



# BEAUTY POINT 'BUZZ'

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Term 1 Week 4

Wednesday 18 February, 2009

**Our current School Value focus is "CARE"**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful response our school community made last Thursday in our fundraising efforts for the Victorian bushfire victims. The school community raised over \$1 000 for this very worthy cause. Thank you for your generosity.

For all new parents and a reminder to our "old hands" children are not allowed to walk through our car park. This also includes before and after school and whether they are with a parent or not. The only exception to this is if you are dropping your child off at OOSH before 8 am. The children need to understand that this is not a safe area and they are not to enter it. If you park in Pursell Ave. please use the path at the back of the hall and there is a gate half way up that you can access. Parents have been parking dangerously at our school gate. This blocks access to our school and is illegal. Please be considerate towards all members of our community by parking in the correct areas and bringing your children through the three safe entries into our school. The safety of all our children is paramount. I look forward to your co-operation.

Beauty Point is very lucky to have a wonderful out of school hours centre that children can attend. The centre is co-ordinated by Meg Trop who does a fantastic job. There are various activities throughout the week that children really enjoy. If you would like any information about this program please ring 9960 1095.

Our school swimming carnival was held on 10<sup>th</sup> February at Lane Cove Aquatic Centre. Even though it drizzled all day it did not dampen the enthusiasm of our students and it was great to see how many children were willing to compete in various races. A big thank you must go to Mrs Heath for organising this sporting event and also to all our parent helpers, as the day could not have run as smoothly without them. Mrs Heath will be announcing the Zone team shortly. The Zone Carnival is also held at Lane Cove and is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Many students at Beauty Point travel by bus to and from school. The Ministry of Transport has a Code of Conduct for school students' behaviour on buses. The Code of Conduct was developed to ensure the safety and comfort of all passengers. For full details of the code, please go to <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/school-bus-guide.html> It would be a very worthwhile exercise to go through this code with your child if they catch the bus.

Due to the large amount of money that is owed to the Uniform Shop it will no longer be possible for the Uniform Shop to supply uniforms without the money. Second hand uniforms are available for purchase. Could all outstanding monies owed to the Uniform Shop be paid as quickly as possible. Looking forward to your co-operation in this matter.

### **STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE**

*To the caring and generous Beauty Point school community for their support of the Victorian bushfire victims.*

*Well done everyone!!*

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February Stage 3 students are competing in a Jeopardy competition using our video conferencing facilities. Thirty six schools from all over NSW are in the competition. We are competing against three other schools in the first round and if we come 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> we will move into the preliminary finals. It is quite an exciting event and I wish our team the best of luck.

On that same Friday Clean up Australia Day for schools is also on. Children will be designated an area in the school to clean up and then we will collect all our rubbish and show the children how much rubbish was in our school. Please send some gloves along on that day with your child.

Yours truly

Sue Gilks  
Relieving Principal

## **P&C NEWS**

We had our first P&C meeting for the year last night. It was great to see some new faces at the meeting and as always I encourage parents to come along and get involved, you and your children will benefit.

A major topic for discussion at the meeting was the targets we should aim for in 2009. As we've recently completed some major infrastructure works there was a general feeling that the focus should be on spending money in areas where there is a direct educational outcome. I totally agree with this.

Because the P&C is often involved in infrastructure type projects some people sometimes get the impression that this is all we spend our money on. This is not true. In 2006 we refurbished the hall and purchased the science room. Despite this major expenditure 51% of the money the P&C spent during that year was spent on teaching staff or direct teaching resources. In 2007 the big focus was on improving the playground. Still 58% of the money spent in the year went towards expenditure directly related to teaching. The P&C's first priority is to support the teaching staff at our School in whatever way we all agree is most appropriate and will continue to do so.

So, our first target for the year is to provide the school with some new practical maths resources. Children (and many adults for that matter) often find maths boring. What makes it more interesting for them is to make it a hands on experience where they physically handle, count and weigh objects. Currently the staff are gathering together all these teaching aids which the school currently has so they can see what is available and what else is needed. The P&C has agreed to fund any new items needed from the monies raised from the sale of Easter eggs this year.

Our next meeting will be on the 16th March, which is our AGM, so a great time to come along and get involved!

Angus Laing  
President P&C

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## **SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

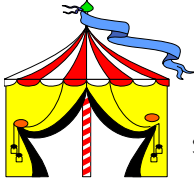
Our swimming carnival last week was a great success, despite the inclement weather! It was great to see so many children having a go and winning points for their houses. A huge "THANK YOU!" to all the wonderful parents who helped out on the day. We couldn't have done it without you.

Rowan Heath, Swimming Co-ordinator

## **SUNNIES FOR SIGHT**

Next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February is "Sunnies for Sight Day". All children can wear any sort of sunglasses to school and bring a gold coin donation. Every \$5.00 raised restores the sight of one person in a developing country.

# FAMILY FUN DAY



## Family Fun Day – Sunday 22 March at school

Keep the afternoon free for lots of old fashioned fun – sack races, egg and spoon races, 3 legged races – sausage sizzle, lolly bags plus lots more – more information coming soon.

*Year 1 families*

### OOSH NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

During the first two weeks of school OOSH ran a Kindy Club. During that time our youngest children were collected from their classrooms and escorted to the Hall. A Kindy staff member was introducing the little ones to our routines and encouraging them to make new friends with all the children in OOSH. I am pleased to say that the Kindy children settled in really well. We had very positive feedback from parents and children and we did not have one child who did not enjoy the afternoon or morning at OOSH. Kindy children are now ready to join in with their older peers in all the activities in OOSH. Well done !!! Children will still be escorted to their classrooms from Before School Care and collected from their classrooms every day that they are booked for OOSH.

Last Wednesday OOSH started an Active Sport program. We encourage all the children to participate in physical activities for at least an hour on that day. The program will be divided into two half hour sessions: the first half an hour is dedicated to a game of soccer. In this time the coach will introduce and practice with children the specific skills of coordination, aiming and controlling the ball. The following half hour will be dedicated to multisport and modified games to engage all the children in physical activities.

Next week, from Monday through to Friday, the OOSH Director will be away on leave. The program will run smoothly with experienced staff dedicated in providing high quality care for children and able to help you with all your questions concerning OOSH.

As a reminder, all the families using OOSH are asked to hand in the Annual Registration Form for 2009. This form includes contact numbers, dietary needs and medical conditions of the child. This information is essential for the safety and well being of your child. It also helps us to keep our records accurate and up-to-date.

Kind Regards,  
Meg Trop, OOSH Director

### LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who have made sure their children have library bags for borrowing. Our school is full of very keen readers and this must reflect the importance that books have in the families of our children, as well as the work of the teachers. During the past two weeks many classes have read stories about bushfires in the library, and Year 5 collectively wrote a poem about the fires and the heroism of the fire-fighters. Year 6 is starting to work on the intranet-based school magazine (The Intranews) and we should have some pages up on the intranet within a couple of weeks. This will provide an avenue for publishing work from all the classes, as well as news and lots of colour pictures about events, such as the swimming carnival.

Happy reading!  
Alan Cockerill, Teacher-librarian

## BAND NOTES

Both the Concert and the Training Bands are settling in very well. Thanks again to Mr Gallagher for allowing the bands to use his room.

A reminder on Band Session times:

**Concert Band:**

- Monday at 7.40am (each Monday)
- Monday at 1.00pm (alternate Mondays – next rehearsal 23 February)

**Training Band:**

- Friday at 7.40am (each Friday)

**Players still required:** There are still vacancies for trombone players in both bands. Also, there are plenty of opportunities for novice musicians to play within the Training Band. We still have the following instruments available for hire: 3 flutes, 1 bass clarinet, 1 sax, 2 trumpets and a trombone. Call Carrie on 0410 696 309 for details.

**Band Camp** is on 1-3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009. Please mark it in your diaries.

**Other notes:**

Could all Training Band parents ensure that their children have a copy of *Essential Elements* for their particular instrument? These books can be purchased at any good music store such as Mall Music in Warringah Mall or Dicksons in Chatswood.

The Band Committee

## UNIFORM SHOP UPDATES

For those new families to the school we want to let you know that the winter uniform is worn during Terms 2 and 3. If the weather is still very warm at the start of Term 2, there are usually a couple of weeks of transition where either uniform can be worn.

Full winter stock will be in the uniform shop at the end of March. The uniform consists of:

**BOYS**

Uniform: long navy trousers  
long sleeve red polo  
navy jumper and/or navy polar fleece jacket/vest  
navy socks

**Sports** navy track pants  
long sleeve red polo

**GIRLS**

Uniform: winter tunic  
long sleeve red polo  
red jumper and/or navy polar fleece jacket/vest  
red tights

**Sports** navy straight leg pants or navy track pants  
long sleeve red polo

In the meantime, if the weather is cool, we have plenty of stock in all sizes of the polar fleece jackets and polar fleece vests. Please note that the polar fleeces do not come in a size 4.

Please also remember the Uniform Shop takes cash or cheque only and is open Friday mornings at 8.30am. All orders need to be made before 8.55am to allow for 9.00am closure as the bell goes.

If you are unable to make it to the Uniform Shop during the opening hours, order forms can be obtained from the office where you can fill them in and leave them. Your order will be filled and given to your child.

If you ever have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Julianne Grave on [grave.family@bigpond.com](mailto:grave.family@bigpond.com) or 9960 3449.

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➔ ➔ **PLEASE NOTE**, that at the request of the P&C and our 2009 class contact parents, **WE PLAN TO PRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE A WHOLE SCHOOL CONTACT LIST** that will be provided for every family. Contact details will be listed in roll classes and will include: Names of parents, home address (or PO Box), home telephone number and family email address.

If any family **DOES NOT WISH** to have details included on the distribution list, please advise the school in writing by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Direct any correspondence to Mrs Donnell in the office.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

### EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER FAMILIES

Have you ever considered introducing your own children to an older international sibling?

World Education Program is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in July 2009.

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*Nikki Medwell*

*Inbound Exchange Administrator, World Education Program*

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Mosman Physical Culture Club operates on a Saturday morning in the Mosman Masonic Hall.

Classes will recommence on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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On 1 March, there will be a special Centenary Family@Five BBQ Church.

We will begin with a BBQ then move on to an informal all-age service.

Our guest speaker is the Revd Graeme Tutt. Graeme is a gifted children's communicator.

He will be accompanied by his puppet friend Gilbert.

People of all ages are invited.

Bring along your children or grandchildren, or come on your own.

**Join us for a very special evening.**

## MOSMAN FOOTBALL CLUB

Final registrations for the 2009 Season are being collected now. There are three places available in The Skinks (mostly Beauty Point players) U8 team, and other teams.

If you would like to play please

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