



BEAUTY POINT BUZZ

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Small School – Big Opportunities

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our current School Value focus is "RESPECT"

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2009 school year. This is the first edition for the year of the "Beauty Point Buzz", our school newsletter that is published fortnightly and sent home with the youngest family member.

On behalf of the school community I would like to welcome all of our new students and families to Beauty Point. I am sure that you will find your stay at our school a very positive experience. Thank you to all the parents who have welcomed me into my new role as Acting Principal for this Term.

We have enrolled 249 students in 10 classes from K-6. The students were placed in their classes on Monday and have started the year in a very positive fashion. There will be many exciting educational experiences in store for them this year and I am sure that they will embrace every challenge with enthusiasm and give it their best effort. The school is fortunate to have a group of highly skilled and dedicated teachers.

All parents are invited to attend an information meeting to be held on Monday 9th February in your child's classroom. It is very important to attend these meetings as you will 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. If you wish to talk to your child's teacher please make an appointment. Below are the times for the information evening.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and 1/2 - 6 to 6:30

Years 2, 2/3, 3/4 and 4 – 6:40 to 7:10

Years 5 and 6 – 7:20 to 7:50

The annual school swimming carnival for students in Years 2 to 6 will be held on Tuesday 10th February at Lane Cove Aquatic Centre. A note pertaining to this activity went home earlier this week. Parents are most welcome to attend and if any parent would like to assist in the running of the carnival please see Mrs. Heath. The students need to stay in their assigned areas in the grandstand therefore the canteen and the indoor pool will be out of bounds.

The first P and C meeting for the year will be held on 16th February at 7:30pm in the school hall. All parents are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Our new sport program which is being run by "Sports in Schools Australia", will begin this Thursday. The students in 2/3, 3/4, 4, 5 and 6 will be attending at 12:00pm and K, 1, 1/2 and 2 will attend after lunch. 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 your child has a hat with them every day. Please label all hats and clothing with your child's name to ensure that it can be returned to them if they misplace their property.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

To the wonderful Grounds Committee who managed to keep our playground looking fantastic under very harsh conditions.

Congratulations and well done, much appreciated by the whole school community

Our school also has a **nut free policy** to protect our children who suffer from anaphylaxis, a severe and sudden reaction to an allergen. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Below is a complete list of staff members and their roles in the school. Please feel free to introduce yourself to any staff member as we all work together as a team to support and nurture your child in the school environment.

STAFF MEMBER	ROLE
Mr Graham Phillips	Principal (returning in Term 2)
Ms Sue Gilks	Assistant Principal; Acting Principal Term 1
Mr Kevin Gallagher	Assistant Principal; Class1 / 2G
Miss Danni Conway	Class 5C
Mr Neil Jensen	Class 4J
Mrs Amelia Ewan	Class 3 /4E
Ms Rowan Heath	Class 2/3H
Mrs Lisa Curvey	Class 2C
Mrs Eliza Hall (2 days pw)	Class 1HD
Mrs Robin Dunne (3 days pw)	Class 1HD
Miss Carina Weir	Class KW
Mrs Maria Kaloudis	Class KK
Mrs Mirelle Farrell (4 days pw)	Science teacher and support
Mr Alan Cockerill (3 days)	Teacher Librarian
Mrs Pam Cohen (1 day pw)	Support Teacher Learning
Mrs Judy Smith (1 day pw)	Teacher English as a 2nd Language
Mr Noah Sharwood	Performing Arts teacher
Ms Kimberley Haddix	Year 6 Term 1
Mrs Rosemary Massey (½ day pw)	School Counsellor
Mrs Celine Donnell	School Administration Manager
Mrs Annette Lutze (3 days pw)	School Administration Officer (SAO)
Mrs Sue Hill (1 day)	School Administration Officer
Mrs Gina Carline (1 day)	Library Assistant
Mrs Janelle Patchett	Teachers' Aide Special
Mr Michael Armour (1 ½ days pw)	General Assistant

I look forwards to seeing you at different events throughout the term. The staff and I appreciate your support as we work together as a team to ensure a quality education for your child.

Yours truly

Sue Gilks
Acting Principal.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Calling all future Stephanie Rices and Ian Thorpes to get into training for the Beauty Point Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 10th February at the Lane Cove Aquatic Centre.

Don't forget sunscreen, hat, morning tea, lunch, water, and house colours on the day.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help.

Have fun swimming for Beauty Point!

Rowan Heath and Mirelle Farrell
Swimming Carnival Co-ordinators

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P&C NEWS - next meeting Monday 16 - 7.30pm

Welcome back to a new year at Beauty Point Public School, and a special welcome to all our new kindy parents.

In case you don't know the P&C, which stands for Parents and Citizens, is the body which the community has formed in order to assist with the advancement of the school. Many projects have been completed over the years which have helped to transform a load of demountables parked in a field to the pleasant and well equipped school we now have. Last year we completed the extension of the hall and extensive improvements to the playground. We are also deeply involved in supporting the educational side of the school.

I urge all new parents to come along and get involved in the P&C to find out what's going on at the school. Our first meeting of the year is on the 16th February at 7:30pm in the school hall.

A new addition to the program at Beauty Point is the Fathers and Sons camp which is going to happen on the 28th and 29th March. There are still a few places available so if you're interested and haven't signed up yet then please pick up a form from the school office and return it back to the office with your details and payment ASAP. I will email out full details to all participants in the next few weeks.

Angus Laing
P&C President

CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

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YR 1	Laura
YR 3	Annabelle

OOSH NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers!

All the staff and management would like to welcome all the children and parents to the new school year. A special warm welcome to our Kindy parents ☺ During the first weeks of this term, especially for the Kindies, OOSH is running Kindy Club. Except for our usual staff ratio, OOSH is providing an additional staff member to attend to the younger children. The staff member's role focuses exclusively on Kindy groups and involves duties such as: collection of the children from their classes, bringing them to OOSH, helping them with afternoon tea, instructing them about OOSH rules (boundaries, toilets, roll call, and so on) and supervising activities for this group. During this time, the Kindergarten children are encouraged to strengthen their relationships with classmates and gradually adapt to OOSH routines so they can socialize and develop relationships with all the children in OOSH.

We believe this project will ease the transition of the youngest children in OOSH. It will ensure supervision and encourage children to experience the OOSH program. We believe that Kindy parents will feel very comfortable with this arrangement, as it will cater for their needs.

During this term, OOSH is pleased to introduce the Active Sport Program that will take a place every Wednesday, from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm. OOSH is supporting the Government's initiative of Active After School Care. The purpose of this initiative is to support active sport among children, teach the children about sportsmanship, fair play, and all of this through a variety of active games that we hope everyone will enjoy. Each session is run by an experienced coach and is designed to accommodate abilities and interest of two age groups: seniors and juniors. Every participant will receive a diploma of active sport in the end of the term. If you would like your child to participate in Active Sport, please book your child for OOSH on Wednesdays. The program starts on 11.02.09, so you still have time to book for this day ☺

And just a few reminders:

- all the families using the OOSH need to fill in Annual Registration Form 2009.
- Please consult Centerlink about using Before School Care and/or After School Care; you may be eligible to receive a 50% rebate on the fees!

Kind Regards, Meg Trop OOSH Director

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY - TERM 1	
Monday 9	Parent Information Evenings: Kindergarten, Years 1 and 1/2 - 6.00-6.30pm; Years 2, 2/3, 3/4 and 4 - 6.40-7.10pm; Years 5 and 6 - 7.20-7.50pm
Tuesday 10	School Swimming Carnival - Lane Cove Aquatic Centre - Years 2 - 6 attend
Monday 16	School Council Meeting 500pm and P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 19	Selective High School test for 2010
Thursday 26	"Sunnies for Sight Day" - gold coin donation
Friday 27	"Clean up School" Day
MARCH	
Tuesday 10	Zone Swimming Carnival - Lane Cove Aquatic Centre
Monday 30	Regional Swimming Carnival - Homebush Aquatic Centre
Tuesday 31	Grandparents and Special Friends' Day
APRIL	
Thursday 9	ANZAC Day Ceremony to be held at School Last Day of Term 1
APRIL - TERM 2	
Monday 27	ANZAC DAY public holiday
Tuesday 28	School Development Day
Wednesday 29	Students return to school for commencement of Term 2
MAY	
Tues-Thur 12-14	NAPLAN National Assessment Tests - Years 3 and 5
Thur 14	Life Education Commences K-6
SEPTEMBER - TERM 3	
Wed 23-Fri 25	Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6 - 3 day excursion to Canberra

LIBRARY NEWS



You have probably noticed that there is a new face in the library. My name is Alan Cockerill, and I have just moved down from Queensland. My wife has taken up a position teaching Japanese at the University of Sydney. I feel very fortunate to be working at Beauty Point Public School with so many lovely students and dedicated teachers. I know that Mrs. Williams was very sad to be leaving.

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me and made me feel at home. Please feel free to come and meet me in the library after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, which are the days I will be at Beauty Point. I will be especially pleased to meet any parents who are interested in assisting with the covering of books, as I believe has happened in the past.

Library borrowing is starting this week, so please make sure that all students have a library bag for the protection of books borrowed.

Happy reading!

Alan Cockerill, Teacher Librarian

CHESS NEWS



Each Wednesday we will be having a tutor from the Academy of Chess who will cater for all levels from beginners to advanced players. Payments need to be in by Wednesday 11th February, please make cheques payable to Beauty Point School. For more information please see Mrs Curvey. Permission notes will be sent home with your child and Term 1 commences on the 11th February at a cost of \$56.00. Chess lessons are held in Mrs Curvey's room.

Mrs Curvey, Chess Co-ordinator

BAND NOTES

Welcome back to another great year of Band at BPPS! The beginning of the year can be a bit daunting getting organised but please contact us any time if you need help. A letter about the Band program should have gone home this week! If you have missed registration today for some reason, don't worry! Just contact the committee and we can sign you up.

Wednesday 4 Feb: 3.00pm

- Bay Music signs up in the School Library for music lessons and instrument hire
- Registration for Concert and Training Band 2009 – in the Music Room / Mr Gallagher's room (some school instruments for hire)

Concert Band – Conductor Brad Madigan. The first rehearsal will be on Monday 9 February at 7.40am. The Music Room will be open from 7.30am. (7.45-8.45 rehearsal)

Sharing the classroom will require each student to be diligent in the set-up and clear up of the space. Please ensure that we start on time

Training Band – hopefully all our new members are now signed up for private lessons and are organizing instrument hire. Brad Madigan, our conductor, is back on deck and rehearsals will be starting Friday 13 February at 7.40am. The Music room will be open from 7.30am (7.45-8.45 rehearsal)

Volunteers are a vital part to the success of the band year. Please do not be afraid to put your hand up to assist!

If you have any questions please contact Carrie Gray (0410 696 309) or Di Barker (0401 989 643) our Band Co-ordinators.

Happy Music Making
The Band Committee

COMMUNITY NOTES



MOSMAN NETBALL CLUB PLAY NETBALL FOR MOSMAN IN 2009

For girls aged 8 or over in 2009

Games played on Friday evening (Nettas) or Saturday morning (Juniors) at Willoughby Reserve

Practice sessions are held weekdays from 3:30pm at the new courts in Cross Street Mosman

Girls of all standards welcome **Parent Participation Essential**
REGISTRATION: Saturday 7 February

BRING ID Bridgepoint Overpass, Bridgepoint Shopping Centre, Mosman 1:00 - 3:00pm

Competition commences 27 March 2009

New players please bring proof of age: birth certificate or passport

Every team 1 Manager requires: 2 Umpires (no experience necessary, full training)
1 Coach 1 Club Duty Assistant

For further information, please visit our website:
www.mosmannetball.com

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY JUNIOR HOCKEY REGISTERING PLAYERS NOW!

Sydney University Hockey Club Juniors are based on the North Shore and participate in the Northern Area winter hockey competition. The Club currently has vacancies in the U/9, U/11 and U/13 age groups.

The Club trains on Monday each week and our games are on Saturday mornings and occasionally early on Friday nights. Our coaches are great - they are mostly 1st grade players who are Hockey Scholarship holders from Sydney University.

If you are interested in playing field hockey, we would love you to join our Club. Beginners are very welcome in every age group.

Registration Day is 2pm to 4pm, Sunday 15 February at the Clubhouse, Primrose Park, Matora Lane, Neutral Bay (enter via Young Street) or email juniorhockey@suhc.asn.au.

PARENTING PROGRAMS
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- *Speech and Drama - including public speaking an school drama groups*
- *Vocal – classical and contemporary*
- *Choral - including school choirs and choral groups*
- *Instrumental - including school bands, orchestras and ensembles*
- *Piano, *Pipe Organ*

The Syllabus is available free on our website

www.northernbeacheseisteddfod.com.au or from Warringah Mall Customer Service, Bloch's an Mall Music, Warringah Council and Warringah Library Pittwater Council, Mona Vale Library, Manly Council ,Manly Library Eagle Music- Dee Why Leading Edge -Warriewood Square or from the Administrator Bev Hull – (Phone 9981 2470) at a cost of \$7.50 for postage and handling.

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