



BEAUTY POINT BUZZ

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TERM 2 WEEK 2

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Small School – Big Opportunities

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our current School Value focus is "CARE"

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of the "Buzz" for Term 2. I trust that the children have returned to school well rested and ready for the varied challenges their teachers have planned in the coming weeks. Thank you to the many parents who have called into the office to say, "Welcome back." I must say that it is good to be back at Beauty Point. That said, I enjoyed my experiences last term as Principal of Narraweena Public School. I would like to acknowledge and thank Sue Gilks and Kevin Gallagher for the excellent manner in which they relieved as Principal of BPPS. The school was in good hands

Last Sunday, it was my pleasure to be present for the concert by the **Training and Concert Bands** to close the annual **Band Camp** held at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. Congratulations to every member of both bands for the excellent progress they are making with a number of challenging pieces set by our conductor, Brad Madigan. Thank you to the Band Committee, chaired by Carrie Gray, for their efforts to date this year, especially Di Barker who co-ordinated the camp. Many parents helped out over the weekend in a variety of ways and I thank them all. I believe that Tony McHarg was present all weekend. A great effort by everyone involved! We now look ahead this term for the participation by both bands in the **Yamaha competitions**.

On Monday, both the **Year 5 and 6 Dance groups** auditioned for a place in the Sydney North Dance Festival to be held at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose during the last fortnight of this term. We hope to hear of the offer of a place for both groups shortly. These children are working under the direction of Mrs Farrell, Miss Conway and Mr Sharwood.

Yesterday our **School Cross Country team** competed at the zone carnival at Artarmon Reserve. This follows last week's school event at Spit West Reserve that was washed out twice last term. Thank you to Mrs Curvey for organising our school event and to the many parents who were able to attend these carnivals to support our children. Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to represent North Shore Zone at the **Sydney North Regional Cross Country Championships** to be held at Gosford on 11 June. **Siena** (9 yrs and under); **Maddie** (10 yrs), **Ben** (10yrs).

The **recent installation of 6 Interactive Whiteboards (SmartBoards)** in 5 classrooms and the library now means that we have 11 IWBs and every student in the school has access to the use of an IWB. The latest installations are a **direct result** of the outstanding parent fundraising effort from last year's P & C "Halloween" function. On behalf of the students and staff, I thank everyone who contributed to this fundraising. The IWB is an outstanding educational tool that will enrich classroom learning at BPPS. Staff will undertake regular training to develop their skills in this area. For example, all staff will be attending a training session at Chatswood tomorrow afternoon.

The **P&C annual general meeting** was held last term and I congratulate Howard Portrate on his election as P & C President. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Angus Laing, the retiring President who stepped down this year, for his wonderful contribution to our school in this role. As a VP in 2009, I am sure that Angus still has much to contribute to BPPS. Following the close of nominations for the election of parent representatives for the **School Council**, I declare all three nominees, Rosie Connor, Fiona Greet and Mark Little elected for the coming 12 months. They will join Howard Portrate, teachers Amelia Ewan & Rowan Heath and me on the council.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to all the girls and boys who took part in the recent School Cross Country event.

Your effort under difficult conditions was highly commendable.

Thanks also to the many parents who attended and supported the children on the day.

Accompanying today's "Buzz" is a copy of the **Beauty Point Public School Annual Report for 2008**. Thank you to staff and parents who contributed to its compilation.

This term, all class teachers will be implementing **social skills lessons** based on the principles on the highly regarded program called, "**Bounce Back**". A key element of this work is promoting resilience among our children. Further information is provided by Mrs Ewan later in this "Buzz".

I remind all parents of students in **Years 3 & 5** that next week they will be sitting the **National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**. The program of testing is as follows, Tuesday, 12 May; Languages Conventions & Writing; Wednesday, 13 May; Reading; Thursday, 14 May; Numeracy. It is important that students arrive promptly for these tests.

Next Thursday, the **Life Education** van (commonly known as Healthy Harold) will arrive at Beauty Point. All classes will visit the van for lessons with the specialist educators that focus on healthy lifestyle habits and choices. Thank you to Mrs Kaloudis for organising this visit.

The **annual Beauty Point Public School Fireworks Night set down for Saturday, 23 May** is rapidly approaching. This is always a wonderful event that is well supported by the school and wider community. Information regarding ticket purchases & order forms etc appears on the cover pages of this "Buzz". Please spread the word the neighbours, family and friends. All will be welcome and will support our fantastic school. I know that you will strongly support the efforts of the Year 4 parent organising committee!

Important dates for your diary; A **school working bee** will be held at BPPS on **Sunday, 17 May** between 11am – 1.00pm. Please set aside a couple of hours to come along and support the school's grounds committee. Remember that a great deal can be achieved in a short time by a healthy number of volunteers on the day.

Open Day for Education Week at Beauty Point will be conducted on Monday 25th May from 9.15 until 11.00am. We will commence with some presentations in the Hall followed by classroom visits. Further information will be provided in the next "Buzz": All parents are warmly invited to attend.

I look forward to seeing you in the playground.

Regards,

Graham Phillips
Principal

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P&C NEWS - next meeting Monday May 18

There is a lot on in the month ahead. The next meeting of the P&C to be held on Monday, May 18 will discuss and agree on the priorities for funds raised through the various activities organised by the P&C. We welcome input from all parents in this important matter and hope to see you on the 18th.

Last year we focused on raising money to install an Interactive White Board in every classroom and the library. The installation of these is now complete and the students and teachers are enjoying the benefits of the hard work that went into this endeavour.

On May 17, from 11am to 1pm, there is a Working Bee at the school being organised by the amazing Helen Kirkman. The grounds are looking great but can always do with a small amount of help from parents and kids. Everyone is invited to help followed by a sausage sizzle.

Then on May 23 we have the world famous Beauty Point Public School Fireworks Night. Each year this night proves to be a lot of fun for kids and parents. The Year 4 parents have put a lot of effort into organising another fun afternoon and evening.

If you have suggestions for what you would like to see the P&C focus on for the next 12-18 months, drop a note into the school office addressed to me or, better yet, come along to the meeting on May 18 and play a part in the decision making.

Howard Portrate, President P&C

BOUNCE BACK!

This term all children from Years 1 – 6 will be participating in the Bounce Back! Resiliency Program.

This program offers practical strategies to help all young people cope with the complexity of their everyday lives and learn to “bounce back” when they experience sadness, difficulties, frustrations and hard times. The basic approach of the program is literacy based and incorporates the multiple intelligences model.

The basis of the program can be summarised in this acronym below which students will be encouraged to learn.

If you would like to know more about Bounce Back – please drop in to see me – or your child’s teacher.

Amelia Ewan

BOUNCE BACK ACRONYM

When things go wrong for you, or you get “knocked down” by what happens in your life, remember that you can decide to BOUNCE BACK! and be yourself again.

Bad times don’t last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic

Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check

Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset.

Nobody is perfect – not you and not others.

Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.

Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.

Blame fairly – how much of what happened was because of you, how much was because of others and how much was because of bad luck or circumstances?

Accept the things you can’t change, but try to change what you can first.

Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don’t believe the worst possible picture.

Keep things in perspective. It’s only one part of your life.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE

**Volunteers Required
2009 Autumn Working Bee**

Sunday 17 May 11am to 1pm

All of the garden work at Beauty Point Primary is done by volunteers. And, we need a lot of help to do the weeding, pruning, pest spraying, fertilising, a bit of planting and mulching. No heavy work - I promise.

We have spades, rakes, one wheel barrow, mulch and gloves and pest spray and a power saw.

If you have a wheel barrow or more power tools (hedge trimmer, leaf blower, power saw) please bring them. And, bring your kids and their bikes, scooters, footballs and basketballs.

We start at 11am sharp with tea, coffee, bottled water and sausage sandwiches.

Hope to see you there. Helen Kirkman P&C Environment Officer

SPORTING NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

On a day of mixed weather last Thursday, all students aged 8 years and older walked to Spit West Reserve to compete in the School cross country.

Congratulations everybody for putting in a wonderful effort. Thanks also must go to the wonderful parents who stepped in to help.

The following children are achieved fantastic results:

9 Years and Under	10 Years	11 Years	12 Years
Boys			
Cain	James	Ben	Jack
Hector	Mitchell	Ethan	Padraig
Ben	Tim	Lucas	Jack
Tom	Jack	Adam	Robert
Daniel	Jason	Jack	Liam
			Neyaz
Girls			
Siena	Maddie	Julia	Sierra
Charlotte	Holly	Sydney	Taija
Carla	Caitlin	Isabella	Coralie
Bianca	Karina	Lucy	Allie
Tallulah		Alex	



Zone Cross Country

The Zone Cross Country was held at Artarmon Reserve yesterday. Most of the above children competed and achieved fantastic results.

We were the smallest school competing and have 3 of our students representing our school in the Regional Cross Country to be held at Gosford Racecourse on Thursday 11th June. Siena came 5th in the 8/9year old girls, Maddie came 3rd in the 10yr old girls and Ben came 5th in the 11yr old boys. Our team finished in 6th place from the 15 competing schools.

Could anyone who still has a cross country shirt at home please return it promptly to school?
Many thanks.

Lisa Curvey, Co-ordinator

SCIENCE NEWS

This term promises to be a busy time. **Year 6** have commenced an on line computer investigation entitled "Murder Under the Microscope". It is an inter-active environmental investigation game for school students. It will run for approximately 10 weeks in Term 2 for years 5-10. The aims of MuM – Murder under the Microscope are to build students understanding of environmental issues, foster awareness of the impact of human activity on the environment and promote appreciation of the need for sustainable practices in production, work and life activities.

Year 5 will be designing and constructing a pushcart to take part in a competition at Eastern Creek Raceway on August 25th. They need to follow strict guidelines when building the pushcart. Parents will be most welcome to assist with some of the more difficult aspects of the construction. The pushcart has to be inspected by the NRMA before we can take part. Any parent who may have old pram wheels or golf buggy wheels with a diameter of no more than 300mm we would appreciate them.



Year 4 and Year 3 – will be examining the properties of materials used in clothing and building. This will be an introduction for the students to conducting fair tests.

Years 1 and 2 – will be experimenting with sound with a view to designing and making their own musical instruments.

Kindergarten – will be studying the weather and will complete this unit giving weather forecasts on film.

Mirelle Farrell, Science Teacher

CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

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YR 1	Ashleigh
YR 2	Zoealex
YR 4	Sarah
YR 5	Luke
Yr 6	Annabel

CHILDREN RECEIVING BANNERS

YR 4 Sarah

GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY

The following correspondence was received following this special event last term.

“Dear Mr. Gallagher,
We wish to thank you for the wonderful morning we spent at Beauty Point School, for your celebration of Grandparent's and Special Friends' Day.

It was a delightful experience, moving one from tears to laughter of joy all in the one morning. Which I'm sure you, and all the teachers with such skill and insight, had fully expected.

No wonder Beauty Point is such a special school, with such talented children, who worked hard towards making the day for their grandparents and special friends' day, indeed special.

Please pass on our grateful thanks, and congratulations to all, and that means of course the whole school, for the gifts you gave us, of their talents, skills, and youth and beauty.

Congratulations to you on your easy and careful management of the concert and all its participants.

Best wishes, David and Anne Ferguson. (grandparents of Emily and Sophie)”

LIBRARY NEWS



Well done to those children who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge! As in past years, children completing the Premier's Reading Challenge are entitled to a merit certificate. Please come to the library to collect your merit certificate if you have not already done so.
Happy reading!

Alan Cockerill, Teacher Librarian

CHESS NEWS



Congratulations to these boys who will be representing BPPS in the Interschool Friday afternoon chess competition. Our first game is on Friday in our school library. We are all so proud of these boys and will know you will show good sportsmanship.

The Rookie Team is **Kieran, Josh, Ripley** and **Elliott**, The Intermediate Team comprises **Kristopher Kamma, Jack, Matthew, Josh** and **Padraig**.

Lisa Curvey, Chess Co-ordinator

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY- TERM 2	
Friday 8	Stewart House Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation
Monday 11	Information Morning for Kindergarten 2010 enrolments - 9.50am
Tues-Thur 12-14	NAPLAN National Assessment Tests - Years 3 and 5
Thursday 14	Life Education Commences K-6
Friday 15	WALK TO SCHOOL DAY PSSA sport commences
Sunday 17	School Working Bee - 11.00-1.00
Monday 18	P&C Meeting 7.30pm in the School Hall
Tuesday 19	Life Education ends
Wednesday 20	Robotics - Year 6
Friday 22	Multicultural Speaking Competition
Saturday 23	Fireworks Night
Monday 25 - Friday 29	Education Week Monday 25 th May from 9.15 until 11.00am – School Open Morning
Wednesday 27	Robotics - Year 5
Thursday 28	Musica Viva comes to Beauty Point Public School
JUNE	
Monday 8	Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday.
Wednesday 10	Australasian Schools Science Competition
Friday 11	Regional cross country
Monday 15	Information Morning for Kindergarten 2010 enrolments - 9.50am
Monday 22	School photographs
Tuesday 30	Stage 1 NAIDOC excursion
JULY	
Thursday 2	Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 7	Stage 2 NAIDOC excursion
Thursday 9	Stage 3 NAIDOC excursion Last day Term 2 - for students
Friday 10	Professional Learning Day for staff
JULY - TERM 3	
Monday 27	Term 3 commences for all students
Friday 31	State cross country
AUGUST	
Monday 3	Information Morning for Kindergarten 2010 enrolments - 9.50am
Tuesday 4	Australasian Schools English Competition
Wednesday 5	OC testing
SEPTEMBER	
Wed 23-Fri 25	Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6 - 3 day excursion to Canberra

FIREWORKS NIGHT

Fireworks Night Raffle

For your chance to Win !!

1st Prize - \$100 Warringah Mall Gift Voucher

2nd Prize - \$50 Westfield Gift Voucher

3rd Prize - Bottle of wine

Tickets only \$5 each or 3 for \$10 will be on sale at school On Wednesday 13th May before and after school,
Also on sale on the night!

OOSH NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2! Our program this term, apart from the usual arts & crafts, games and clubs activities will include:

- Homework on Mondays
- Active Sport on Wednesdays
- Hip-Hop on Thursdays

Vacation Care

During school holidays OOSH ran a very successful Vacation Care program; the children enjoyed a variety of activities both on in-centre days as well as on excursions. Our most popular days were the Disco day complete with jumping castle, Art day, IMAX and woodwork. Children also enjoyed big cubby, bowling and cooking ☺ Once again we hosted Ridge Street Kids Club, so children could meet new friends from the local area. Our Vacation Care program is open for BPPS students as well as children from other schools.

Homework in OOSH

Many parents indicated that they would like their children to do their homework in OOSH. Often, when children are collected from OOSH, they have had a long day and they are very tired and not too eager to do their homework at home. In OOSH, everyday, we have allocated time for homework and we encourage the children to do their homework or reading. From this Term, on Mondays extra time (30 min) will be provided for children to do their homework or reading. I must stress that children will be encouraged, not forced to do their homework, if a child does not have or does not want to do their homework alternative quiet activities are always available. If you would like your child to do their homework or reading, please sign your child on the list (located next to the sign-out roll) and ensure that they bring their homework. Staff members will check the list daily and remind the child about their homework. To make homework enjoyable, children are rewarded for helping others.

Quality Assurance

In the next few months OOSH will go through an accreditation process.

The process consists of 5 stages:

1. Registration – Centre is registered
2. Self study – self study report is prepared
(Children's, Families' and Staff Survey) – we are waiting for the surveys form NCAC
3. Validation – to be advised
4. Moderation – after Validator's visit
5. Accreditation Decision

Please read the info on the Community Noticeboard for detailed information regarding Accreditation. Your help and support is much needed and appreciated.

OOSH Website

I would like to ask parents who have some knowledge and skills in creating websites to help us create an OOSH website. The website will be a valuable source of information for all OOSH users and the broader community.

Kind Regards,

Meg Trop, Centre Director

STEWART HOUSE – Mufti Day

On Friday 8 May, children are asked to wear mufti clothing and put a gold coin in the Stewart House envelope and return it to school on that day. Your donation helps fund the program that supports 1,800 public school children who experience a healthy and much-needed break at Stewart House each year.

Be sure to write your name and contact details on the envelope for a chance to win a \$4,000 holiday for your family for the destination of your choice.

Mrs Heath,

PHOTO GALLERY



Zone Cross Country

COMMUNITY NOTES

MANLY WEST CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2009 11am – 5pm



Stalls, games, rides, food and much more.
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