and ACT schools. Alex Thevenon (Yr 6) participated and it proved great fun all along, so I am keen to give Beauty Point the opportunity to enter again this year!

Where and when does it take place?
Regional championships take place in Perisher during the school holidays, July 1st to July 4th. For those selected, the State championships will take place in Thredbo August 27th-30th. The last round is the Australian finals in Mt Buller, September 9th-13th.

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 6)