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Small School – Big Opportunities

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our current School Value focus is "COOPERATION"

Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate the **students of Years 3 and 5** for the efforts in the **National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** conducted last week. The teachers were very impressed with the application of the both groups. Results will be received in schools in Term 3.

Congratulations also go to Helen Kirkman and her band of hard working helpers following last Sunday's **school working bee**. The grounds and gardens are looking very tidy due to their efforts. At a recent meeting of visiting Principals hosted at our school, a number of my colleagues commented on how great the school looks! This is largely due to the team under Helen's guidance. Thank you once again.

The school's exciting new **French program**, under the direction of Madam Dixon, commenced last week and was very enthusiastically received by the students and their teachers. I am sure that the girls and boys will benefit greatly from their participation in this foreign language program. As has been clearly communicated by the School Council via a survey and follow-up correspondence, this is a parent funded program. As such, I wish to inform you that the cost of the program for this year will be \$75-00 per child. A letter regarding payment for the program will be sent home next week. Merci!

This Saturday sees the **annual Beauty Point Public School Fireworks Extravaganza** here at school between 3.00 – 7.00pm. It is always a wonderful community event and I encourage you to come along with family, neighbours, friends etc to enjoy the carnival atmosphere. Everyone is sure to have a great time while raising funds that will further enhance the student learning programs at Beauty Point. This event is one of the school's two major fundraisers during the year. Pre-paid family tickets (2 adults & up to 4 children) are just \$20.00 or \$25.00 if purchased at the gate upon entrance.

Please take note a number of important dates that have recently been added to the school calendar.

2009 major fundraiser, Friday 11th September

School Disco, 5th November

School Concert, 30th November, Matinee; 2nd December, Evening performance

Year 6 Farewell, 10th December

Next week, Public Schools throughout NSW will celebrate **Education Week**. I extend a warm invitation to all parents to **attend the school on Monday, 25 May between 9.00 – 11.00am**. A Concert Band performance and class items will take place in the hall from 9.10am and will be followed by classroom visits before the Senior Dance groups will close the morning with a performance on the multi-purpose court at 10.50am.

Our librarian, Mr Cockerill, has arranged for a selection of books to be on sale in the library throughout the day as many parents have traditionally used this day to **donate a book** to the school library in their child's name. Further information on the book sale is elsewhere in the "Buzz".

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

A huge thank you to all parents and children who attended last Sunday's school working bee. Your efforts, under the leadership of Helen Kirkman, have done great things in beautifying the school grounds and have not gone unnoticed by visitors to Beauty Point.

Over the coming fortnight, our Year 5 and 6 students will attend the Balgowlah Boys Campus of the Northern Beaches Secondary College to participate in **Robotics workshops** with teachers from the Science faculty. I am sure our students will find this a stimulating experience.

All classes have attended lessons in the **Life Education** van that has visited Beauty Point over the past week. The course presenters, Louise and Lisa have been extremely impressed with the children's attentive and a positive approach to the lessons. I hope that you take some time to talk with your child about some of the issues discussed during the visit.

On Thursday next week, the highly regarded **Musica Viva** group, "Pastance" will visit the school to entertain the children with a performance in the hall.

As a part of the school's Talking & Listening program, children are currently participating in the **presentation of speeches with a focus on multi-culturalism**. Selected representatives from each class will present their speech to the school assembly this Friday. The staff will then select two students from each of Stage 2 & 3 to represent Beauty Point at the District finals of this competition later in the term.

I remind parents that **school photographs** will be taken at school on **Monday, 22 June**. Full winter uniform is to be worn by all students; band members will need their instruments and sport team members will bring their gear to change into for the photos.

Whilst speaking about sports, I was extremely pleased to hear very positive comments from Miss Conway, Ms Gilks and Mr Jensen in relation to the children's efforts following the commencement of **Soccer, Netball and AFL PSSA activities**. Parents are very welcome to attend the Friday afternoon matches to support our teams. Venue details can be obtained from the respective coaches.

Parent of students in Year 4 who intend to lodge an application for **Opportunity Class (OC) placement for 2010** are reminded that application forms must be returned to the school office no later than this Friday, 22 May.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fireworks event on Saturday.

Regards,

Graham Phillips
Principal

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P&C NEWS - next meeting Monday June 15

Monday night's P&C meeting maintained a tradition of vigorous and robust debate around setting the priorities and objectives for the P&C over the next 12 months. All agreed the main priority is to provide the school with the tools and support to maximise the opportunities the school offers.

In the spirit of full transparency, the following outlines the list of items the P&C will aim to fund in the short and longer term. In the short term, we will fund:

Literacy with \$7,100. This will allow the school to purchase:

Fiction books for Stage 2 Guided Reading (\$2,000)

Stage 1 books for take home reading programs (\$1,500)

Benchmarking kit for Stage 1 reading (\$600)

"Stars and Cars" reading program for K-6 (\$3,000)

Mathematics - \$1500 to continue purchasing hands on equipment for practical activities such as measurement.

HSIE - \$2,500 for additional literature based books to support the "Bounce Back" program and fund a speaker to launch/support this exciting program to both students and parents.

PDHPE - \$1,000 to supplement funds for PSSA participation in 2009

Longer term (by the end of the year), we aim to fund:

Current support learning teacher - \$14,000 which has already been paid for 2009 by the P&C and we aim to do the same at the beginning of next year.

Miscellaneous School Requirements - \$20,000. These funds are transferred by the P&C into the school account at the beginning of each year and used throughout the year at the discretion of The Principal to supplement the curriculum as he and the staff see fit. An accounting of these funds is provided to the P&C on a regular basis.

Additional support learning teacher - \$14,000.

Environment up keep - \$5,000. This will cover the out of pocket costs for working bees, lawn care, etc and will be supplemented by the school.

Science Room Interactive Whiteboard - \$8,000

Hall AV Equipment - \$12,500

Classroom air conditioners - \$6,000 for the 2 Kindergarten, Yr 5 and Yr 6 classrooms

The total amount required based on these objectives is \$91,600. Our aim is to raise \$78,000 this year to achieve this goal. I trust this gives you some appreciation of what the school and P&C are striving to achieve.

On other business, I would like you to join me in thanking Helen Kirkman for once again taking on the mammoth task of keeping the school environment looking wonderful. Her organisation and the outcome of Sunday's working bee is there for all to enjoy. Thanks also to the parents and kids who came along and helped make it a successful and productive day.

The Annual Fireworks Night is this Saturday. I hope you can all make what is always a very fun afternoon and evening.

A calendar note for your diary. Please put in the Major Fundraiser for the night of Friday, 11th September.

Howard Portrate
P&C President

BOUNCE BACK!

School Value – Co-operation

As an integral part of the newly introduced Bounce Back Resiliency Program there will be greater emphasis on explicitly teaching school values. Every three weeks the value will change and a different teacher will be in charge of "promoting" this value.

Our current value is Co-operation. Co-operation requires sharing ideas and resources, listening, encouraging each other, letting everyone have a say, doing your share of the work, and making decisions that are fair to everyone.

The younger students will be looking at the acronym "SHIELD"

Share things
Help each other
Ideas put together
Encourage each other
Let the other person have a go
Do your share of the work

Books such as The Little Red Hen will be read and questions such as "If people playing in a band did not co-operate, then ...?"

Older students will be reminded of the acronym **TEAM** – Together Everyone Achieves More and will look at texts including Piggybook and Amelia Elloicott's Garden.
Have you seen your children co-operating this week?

Amelia Ewan

WORKING BEE

A huge Thank You

To everyone who came and helped at the Working Bee on Sunday.

About 20 people turned up, (including a couple of neighbours) which means we were able to tidy up all of the garden beds, prune all the bushes, remove a dead tree, move the purple fountain grass out of the way of the builders and rake the soft fall under the playground equipment. We were also able to dispose of lots of rubbish from the P&C shed and under the classrooms. It was a very successful and fun day and the gardens look terrific.

Thank you very much, Helen Kirkman and the P&C

SPORTING NEWS

Netball News

The winter PSSA netball season started last Friday and the weather was great. Our school is fielding 3 teams this year and so 27 enthusiastic netballers boarded the bus for Willoughby netball courts. Our Blue 1 team had a resounding win against Willoughby and worked well together as a team. The person of the match was Coralie. The Blue 2 team played Neutral Bay and really tried hard but they were defeated. The person of the match was Kyoka. Our Green team had a bye last Friday but they are really looking forward to playing their first game this Friday. Once again I am organising the netball competition for the 15 competing schools in North Shore Zone and this job is made easier because of my three willing helpers, Harriet, Sophie and Taija. Thanks you girls for all your help. If you would like to come down to the courts and cheer on our teams you would be most welcome. We play at 1pm and 1:45pm.

Regards

Sue Gilks – Netball coach

AFL Auskick

Last Friday Stage 2 students participated in an AFL Auskick clinic at Artarmon Reserve. The clinic gave the students a chance to refine their skills for the Auskick competition. The teams are very excited about starting our season against our arch rivals Cammeray this Friday at Bales Park, Chatswood. Training will **resume on Tuesday 26th May at 8:25am**. Finally a reminder to all players to return their registration form to Mr Jensen by Friday in order to receive your free football.

Neil Jensen

AFL Coach

Soccer Results

It was a great start to our PSSA soccer season! Both teams played really well and enjoyed our matches. Each week a new captain is chosen and they will write a report on their game.

Danni Conway - Soccer coach

Blues –

Beauty Point Blues played Northbridge at Northbridge Oval. It was a very tough match and fortunately we won 2-1. Ethan played really well in attack and Ben scored both of our goals. Altogether, Beauty Point had the best start to the season that I've seen! Man of the match went to Pdraig for always being first to the ball.

Liam (captain)

Reds –

On Friday we played against Northbridge. Everybody had a good first game for the reds. We played a strong game, however we lost 2-0. I thought our team was the better team on the field! Lucas, Jack and Mitchell all played a fantastic game. Man of the match went to Jason for his brilliant all round soccer skills.

Adam (captain)

CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

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YR 1/2	Maya
YR 2	Sam, Ewan
YR 2/3	Gabrielle, Cella
YR 5	Lucas
YR 6	Jessica, Ben

CHILDREN RECEIVING BANNERS

YR 4 Sarah

STEWART HOUSE MUFTI DAY

A very big thank you to all those who contributed to the Stewart House Mufti Day Gold Coin Donation. We had a great day and raised over \$470. Everyone looked groovy in their mufti clothes.
Rowan Heath

LIBRARY NEWS



Education Week Book Donations

On Monday 25th May, when we have our Education Week celebrations at the school, parents will have the opportunity to purchase a book for the library and donate it in their child's name. This is to continue a tradition started by Mrs Williams at the school. Books from local book suppliers Pages & Pages and from Usborne Books will be on display in the library. Any book purchased by families will have their child's name on a sticker inside the cover to show the donor. That child will also have the first opportunity to borrow the book. Families can visit the library from 8.30 am to 11.00 am or from 3.00pm to 3.30 pm to make purchases. Families are also free to visit the library during these hours just to inspect the library and talk with the teacher-librarian.

Alan Cockerill – Teacher Librarian

CHESS NEWS



Sadly, this term we don't have enough chess participants for an Academy of Chess tutor to come to our school for lunchtime tutorials. However, towards the end of this term we will ask for expressions of interest and hopefully be able to resume the program for Term 3. Good luck to the intermediate and rookie teams in this Friday's inter-school competition.

Lisa Curvey, Chess Co-ordinator

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY- TERM 2	
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.
Tuesday 9	Mosman Day BBQ
Wednesday 10	Australasian Schools Science Competition
Thursday 11	Regional Cross Country
Friday 12	Concert Band – Yamaha Festival 1pm
Monday 15	Information Morning for Kindergarten 2010 enrolments - 9.50am P&C Meeting 7.30pm in the school hall
Thursday 18	Stage 2 Excursion – The Great Synagogue/St Mary's Cathedral

Friday 19	Training Band – Yamaha Festival 10.30am
Monday 22	School photographs
Tuesday 30	Stage 1 NAIDOC excursion
Monday 29 – Friday 3 July	Dance Festival
JULY	
Thursday 2	Athletics Carnival – Middle Head Oval
Tuesday 7	Stage 2 NAIDOC excursion
Thursday 9	Stage 3 NAIDOC excursion Last day Term 2 - for students
Friday 10	<u>Professional Learning Day for staff</u>
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 for nominated Year 4 students
SEPTEMBER	
Wed 23-Fri 25	Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6 - 3 day excursion to Canberra

FIREWORKS NIGHT

Fireworks Evening

Saturday 23rd May, 3:00pm till 7:00pm

Thank you to those families who have already ordered their tickets. They will be sent home in your child's school bag this week.

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE PRE-PAID TICKETS THIS THURSDAY!

Save money and time queuing by either using the order form attached to this Buzz or we will also be selling fireworks tickets and raffle tickets in the school grounds this Wednesday and Thursday at school pick-up.

Fireworks Night is only three days away (subject to weather) so we thought we would let you know what exciting rides and stalls will be there for you on the night. Also some general information should you require any assistance during the evening.

The only entrance on the night is halfway up Medusa Street, where you will see us, selling event and raffle tickets, for those of you that don't already have pre-paid tickets. All other gates will be locked.

The fireworks will be set off behind the multi-purpose court between 6:45pm and 7:00pm. Because of this the whole area behind the court will be out of bounds on the evening. This will also include the passage way from the library running through to the Government Road gate and behind that block of class rooms. Just before the fireworks are set off the multi-purpose court will also be closed off. Announcements will be made prior to fireworks display commencing.

There will be plenty of food thanks to our wonderful class and year parents, who will be working hard behind the scenes.

- Kindy - Kindy cafe
- Year 1 - Soup and Ice-creams
- Year 2 - BBQ – Sausage Sizzle
- Year 3 - Pizza and drinks.
- Year 4 - Glowsticks and glow jewellery, hats and flashing toys
- Year 5 - Gluwhain
- Year 6 - "Kid's Corner" - Games in the hall

Raffle tickets will be available prior to and on the night of the event. Tickets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10, with Gift vouchers of \$100, \$50 and third prize will be a bottle of wine. This raffle will be drawn just prior to the firework display.

Last but not least there are amusement rides in the grounds with 3 Bouncy Castles to choose from, a large slide, cup and saucer ride, and small swinging chairs. The tickets for rides are \$3 each or \$20 unlimited. Tickets can be obtained at the Glow Products stand.

During the evening there will be a medical person on call and security people in attendance. A central meeting place, should you need anything during the evening will be in the treasurer's office which will be located in the small room to the side of 1/2G veranda.

A wet weather call will be made on either late Friday or Saturday morning. We will update the sign outside the school if we need to postpone. The back-up date is Saturday 30th May.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community and all the mums and dads for the time and effort they have put in behind the scenes. We hope you all have a fantastic evening.

The Fireworks Event Team.

OOSH NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your help with creating our website. Currently the website is under construction, we will be ready in few weeks!

This week I would like to present to all users of OOSH our revised policies.

The committee revised the policies and below there are changes that were accepted. The full copy of OOSH Policies and Procedures is available in OOSH for all users to express their feedback.

1. P.15 – Service Access – rewrite
2. P.21 - Fees – changes to Government department names – general update
3. P.23 - Debtors – delete involvement of staff members as this doesn't happen.
4. P.24 - Late Fees – to be reviewed.
5. P.27-29 - Absent & Missing Children – rewrite
6. P46 – Updated bookkeeper's role
7. P51 – Security – remove wording regarding lock up safe – as we don't have one
8. P69 – Staff Selection – added National Criminal Check
9. P74 - Conditions of Employment – minor changes – reviews seem to be 3 months not 1. Wages are paid in arrears.
10. P-107 – changed from morning tea to breakfast as we don't serve morning tea.
11. P121 - First Aid – we state first aid equipment will be locked away – we don't have anywhere to lock it away - Amended.
12. P123 - Accidents – we only ask on the Enrolment form for the Medicare number and doctor's name and telephone – we don't ask for Dentist and Medicare's expiry date.
13. P137 – Child Protection – updated definition from DoCS website.
14. P168 – changes to informing parents of movie/video being watched and is included on VC enrolment form permission and enrolment form.


The current policies will be available on the signing table; the new policies will be displayed on the notice board. If you have any comments in regards to updated policies, please feel free to fill in form provided next to the displayed policies or contact us via e-mail bppsoosh@bigpond.net.au Your feedback is much appreciated. The draft of the policies will be available for revision for the period of 2 weeks – starting from Wednesday, 20th May. After that time the new policies will replace the existing ones.

I would also like to ask if any parent has any specific knowledge of nutrition, I would like to present our menu to a nutritionist in order to develop a healthy and balanced menu that we can serve to the children in our centre. We constantly seek ways to improve our service and providing children with healthy snacks is an important part of our service to you.

Kind Regards,

Meg Trop
Centre Director

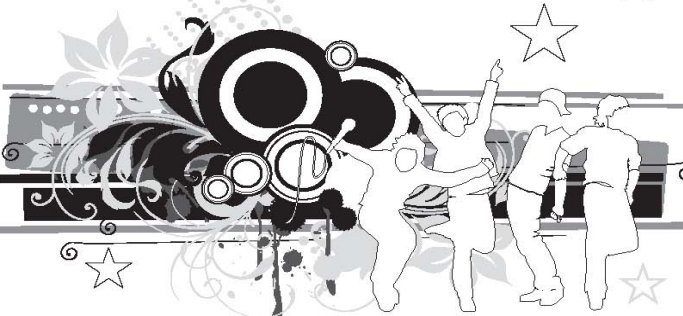
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