



BEAUTY POINT BUZZ

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Wednesday 4th March, 2009

Small School – Big Opportunities

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our current School Value focus is "CARE"

Dear Parents

Thank you to all our students and families for their wonderful support of our "Sunnies for Sight" fundraiser that was held last Thursday. We raised \$361 and this will restore the sight of at least seventy two people. A great effort!

Last Friday was a very busy day for the pupils at Beauty Point. The Stage 3 students competed in the Jeopardy competition via video conferencing. We competed against two schools in country NSW and one city school. We had a resounding win and have moved through to the preliminary finals. These are being held on Tuesday 31st March at 2:00 p.m. Good luck to our team.

Clean Up Australia Day for Schools was also held on Friday. The children were very enthusiastic and did a wonderful job. Our playground looked fantastic and hopefully it will stay that way. Mrs Kaloudis reported that there was a great reduction in the amount of rubbish collected this year, so well done to everyone.

Thank you to all the parents who are making sure that their children remain safe by keeping them out of the staff carpark. Unfortunately some parents are still accessing this area so I would like to remind them that the carpark is out of bounds for students for safety reasons.

There has been a huge increase in the amount of dog excrement in the playground, particularly on Mondays. It has been reported to me that there are many dog owners using our playground on the weekend to exercise their dogs. Dogs are not allowed in our playground at any time and the police and rangers have been contacted about this problem. Please take your dogs to the appropriate place to exercise them and leave our playground for our students to enjoy.

It is great to see so many parents socialising out in the playground before and after school. One of the great strengths of our school is its very strong community support for old and new parents and I certainly encourage this activity. I would make a small request though for you to have these conversations away from the classrooms if the bell has not rung as it can be quite distracting to the students, particularly the Kindys.

Family Fun Day will be held on 22nd March. This is a wonderful afternoon and I encourage you all to come along and join in. This is a great opportunity for our new families to meet our "old" families and have a fantastic afternoon filled with fun activities.

Next Tuesday 10th April the Beauty Point swimming team will compete in the Zone Swimming Carnival at Lane Cove Aquatic Centre. Thank you to Mrs Heath for organising the team and to the parents who are helping with transport and official duties on the day. We wish our students all the best in their endeavours.

Thank you to the many families who have either paid in full or made an instalment against their child's school account. The response has been quite good so far. If you have yet to pay this account, please do so without delay.

Sue Gilks
Relieving Principal

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

*Congratulations to the fantastic Stage 3 Jeopardy Team for their outstanding win in the
1st round of the Video Conferencing Jeopardy Contest.
Well Done!*

Following on from last fortnight's announcement that this year's focus will be on educational resources I am pleased to announce that I have signed a couple of cheques which will help the school achieve its targets in this area.

The school is fortunate to have special backup for children who are having difficulty keeping up with the pace of work in their class. This extra support is provided by Pam Cohen (Support Teacher Learning). Several years ago funding for these services was cut due to the schools excellent scores in the Basic Skills Test. It would be of little consolation to you that the school overall was doing very well if your own child was having difficulty. When this funding was cut the P&C stepped in to take up the shortfall in funding so this support teaching could continue at the same level. Last week I signed a cheque for \$14,000 so we can continue to have this valuable teaching support at the school.

I also signed over a cheque for \$20,000 to be used for teaching aids and collateral in the school. It often makes sense to supplement the school budget in this way rather than the P&C buying items directly because

- a) the school can claim back the G.S.T. and
- b) it makes the procurement process easier for us and for the school.

Finally I'd like to say that in the near future we're going to experience further significant improvements to our school. If you'd like to be involved in these exciting new developments then come along and become part of the team at our **AGM on 16th March**.

Angus Laing
President P&C

LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Breaking News on the Language Program

We received a huge response from parents on the Foreign Language Survey. The overwhelming majority of parents supported language teaching within the school curriculum, were happy with paying for this through their School Account, and did not feel that the school needs to tie itself to Italian in the future. Many parents offered helpful suggestions.

Following subsequent positive discussions with both staff and parents, it has been decided to launch a French program on a trial basis for the rest of this year, provided that a suitably qualified and skilled language teacher can be recruited. French has been chosen as the target language, as it is a world language, it is relatively easy to speak (compared to Asian languages) and there is a significant minority of French-speaking families within Beauty Point.

All children will receive around one hour's French teaching every week. The new French program will have an emphasis on basic conversation, and will be funded through requesting parents to pay an additional contribution on each child's school account.

We are now seeking to recruit a part-time, 2 day per week French teacher, who is accredited to teach K to 6 in NSW, to make this program happen. If you know of any leads or suitably qualified people we can approach, please contact Rosie Connor as soon as possible.

STEWART HOUSE



Most classes will receive a Stewart House Clothing bag today – any large bag can be used. **The bags need to be returned to the office verandah by Tuesday 10th March. Bags will not be accepted after this date.**

HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER - HELP

Please can you contact Cathy Lowe on 0410 561 193 if you won the following at the Halloween Fundraiser

1. Month of November Birthday
2. A Stomp voucher that you have been unable to redeem

CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

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YR 1 Tilly
 YR 1/2 Mia, Will, Francesca
 YR 4 Olivia
 YR 6 Abbey, Coralie, Cosette

CHILDREN RECEIVING BANNERS

YR 6 Ethan

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH	
Tuesday 10	Zone Swimming Carnival - Lane Cove Aquatic Centre
Monday 16	P&C Meeting
Thursday 19	Selective High School Testing for 2010
Friday 20	Beauty Point celebrates Harmony Day – wear orange to school
Sunday 22	Family Fun Day
Monday 23	First information morning for Kindergarten 2010
Friday 27	Stage 2 excursion "Significant Sights of Sydney" - Years 3 and 4
Monday 30	Regional Swimming Carnival - Homebush Aquatic Centre
Tuesday 31	Grandparents and Special Friends' Day
APRIL	
Wednesday 1	Autumn Fair Fundraiser for our World Vision Child "Marnie" Years 5 and 6
Friday 3	Banner Assembly
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
Saturday 23	Fireworks Night at Beauty Point Public School
SEPTEMBER - TERM 3	
Wed 23-Fri 25	Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6 - 3 day excursion to Canberra

SCIENCE NEWS

Years 3 and 4 are taking a walk along the Beauty Point Track next week to observe, sketch and photograph native plants of the local area. The children are then going to design a small garden of native plants in the school playground.



Mirelle Farrell
 Science Teacher



OUR WINNING SCIENTISTS FOR THE FORTNIGHT

are

Junior Scientist - Sophie Andrews and Senior Scientist - Cain Bartolomei



HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILDREN'S SCHOOL BE EVEN BETTER ?

The best way to do this is to become involved in the P&C association, which is an organisation whose sole purpose is to make this happen. We have made many great improvements to the school over the years and we are entering a new and exciting phase of our school's development.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED IN THE P&C?

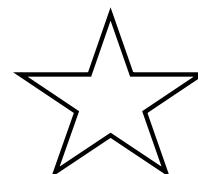
On 16th March we will be having our Annual General Meeting. At this meeting ALL positions are up for re-election. We will welcome input and involvement from new parents whose children have many years in front of them at the school. Some of our committee members' children will soon be leaving the school, so we now need some new people to get involved now so we can have an orderly handover.

Here's a description of all the roles so you can figure out what may suit you

President:	Chairs meetings and is the P&C's representative on the school council. Writes a bit in the "Buzz" to let everyone know what's going on.
Vice president:	Stands in for the President when unavailable
Treasurer:	Handles banking, spending and accounting
Secretary:	Takes minutes at the P&C meeting and handles mail
Fundraising Coordinator:	Performs the vital role of overseeing and reporting on fundraising activities
Environment Coordinator:	Their mission is to make the school grounds as pleasant, beautiful and functional as possible.
Uniform Shop Coordinator:	Ensures the efficient running of the uniform shop
Class Parent Coordinator:	Liases between all the class parents and the P&C and oversees the work of the class parents

If you feel you can contribute to our school's success by filling any of these positions please feel free to call our current President Angus Laing on 9948 7297 or come along to the

AGM on 16th March, 7:30 in our P&C Funded School Hall to find out more.



LIBRARY NEWS



Everyone is settling into their routines in the library (including the teacher-librarian) and we are doing some interesting work. The Year 6 students are starting to contribute to the "Intranews", and it is taking shape as an intranet-based school magazine. In a week or two we should be ready to share it with the whole school community.

Year 5 are working on creating a picture book, and are starting to type their narratives into publisher. Over the past month most classes have listened to stories about bushfires and about life in rural Australia.

We will soon be promoting the Premier's Reading Challenge and hope to have an update in the next edition of "Buzz".

A big thank you to Michelle Kibble and Helen Laird for helping with book covering!

Happy reading!

Alan Cockerill, Teacher Librarian

OOSH NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

OOSH is determined to provide high quality care for the children in our Before School Care and After School Care programs. We aim to provide a safe and entertaining environment for the children. We are constantly evaluating our program according to the children's needs, interests and requests. Now, I would like to ask the families using the service to express their ideas and comments regarding OOSH; - what sort of activities would you like your child to do at OOSH. Please feel free to talk to the Director and staff. Your feedback is very valuable to us.

We would like to thank Mrs Weir for the fish tank we were just given. OOSH will have pet fish as of next week. We will be quite busy with naming the fish and teaching the children about proper care of fish and all other pets. We will make a display board with pictures of our pets ☺

Meg Trop, Director

KITCHEN CLUTTER - LOST KITCHEN PLATTERS

There are a lot of platters and containers – most with no names on them – in the canteen. If you think you have lost one – please look in the canteen.

BAND NOTES

Concert Band:

Grandparents and Special Friends Day is fast approaching. This year we are asking Concert Band players to show off their musical talents and perform during the Morning Tea session. Could Concert Band players please prepare an item - be it for a solo, duo or trio performance – for next Monday Lunchtime's rehearsal? Brad will make the final selection of performers to play in front of our Grandparents and Special Friends.

Training Band:

The Training Band is growing in strength each week and sounding great! Remember the next rehearsal will be Friday 13 March. **Band Camp** is on 1-3 May 2009. Please mark it in your diaries. Camp details will be issued shortly.

The Band Committee

Beauty Point Band Programme 2009 Key Contacts

Name	Position	Phone	Mobile	Email
Brad Madigan	Conductor		0422 330 201	N/A
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Di Barker	Band/Camp Co-ordinator	9948 1567	0401 989 643	mibarker@bigpond.net.au
Sarah Gori	Treasurer/Camp Co-ordinator	9968 3998	0413 773 626	sgori@bigpond.net.au
Julie Giannesini	Treasurer			
Tony McHarg	Band Committee	9960 6196	0407 301 472	tony.mcharg@aig.com
Carolyn Campbell	Conductor/Training Band Parent Liaison	9968 2143	0425 259 279	carolyn@machineryautomation.com.au

EASTER FUNDRAISER

Dear Beauty Point Families,

Easter time is coming! Traditionally Beauty Point Public School has sold Easter eggs during the lead up to the Easter holidays. Last year this event raised \$6 000, the money went towards the fantastic smartboards that the school now has and is using. This year the school has specifically nominated the money be spent on Maths equipment for all classes K to Year 6. These resources are vital to make Maths learning fun and meaningful by encouraging hands-on experiences for every child in our school.

Recognising that some families love selling eggs and some don't, we would like to offer an alternative option of a direct donation.

Option 1: This year, only the Cadbury dairy milk solid Easter chocolate eggs will be available. These eggs come in a carry box containing 20 packets of 120g solid chocolate eggs. These should be sold at \$3 per packet, with the school making a direct profit of \$20 per box.

Option 2: Monetary donation to Beauty Point Public School P and C.

To assist with distribution and avoid confusion we ask families to prepay this year.

Please would you complete the following form and submit it with your payment by either cash or cheque to the School Office by 4th March 2009. **All cheques are to be made payable to Beauty Point Public School P and C Association.**

Your assistance in responding by this date would be greatly appreciated so we can order appropriately and in time. If you have any questions please contact Catriona Andrews (0417309566) Georgie Ward (0419014533) Erika McHarg (0414324986)

I would like to order _____ number of Cadbury Carry box(s) @ \$60 per box _____

I would like to make a monetary donation in lieu of the above _____

Total enclosed _____

Name _____ Phone No _____

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Boxes will be sent home with child nominated on this order form.



COMMUNITY NOTES

SOCCKER COACH WANTED

for

YEAR 1

BEAUTY POINT BLUEBOTLE'S SOCCER TEAM

Would suit mature teenager (and friend) with soccer skills and the ability to coach 10 boys aged 6 to

Victory!

Please reply to Debra Kelly
9960 2259
0403 071 204
debark@tpg.com.au



Mobile 0402 002 989

Email karenapw@gmail.com

Speech Pathology Service

Provided in local rooms and provided in your child's school.

My name is Karen Webster - I have over 20 years of experience as a children's speech pathologist.

I have a bachelor of science in speech pathology as well as a master's degree in speech pathology.

I have worked as a private speech pathologist in the Seaforth, Balgowlah, Manly area for 14 years and have seen many children from the local early childhood centers, preschools and schools.

I have also worked as a public health service speech pathologist in the area.

I have seen a number of children at Seaforth Public school and find the direct liaison with the child's teacher very beneficial.

Please contact me on my mobile or Email to discuss speech pathology for your child and make an appointment.

As from 2008 fees for the first 5 speech pathology sessions are often claimable from medicare. Fees are usually also claimable longer term from your **medical insurance.**

I look forward to hearing from you regarding your Seaforth Publicchild or their younger brothers or sisters.

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No need to book, but please arrive 10-15 minutes before the class to wind-down and chat with your instructor, Georgina Brett.

Georgina teaches yoga at Virgin Active, local schools and corporations – and now, we are lucky to have her at Keirle Park Tennis Centre. She combines Japanese Yoga Therapy with classic hatha yoga. Georgina is both qualified and experienced, placing 7th in Australia in the 2008 National Bischnu Charan Championships.



FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

3.00pm - 5.30pm

(Back up date - Sunday 5th April)

**Come and enjoy a great afternoon with the family and your school community.
Bring a picnic and a rug.**

You will also be able to purchase the following:

- Sausage sizzle (sponsored by LJ Hooker)

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- Cakes, lolly bags, chips
- Drinks (non alcoholic)
 - Ice blocks
- Plaster fun house

Activities will include:

- Face painting
- sack races
- 3 legged race
- Egg and spoon race
- Paper airplane flying competition (we will supply the paper on the day)
- and the ever popular tug of war

The races will start from 4.00pm.

(Please do not bring any dogs, bikes, scooters or skateboards)

SEE YOU THERE