

BEAUTY POINT BUZZ

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TERM 4 WEEK 1

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Small School – Big Opportunities

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our current School Value focus is "ACCEPTANCE"

Dear Parents,

After a wonderful overseas holiday with my wife, it's great to be back at Beauty Point for the final term of 2009. We had the pleasure to experience the sights and culture of Turkey, Croatia, Montenegro, Germany, Poland, Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic. Whilst we love to travel, it's always great to come home! I would like to thank both Ms. Gilks and Mr. Gallagher for their fine work relieving as Principal during my leave, maintaining the smooth operation of our school.

Congratulations to all in the school community who lent their support to the highly successful, "Night at the Oscars" last term. From all reports it was a fantastic event from both an enjoyment and fundraising perspective.

The school is pleased to welcome several student teachers who will be working with classes for the coming 4 weeks. Mrs Curvey will mentor Anna Kelly, Samantha McCartney will work with Miss Weir and Kate Schofield with Mr Gallagher. Next week, Mrs Ewan will be joined by Ella Green. I know that each of these aspiring teachers will benefit greatly from their experiences at BPPS.

With Term 4 being just 8½ weeks, it will jam packed with activity and will pass quickly. The activity commenced today with our annual **Maths on the Beach** experience for Years K – 2 at Manly Beach. Thank you to the staff for their excellent planning and organisation and to those parents who attended to support the activities.

Tomorrow sees the second of four sessions in our **"Transition to School"** program for children commencing Kindergarten in 2010. Thank you to Miss Weir, Mrs Kaloudis and Mr Gallagher for their thorough organisation of the sessions. **Next Tuesday evening at 7pm in the hall, we will conduct our Parent Information Evening for all families with children starting next year.** Thank you to our current Kindy parents who are providing the supper for the evening.

It is crucial that families notify me in writing without delay if your child will not be returning to Beauty Point for the 2010 school year. Withholding this information does the school no favours with its planning.

One of the highlights for the students in any school year is **the annual school disco** organised by Year 6 students and their parents. All the girls and boys (and their teachers) will be getting on their dancing shoes tomorrow night! The K-2 event runs 4.00pm – 5.15pm followed by the sausage sizzle for everyone until 5.45. The 3-6 session runs from 5.45 – 7.15pm. See you there. Please be prompt in collecting your children at 7.15pm.

For all students from K - 6 who enjoy the challenge of chess; here is a date for you to remember. Our **annual school chess tournament** conducted by the Sydney Academy of Chess will be held in the school hall on Wednesday, 11th November. It is not necessary for students to have participated in school chess activities throughout the year to take part. Mrs Curvey will be providing more information. Whose name will be engraved on the Chess Shield for 2009?

I was delighted to receive news from Mrs Farrell of the outstanding effort of our **"Tournament of the Minds"** team late last term. Operating within a restricted preparation time, the team performed admirably in each of their scientific challenges. Well done to **Jason, Coralie, Felix, Liam, Allie, Isabella, and Jack.**
Mrs Farrell was thrilled with your performance.

I am equally proud of the efforts of our **senior debating team of Jack, Sierra, Allie Jand Coralie** and their mentor **Miss Conway.** To be undefeated in the zone competition to qualify for the Regional Final at this level of debating is a stellar effort.

The **Beauty Point Public School Band Program** is highly respected within our community. **Next Monday, 26th October, the bands are holding our instrument try-out** as a part of our recruitment program for 2010. Any student currently in Years 2 – 5 is very welcome to come along between 1 – 2pm to trial some instruments. It's great fun, so why not give it a go!

Yesterday I received the results from the **Mathematics Competition** conducted by Educational Assessment Australia. 62 BPPS students in Years 3 – 6 took the examination and were awarded **1 High Distinction, 10 Distinctions, 20 Credits and 31 Participation certificates. Congratulations to Kieran, 4J who received the High Distinction (top 1%),** a tremendous performance. Distinctions were awarded to **Christopher, Matthias, Jasper, Matthew, Charlotte, Matthew, Carla, Caitlin, Felix Lonergan and Maxim.** Well done to each of these students.

Congratulations to **Alysha, 4J**, who has recently achieved some wonderful results in **dancing and singing competitions.** As a 9 year old competing in the Under 13 Hollywood Dance competition for all dance styles, Alysha has won a scholarship to the USA to make a film clip, attend workshops and meet agents! In recent NSW State Championships, she was awarded 1st in both singing and Hip Hop and recorded the top solo score for all participants 17 years and under. Well done, Alysha.

The financial year for Department of Education & Training (DET) schools ends on the 30th November each year. At this time, Mrs Donnell, our School Administrative Manager and I are finalizing all our school's financial matters for the year. An important aspect of this process involves **school accounts for students.** Families who have an outstanding balance on their child's school account will have had an invoice sent home with their child today. Please take immediate steps to settle this account, preferably no later than the end of next week. Our school budget is underpinned by the premise that parents will make a contribution to their child's schooling at BPPS. Direct deposit to our school account can be accessed at Westpac Bank; BSB 032 001 Acc No 148775 Acc Name BPPS Admin Acc. Please specify the name and class of your child in the transfer details.

The date for **our Annual Presentation Day** has been confirmed as **Friday, 11th December** in the hall at Middle Harbour Public School. Start time is to be confirmed, but will be around 11am. Another date to note is the **school's annual Christmas Party for parents** that will be hosted in the home of Julie and Laurent Giannesini on **Friday, 27th November.** All parents are welcome to attend so keep an eye out for the invitation.

I will close this "Buzz" on a sombre note. Yesterday, along with Mrs Heath and number of mums from our school, I attended the funeral service of Andrew Short, held at St. Mary's Cathedral. Andrew is the father of Maddison, who is in Class 2/3H. A tragic accident has taken Andrew from his family far too early. On behalf of all members of the Beauty Point Public School community, I extend our deepest sympathy and thoughts to Kylie and Maddison along with her brothers Mitchell, Sam, Nicholas and Ryan.

Regards,

Graham Phillips
Principal



P & C REPORT
Next Meeting November 16

Welcome back to Term 4. With the weather becoming warmer, it is timely the installation of the air conditioning in classrooms KK, KW, Year 5 and 6 was completed over the school holidays. Michelle Theunissen's effort in seeing this through to completion is greatly appreciated.

The annual school cocktail party is scheduled for **Friday, November 27** at the home of Julie and Laurent Giannesini. This is a casual, relaxed evening to welcome in the holiday season and catch up with your 'school friends'. Invitations with details will be going out shortly.

I am delighted to advise around 85% of the teachers' wish list has been purchased with only a few items remaining to be sourced. It is very pleasing for the school community to see the hard work and generosity of the parents rewarding the children so quickly. There are still more resources and infrastructure the P&C will be funding during this term. I will update you on these over the next month.

While we are still awaiting the outcome of the government's building program for Beauty Point, we cannot finalise the location of the commemorative pathway. However, we have received some very interesting 'past student' requests to be included in the paver project. Three of those requests are from students who attended the school in its first years of operation.

Including, James Barkell who attended 1951-1953 and was the first Beauty Point School Captain. If you know of others, please make them aware of this project.

Howard Portrate
President P&C

LIBRARY REPORT

This term we will once again be holding a BOOK FAIR in the Library. This is where the students come and they may buy books for themselves, or to select Christmas presents for family and friends. Our school receives a 30% commission from all sales. This year it will be held between Tuesday 17 November and Monday 23 November. Parents are welcome to attend at any time with their children to view the Fair. Sales days will be advised in the next "Buzz". Stay tuned. If any parent is interested in helping please contact the Library.

Alan Cockerill
Teacher Librarian

DEBATING

Last term our A debating team went to the Regional Debating Finals after being undefeated in their zone. This consisted of the top 16 teams from the largest debating competition in the southern hemisphere! Their first round topic was that 'Computers are worth the money we spend on them'. As the negative team, they had a tough case to argue. **Coralie, Allie, Jack Boyse and Sierra** put forward a strong debate and raised some fantastic points. Unfortunately they did not win, however, I was so proud of how well they performed. The team they lost to went on to be the Regional Champions. I would like to once again congratulate these students for reaching the finals and working so well together as a team.

Danni Conway, Debating Co-ordinator

DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER	
Thursday 22	School Disco
Thursday 27	Kindergarten 2010 – Parent Information Night 7.00pm in the School Hall
NOVEMBER	
Friday 6	Transition to school – Kindergarten 2010 Session 3 at 9.15-10.50am
Monday 9	Year 6 Inter-relate program
Tuesday 10	Transition to school – Kindergarten 2010 Session 4 at 9.15-10.50am
Monday 16	Year 6 Inter-relate program
Friday 27	BPPS Christmas Cocktail Party
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 time at 7.00pm
Monday 7	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Friday 11	BPPS Presentation Day at Middle Harbour Public School
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 students
Thursday 17 – Friday 18	School Development Days for all staff
JANUARY 2010	
Wednesday 27	Teachers return to duty
Thursday 28	Classes resume for Years 1-6 (2010 classes)
FEBRUARY 2010	
Tuesday 2	2010 Kindergarten students enrol
Tuesday 9	Beauty Point Swimming Carnival – Lane Cove Aquatic Centre

OOSH REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the last Term of 2009. This will be short, but very exciting term in OOSH ☺

Vacation Care. Our October Vacation Care Program was very successful; we had the biggest numbers in years! ☺ Children enjoyed a variety of activities; the most popular days were: Drama Day, Japan Day and Disco with Jumping Castle. We would like to thank Noah for his excellent work. The children made a few short movies, all of which are edited and available on DVD from the OOSH office. If you would like to collect your copy, please contact Meg or Lucie.

Activities in Term 4

Active Sport is back! This term we are back with the very popular Active Sport on Wednesdays. We have a professional coach who is going to teach the children new games and sport skills. The program starts this week and will continue until 2nd December. All the children are encouraged to participate in Active Sport for an hour.

Hip-Hop. Our dance classes resume this week. The senior group is practising for their Hip-Hop routine which they will present during the school concert. They are fantastic!

Homework. Children enjoy doing their homework and OOSH workbooks so much that they were asking if they can do a page or two during Vacation Care – such diligence! On Mondays, our homework time is extended because our two wonderful helpers; Jasmine and Courtney are very keen to help the children with their homework and OOSH workbooks.

This term we also welcome on board Louise - a Year 8 student who is doing her Duke of Edinburgh Award and she chose our OOSH to do her community practice. Louise comes to OOSH on Thursdays.

★ **Important! Melbourne Cup.** As usual, we are expecting a lot of bookings on this day. Therefore, please attach a cheque or credit card payment with your booking to secure your place on that day. We are going to have a yummy afternoon tea, a three legged races on the field, and a variety of fun games!

December 2009/January 2010 Vacation Care. Our survey closing day is Monday, 30th November. If you are interested in December/January Vacation Care, please return your survey to OOSH. After the closing day we will announce opening days and we will contact the families who require us to be open.

Meg Trop, OOSH Director

YR 3/4 MARNIE FUNDRAISER



3/4E Haunted House Marnie fundraiser

3/4E will be holding a fundraiser for Marni, our sponsored child through World Vision. Traditionally, as everyone knows, Mrs Ewan's class does the spooky haunted house. As always, it will be held in the 3/4E classroom. If you don't know where it is, ask a classmate.

All you need to do to enter the haunted house is bring \$2.00 and get ready to be spooked! Also bring in \$1.00 for a tasty drink (spiders) at 11:00 am the day before the haunted house. YUM! If you want to get your face painted it will cost you an extra 50c. (Included in your entry price, you will be able to go in Voldemorts lair.)



Please try not to forget your money because it is for charity.

Come if you dare!!!

Written by Charlotte and Annabelle

THANK YOU

The Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation, would like to thank all the students, parents and staff for your wonderful support of Share-A-Book Day 2009. The Foundation has been overwhelmed by the generosity and support shown by the 14 schools involved. Over 10,000 beautiful pre-loved books were collected. Thank you

INK CARTRIDGES

3/4E is trying to recycle as many ink cartridges as possible. There will be a box outside 3/4E. **DO NOT PUT RUBBISH** in the box.
DID YOU KNOW THAT MORE THAN 18 MILLION CARTRIDGES ARE THROWN AWAY EACH YEAR?

- A laser cartridge thrown into landfill can take up to 450 years to decompose.
- 6kg of greenhouse gas is produced to create a 1kg printer cartridge.
- More than 3.4 litres of oil are needed to make one new laser cartridge.

If your mum or dad goes to Cartridge World please get your mum/dad to keep the receipt and put in the box.

REDEUCE .
REUSE .
RECYCLE .

BY SOPHIE
AND FRANCESCA 3/4E

BAND REPORT

Welcome back to our final term of music making!

On Thursday 22 October could all Concert and Training band members please remember to bring in their instruments and copy of "Music is Everything" for a performance that day.

On Monday 26 October, don't forget there will be an Instrument Try Out in the school hall at 1pm run by our experienced Band Conductor, Brad Madigan. This is an open invitation to all current Year 2 to Year 5 students, who are not enrolled in the Band Program and wish to join the School Training Band. Come to the event and get a hands-on feel of various band instruments. See you there!

Enjoy the term! The Band Committee

COMMUNITY NOTES



KEIRLE PARK
TENNIS
CENTRE

277 PITTWATER RD
M A N L Y 2 0 9 5
9977 1307

Kids Tennis Term 4

Kids 4-9 years of age

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs at 4pm

Sat 8am, 9am & 10am

5-7 per group \$140 for the term

Kids 10 yrs + OR those of competition standard

Tues, Wed & Thurs at 5-6.30pm

4-6 per group \$189 for the term

Teenage class

Mon 5pm: 4-6 per group \$159 for the term

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - for good class sizes we need to know how many children will be attending. Payment due first day.
Ph 9977 1307.

Private lessons \$42 half hour & \$79/hr

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keirleparktennis@astron.net.au

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13 yrs of age.

Ph 9977 1307

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Camelotti and
Howard Smith.

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PHONE 9887 5830**

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MOSMAN COUNCIL

**GRANDPARENTS AS CARERS SEMINAR
THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER**

10.00-2.00PM

MOSMAN SENIORS' CENTRE

PHONE 9978 4128

