



BEAUTY POINT BUZZ

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TERM 3 WEEK 1

Wednesday 29 July, 2009

Small School – Big Opportunities

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our current School Value focus is "FAIRNESS"

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 3. I hope that the children enjoyed the holiday period and are well rested for the learning activities and challenges planned by their teachers. **An especially warm Beauty Point welcome is extended to several new families** who have joined our school this term. I know that you will enjoy your association with our fine school.

Thank you to the many parents who took the time at the end of last term to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss learning progress. I was very pleased to receive a number of **positive comments from parents** in relation to the quality information provided to them by teachers.

A number of students have yet to return this term due to colds and flu etc and there has been recent heavy media coverage about **swine flu**. For your information, I have attached to this "Buzz", information released to schools on Monday by Michael Coutts-Trotter, Director General, Department of Education and Training. In short, the most important message is that any person with flu symptoms who is unwell, should stay away from school or work until they are well. Symptoms of flu include fever, chills, unusual tiredness, muscle aches and sometimes, vomiting and diarrhoea. I thank parents for their assistance in keeping sick children at home.

During the holiday, some wonderful examples of **indigenous art** created by our students were displayed in the Mosman Cinemas as a part of NAIDOC Week celebrations. Congratulations to **Astrid, Bligh, Lisa, Harrison, Anna, Vivian, Daniel, Ben, Brinn, Annalena, Nathan, Jack, Diyar, Jessica, Sophie, Carla, Sophie, Emily, Riccardo, Keyla, Jessica, Amy, Alex and Lucy** on being selected as school representatives.

We submitted a number of writing entries for the **2009 Mosman Youth Awards in Literature** and I am delighted to say that **Kieran and Anna**, both of Class 4J, have been short listed for the awards presentation to take place on Thursday, 20 August. We wish them well.

Mosman Council has advised the school of **significant changes to parking restrictions on Government Rd**. Parents should carefully note the new street signage and the yellow lines painted adjacent to the kerb where parking is prohibited. Please adhere to these changes out of consideration to our neighbours and the fact that council rangers will be patrolling the area and issuing fines.

I am currently focussing on **enrolment planning for 2010** and it is crucial that I have accurate information on which to base projected enrolments. **If you have a child who is starting Kindergarten we MUST have an enrolment form for this child**. If you have not submitted this form to the office, I ask that you do so by next Wednesday. On Monday morning, 3 August, at 9.50am, I will conduct our final information morning and school tour for new families starting in 2010.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

*Congratulations to our Year 5 students, Mrs Farrell and Miss Conway for receiving approval from the NRMA's technical inspector for their pushcart to race in the "Technopush" at Eastern Creek Raceway on 25 August.
Sincere thanks to Neil Gallagher and Zan Kadi for their invaluable assistance.*

Please pass this information on to neighbours etc who are in this category.

We are very pleased that **lunchtime chess tuition each Wednesday will resume this term**, commencing next week. The session is conducted in Mrs Curvey's classroom with a tutor from the Sydney Academy of Chess. There are still places available for this excellent user pay activity. Please see Mrs Curvey for further information.

Our **athletics carnival**, conducted at Middle Head Oval late last term, was a great success. Thank you to the many parents who assisted staff in the running of events. Special thanks to Mrs Heath and Mrs Dunn for their organisation of the day. Field events in shot put, discus, long and high jump, for students in Years 3 -6 will be conducted at school on Thursday next week (6 August). All students should wear their sports uniform on this day. Children who are successful in track and field will represent the school at the **North Shore Zone Carnival** to be held at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen on 25 August (Field) and 31 August (Track).

Congratulations to the students of Merriwa House which has won the Term 2 House Points competition. All these girls and boys will be provided with a sausage sizzle lunch on Thursday, 6 August.

Madame Dixon, our **French** teacher, is offering the opportunity for parents to purchase a DVD that supports the program she is teaching to our students. Information regarding this purchase has been sent home this week and the closing date for purchase is 6 August. If you are interested, please ensure that the cash payment is received by your child's class teacher by this date.

It would appear, from whispers I am hearing in the office, that playground gossip regarding the Australian Government's building program in schools is working overtime. As is usually the case with this form of talk, most is ill-informed and incorrect. The reason that no firm correspondence regarding this program has been issued from the school to the parent body is because we do not know with certainty what will be approved. The Department's proposal for BPPS is in Round 3 of submissions, currently being reviewed by Canberra. It is hoped that a decision on all these proposals will be received by mid August. If successful, our school **may** see a new library and new administration block. Both of these would be brick construction. There is no consideration being given to double storey construction on the site, nor any building being undertaken of existing main playground areas. When a decision is made by the government and we are advised of the plans I will communicate this information to the school community.

Regards,

Graham Phillips
Principal

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P&C NEWS - next meeting Monday 17 August

Welcome back to another term. Thanks to the efforts of a lot of parents over the past two terms, the staff is in the position to purchase many of the literacy resources we noted in our priority list. Over the next few weeks, the Home Reader resources will commence being upgraded for K-2. The staff is also in final discussions regarding the resources required for the senior years.



Shortly you will find in your child's bag an invitation to the Major Fundraiser being held 11th September. This year's event will be a wonderful night in a fabulous new venue. The committee would still welcome hearing from you if you have an item you would like to contribute to the fundraising effort.

Everyone is very welcome to attend our next meeting on Monday 17 August.

Howard Portrate,
P&C President

SPORTING NEWS

Netball

The Beauty Point netball teams had a very successful term. The results for the teams at the half way point are as follows; Blue 1 – equal 1st out of 15, Blue 2 - 4th out of 8 and Green - equal 1st out of 17. The Green team have been so successful that I have put them up a grade into Blue 2. I am sure that they will enjoy the challenge of a tougher competition. I would like to congratulate the girls on their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship throughout last term and I look forward to another enjoyable term of netball.

Sue Gilks

Blue 1 Netball Report –The last game of netball in Term 2 for Blue 1 was an exciting game. The team tried very hard and we had a great victory. The player of the match was Abbey for playing flair and working well with others. *Taija*

Blue 2 Netball Report – On Friday 3rd July, Blue 2 played against Neutral Bay. Everyone played really well and did their best for their team. But sadly, we lost 12-9. The player of the match was Cosette. Congratulations. *Kyoka*

Green Netball Report – On 3rd June the Green netball played Lane Cove PS and won 12-1. Everyone played extremely well but one person did a very good job and that was Bella. *Bella*

Soccer Report

Blues – In the second last week of Term 2 we played against Northbridge. We played really well but unfortunately we lost 4-1. Ben Hoi scored a screamer of a goal and Jack and Liam were great communicators throughout the game. Man of the match went to Josh for his tackling skills and his determination to be first to the ball.

Captain: Padraig

Reds – In our game we played against Northbridge. We put up a good fight but they were just too strong for us. Robert Laing was strong in defence and Daniel skilfully stopped a penalty shot. Man of the match went to Adam for his constant running and attacking of the ball.

Captain: Hector

PSSA AFL

The AFL team is looking forward to returning to the paddock this week. We have refined our skills for a series of crucial matches against Middle Harbour and Greenwich. The team trained well and I will have a few headaches at the selection table this Thursday night.

Parents please note that we have changed venues to Gore Creek Oval Greenwich if you would like to come along and support the teams from 1pm – 2:25pm each Friday afternoon. Training will continue weather permitting 8:25am on Tuesday mornings.

Go Beauty Point!

Neil Jensen
AFL Coach

SCIENCE NEWS

This term promises to be an exciting one as we are entering a number of science competitions which close at the end of the term. Kindergarten will be studying Changes in the Environment, Years 1 and 2 are currently building sculptures of trees using recycled materials, for a competition conducted by IKEA. When that finishes they will be studying Water and its Properties. Years 3 and 4 are completing a design challenge to build models to promote Less Wastage of Drinking Water in the School. Year 5 have had their pushcart passed by the NRMA inspector ready for their competition on 25 August at Eastern Creek Raceway. They are currently working on an electronic presentation of their work as part of the competition. Year 6 are working on Changes in Materials for five weeks and then four weeks of Investigating Electricity.



Mirelle Farrell, Science Teacher

DANCE AND DRAMA

Dance

At the end of last term, Years 5 and 6 performed in the Sydney North Dance Festival at Glen St Theatre. Many thanks to Catriona Andrews for her assistance with the Year 6 dance costumes and to all the parents who delivered their children on time, well done everyone. Thanks must go to Georgia's mother, Margaret, for helping with the make up. Once again thank you to all concerned. Without all the wonderful help from parents, it would not have been possible.

Drama

In Week 3 this term, on Tuesday 11 August, the Year 6 drama group will be performing in the Arts North Drama Festival at the Parade Theatre at NIDA. Their item is titled "School Daze". Good luck everyone.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS



Year 6 is going to participate in the "Wrap for Love" knitting program. We would love your help to teach us how to knit. We will be knitting 2 pm to 3 pm on a Wednesday. I envisage this program will go for about 6 weeks but you don't have to commit for the whole time. If you can only come once it would be appreciated. Grandmas would be very welcome and anyone else who would be interested in helping us. Please contact me if you are able to help in any way. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sue Gilks, Year 6 teacher

NAIDOC WEEK ARTWORK

The following students had their artwork exhibited at the Mosman Cinemas.

KK – Astrid, Bligh, Lisa, Harrison

KW – "Many hands make light work" – whole class

1HD – Anna, Vivian, Daniel, Ben

1/2G – "Hands"

2C – Brinn, Annalena, Nathan, Jack

2/3H – Diyar, Jessica, Sophie

3/4E – Carla, Sophie, Emily

4J – "How the Birds got their Colours" - Keyla, Riccardo, Jessica

5C – Amy, Alex, Lucy

OOSH – Aboriginal dot scene



CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

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KK	Bligh
YR 1	Nina
YR 2	Emily
YR 2/3	Annabelle
YR 6	Sophie, Asha

CHILDREN RECEIVING BANNERS

Yr 2/3	Annabelle
YR 5	Isabella

LIBRARY NEWS



Book Week is fast approaching, and this year will be held from 22nd to 28th August. Classes are reading the short-listed books in library lessons, and we are looking forward to the announcement of the Children's Book Council awards at that time. Performances for the children are scheduled for 20th August (3-6) and 27th August (K-2).

On Wednesday 26th August we will be having a Book Week Parade, and children are invited to come on that day dressed as a favourite book character, a character from one of the short-listed books, or in a costume related to the Book Week theme "Book Safari". (This will be a celebration of books, not a competition for the best costume.) The parade will be held between 9.00 and 10.00am and parents are very welcome to attend.

It was great to see so many children taking advantage of the opportunity to borrow extra books over the holidays. Please make sure all books are returned. We will be sending home overdue notes next week.

HAPPY READING!

Alan Cockerill, Teacher Librarian

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY - TERM 3

Friday 31 Stage 1 students attending Tree Planting Day at Rosherville Reserve
State cross country

AUGUST

Monday 3 Information Morning for Kindergarten 2010 enrolments - 9.50am
Tuesday 4 Australasian Schools' English Competition
Wednesday 5 OC testing
Tuesday 11 Year 6 performing at Arts North Drama Festival
Friday 14 School sports team photographs to be taken
Monday 17 Cupcake day proceeds to RSPCA
P&C Meeting 7.30pm in the School Hall
Wednesday 19 Australasian Schools' Maths Competition
Thursday 20 Book Week visiting performance
Monday 24 Book Week
Tuesday 25 Zone Athletics Field Events
Wednesday 26 Book Parade 9.00-10.00am come dressed as your favourite book character
Thursday 27 Book Week visiting performance
Monday 31 Zone Athletics Track Events

SEPTEMBER

Mon 7- Friday 18 School Swimming Scheme for all Year 2 students and nominated Years 3-5 students
Friday 11 Major Fundraiser Evening - venue tba
Wednesday 16 Sydney North Regional Athletics at Homebush
Wed 23-Fri 25 Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6 - 3 day excursion to Canberra
Thursday 24 Visiting performance for Kindergarten - Year 4 "Deadly Australians"
Wednesday 30 Transition to school - Kindergarten 2010 Session 1 9.15 -10.50am
Friday 2 Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER - Term 4

Monday 19 **Classes resume for all students for Term 4**
Thursday 22 Transition to school - Kindergarten 2010 Session 2 at 11.25-12.15pm
Tuesday 27 Kindergarten 2010 - Parent Information Night 7.00pm in the School Hall

NOVEMBER

Thursday 5 School Disco - conducted by Year 6
Friday 6 Transition to school - Kindergarten 2010 Session 3 at 9.15-10.50am
Monday 9 Year 6 Interelate Program
Tuesday 10 Transition to school - Kindergarten 2010 Session 4 at 9.15-10.50am
Monday 16 Year 6 Interelate Program
Monday 30 School Concert Matinee performance at North Sydney Leagues Club time tba

DECEMBER

Wednesday 2 School Concert Evening performance at North Sydney Leagues Club at 7.00pm
Thursday 10 Year 6 Farewell Dinner in the School Hall
Monday 14 Years 3-6 class picnics at Manly Waterworks
Tuesday 15 K-2 class picnic and movie at Collaroy
Wednesday 16 Last school day for 2009 for students
Thursday 17 -
Friday 18 School Development Days for all staff

OOSH NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3! We had a wonderful Vacation Care Program during July School Holidays. Children enjoyed a variety of excursions such as Power House Museum, rock climbing, Ambulance in North Sydney. We also had some exciting in-centre days with reptiles, candle making, puppet show, wheels, and an Indian bazaar. We were very lucky with the weather ☺

During the Vacation Program our Centre had a visit from the National Childcare Accreditation Council (NCAC). The Validator was extremely pleased with the safe, healthy and stimulating environment we offer the children in our care. With this visit OOSH completed Step 3 of 5. Now, in Step 4 the Moderator will look at our Self Study Report, Families and Children's Surveys and Validator's Report. From these three sources the Moderator will establish our profile in all 8 areas of Quality Assurance. Then, the NCAC will take Step 5 – OOSH will be presented with the accreditation decision and our profile. This document will be displayed for all the families and Community in the School Hall.

During Term 3 OOSH will continue Active Sport on Wednesdays with Tae kwon do as the theme for the whole term. I would like to ask all the parents to supply a white t-shirt for that occasion. On Thursdays, we will still have Hip-Hop. The juniors' session will be shortened to 20 min to keep the young ones entertained and engaged.

Following our homework improvement, we would like to introduce workbooks in OOSH. The workbooks are designed to assist children in their homework. Those children who do not have homework from school, or forgot to bring it to OOSH, will spend homework time working on their workbooks. These workbooks will stay in OOSH and will be given to children every time there is homework time. Please see the sample workbooks we would like to introduce in OOSH. They are located next to the sign-out roll. I would like to thank Mrs Hayes, Mrs Theunissen and Mrs Harrison for their help with July Vacation Care. These mums lent us some toys, furniture and dress-ups for the children to enjoy during the holidays in OOSH. Thank you, we had heaps of fun☺!!! If you have any small items that clutter your storeroom or garage, please consider donating them to OOSH. Anything from pre-loved books, toys, games, bean bags etc will be much appreciated.

Just a reminder: from this term, our photo gallery will be updated with photos of children. If you do not allow for the photo of your child to be published on our website, please notify OOSH as soon as possible!

Kind Regards,
Meg Trop
OOSH Director

CHESS NEWS



We are all excited! Chess will commence next Wednesday (Week 2 in Mrs Curvey's room) after eating lunch in the shade shelter. New members, especially girls, are most welcome to come. The cost of tuition for the term is \$60.00.

Tutors for these classes are arranged by Mrs Curvey and come from the Sydney Academy of Chess. Children who reach a certain standard will be eligible to play inter-school chess on Friday afternoons at a later time.

See you there, Mrs Curvey

BAND NOTES

Welcome back to Term 3. A quiet start to the Term as band rehearsals resume next week as follows:

Concert Band – Monday 7.45am start 3 August
Training Band – Friday 7.45am start 7 August

These cold mornings can make getting up and out the door early challenging to say the least. Please know that Brad and fellow band players appreciate all your efforts for being on time and organised for practices. Rug up well and beat the blues with some serious music making!

Watch this space for details of forthcoming musical events!

The Band Committee

COMMUNITY NOTES



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