



BEAUTY POINT BUZZ

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TERM 2 WEEK 2

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A Quality School in a Picturesque and Caring Environment

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our School Value focus for this fortnight is "INTEGRITY"

ATTENTION

I have been advised this morning, that the road works on Medusa St will continue this Friday. Apparently the asphaltting of the roadway will occur during the day and access to Medusa St will be extremely limited.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope that all families enjoyed Easter and the holiday break. A special welcome is extended to families of newly enrolled children to Beauty Point.

For the first four weeks of term, **student teachers** Rachel Fraser and Adam Larby will join the staff during their practicum. I am sure that they will learn a great deal working with Sue Gilks and Kevin Gallagher respectively.

Our **Anzac Commemoration ceremony** was conducted last week and I congratulate School Captains, **Ella** and **Aydin** and fellow speakers, **Charlotte** and **Mason** for the manner in which they conducted the ceremony. Thank you to Mr. Gallagher for his organisation of the morning.

This week, all students will attend the visiting **Life Education** van for a lesson with educators, Lisa Woodward, Louise Major and their class teacher. The Life Education program teaches children about taking healthy and responsible choices in life, in order to look after one's wellbeing. The visit introduces the drug education lessons that will be delivered by teachers to their class throughout this term.

I am delighted to hear from our librarian, Mrs. Williams, that interest from our Year 5 students in the **school's debating program** is at an all-time high. This enthusiasm for participation is wonderful to see and I'm sure that our senior students will once again do very well in this highly valued program. Next Thursday, 10 students from Years 5 and 6 will accompany Mrs. Williams to a full day debating workshop at Dee Why P.S.

May I congratulate the students in Years 2 – 6 who competed with such tenacity at the **School Cross Country Carnival** held at Spit West Reserve on the final day of last term. Participation levels were very high with all children endeavouring to do their personal best. Thank you to Mrs. Curvey for organising the event and the many parents (and a few former students) who assisted. The house competition was particularly close with **Sirius** 45 points, narrowly defeating Merriwa 44, Parrawi 42 and Killarney 38. The school team will compete at the **Zone Carnival** next Tuesday at Artarmon Reserve and we wish our representatives the best of luck.

Today, our **Senior Dance Group**, comprising 22 girls and boys, auditioned at Neutral Bay P.S. for inclusion in the Sydney North Dance Festival. This festival is an annual showcase of K – 12 dance education held at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose, during the final two weeks of Term 2. We hope to hear positive news regarding the audition in the next few days. The group has been practising very well under the guidance of Mrs. Farrell and Miss. Conway.

Thank you to the children who participated in today's "**Crazy Hair Day**" fundraiser in support of the **Leukaemia Foundation's** "World's Greatest Shave for a Cure". Money raised at BPPS will sponsor Ms. McCredie's son, Hugh, who shaved his head today for this important cause.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to members of both the Concert and Training bands for their efforts in developing their skills. Both bands have made excellent progress to date in this year's program.

Well done!

Inter-school Primary Schools Sport Association (PSSA) competitions will commence on Fridays over the next few weeks. Netball and Soccer start on 11th May, with AFL kicking off on 18th May. I wish to acknowledge the efforts of teachers Danni Conway, Amelia Ewan, Sue Gilks and Neil Jensen for coaching the teams and taking the students away each week.

Teacher professional learning is a high priority for staff at Beauty Point. During last Monday week's, School Development Day, staff participated in sessions on Gifted & Talented Education and Curriculum Differentiation and the use of mental computation strategies in mathematics. I thank Mirelle Farrell and Kevin Gallagher for preparing and delivering the respective sessions. Yesterday afternoon, all class teachers attended a mathematics course focusing on fractions and decimals between 3.30 – 6.00pm at Forestville P.S.

Our **school chess program** resumes this week, with tutors from the Sydney Academy of Chess working with students during lunchtime on Wednesday and Thursday. Parents are reminded that payment for this program should be made in advance. The term 2 fee is \$63.00 with cheques payable to BPPS. Further information can be obtained from Mrs. Curvey or the school office.

Matches in the **Inter-school chess competitions** commence shortly. Our school has entered a team in each of the Intermediate, Rookies and Junior Rookies competitions. Joelle Markiewicz is co-ordinating the participation of our teams.

Our school operates an **Early Bird Reading Program** on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings before school. This program is implemented by volunteers and helps students in Years 3 – 6 who require some additional assistance with their reading skills. It is making a difference! Ms. McCredie co-ordinates the program and I thank her for this work. If you would like to know more about becoming a volunteer tutor in this valuable program, please contact the school. **No specific teaching skills are needed.**

The annual **Beauty Point Public School Fireworks Extravaganza** is almost upon us!! This is a fantastic school community event and I hope you all will get behind the efforts of the organising committee with your full support. Mark down, **Saturday, 19th May** in your diary now, if you've not already done so! Details regarding this event, and the purchasing of tickets is included in this "Buzz". Everyone is welcome!

Similarly, I welcome everyone to attend **our school's OPEN DAY, between 9.15am – 11.00am on Thursday, 17th May** as a part of **Education Week** celebrations in Public Schools across NSW. This year's theme is "A Love of Learning".

Accompanying today's "Buzz", is a copy of the **Beauty Point Public School Annual Report for 2006**. This was received from the printer last week. Please take the time to read it. I thank the members of the school self-evaluation committee, as listed on page 12, for their effort in compiling the report.

You will also receive a second edition of our school's **Parent Contact list** containing all amendments that have been brought to our attention. Please advise us immediately of any incorrect details or changes when they occur. Information contained in this list should only be used for matters directly related to the school.

Parents are reminded that the **school car park is only for the use of staff and official visitors to the school**. There is insufficient room for parents to park in this area. I am concerned that several instances have occurred this term, where inappropriate parent parking has blocked staff from parking their vehicles. Please be considerate in relation to this matter!

In closing, I wish to share some happy news with you. Many of you will remember **Mrs. Tanya Felice**, who taught at Beauty Point prior to moving to Orange. I am delighted to inform you that Tanya and her husband, Martin, are now the proud parents of a baby girl. All are well!

Regards,

Graham Phillips
Principal.

TALKING TO LEARN

A reminder to all parents of children in **1/2G and Kinder** that our "Talking to Learn" meeting will be held in the hall on Thursday, 3rd May at 9:00am – 9:30am.

Kevin Gallagher

Photo Gallery



Interactive Map of Australia in the Science Court



Healthy Harold visits Beauty Point P S

P&C NEWS

Welcome back to another school term. I hope everyone had a refreshing and relaxing holiday, as one would with primary school age children!

Before the holidays you would no doubt have noticed the dozen wooden benches which the P&C had installed around the playground in a variety of shady spots. These are already being well used for passive play for our children during the day and to rest our weary legs at morning assembly. Janelle Patchett has been continuing her mural work in the new courtyard. The chess board is now in daily use and the map of Australia is nearing completion. This work takes a while, mostly because Janelle has to wait several days after any rain for the concrete to dry out before any more painting can take place. I'm sure you'd all like to join me in thanking Janelle for the excellent job she's doing in brightening up the playground.

In the near future, we'll be investigating the purchase and planting a tree on the eastern side of the play equipment which will, over time, give us another shady area. All of the aforementioned work is made possible by our fundraising efforts last year.

Work continues on our plans for the hall extension. At the last P&C meeting we set ourselves the target of completing this project this year. With this in mind we've re-applied to the Federal Government for a grant to complete the covered deck between the hall and the canteen. We're also having engineering drawings completed and progressing the development application with Mosman Council, which unfortunately we have to complete for a project of this nature.

Angus Laing
P&C President

With only a little over two weeks to go before our annual fireworks night lights up the skies I'd like to thank all those parents who have already volunteered their time to work on stalls and those who have made donations to help fund this event. This year is going to be bigger than before and as exciting as ever! Apart from the usual selection of rides: the giant slide, teacup and saucers, bouncy castle and swinging chairs we will be premiering the Jurassic Park giant inflatable!!!! Bring the whole family and enjoy dinner at one of the many food stalls. We will be serving pizza, sausage sandwiches, potato wedges, ice cream, cakes and more. Don't miss the fun at the Kid's Corner (in the school hall) with face painting, lucky dips, exciting games and eating races. There is truly something for everyone from glow sticks to glasses of Gluhwein! Don't forget Grandparents, neighbours and friends are all welcome. Tickets will be on sale soon so mark Saturday 19th May 2007 in your calendar now.

Lucy Pollock

Fundraising Coordinator

DONATIONS TO CAMBODIA

I have a friend who has just returned from a trip to Cambodia. Part of an email she sent me read as:

Together, with a few of my colleagues, we have raised over \$3000 USD for an orphanage run by an inspiring Australian woman, Geraldine Cox.

The children of Cambodia are at such a disadvantage in comparison to our children who are fortunate simply by the miracle of birth. The child sex trade is rife and there are thousands of children orphaned or abandoned each year.

Sunrise Village in Siem Reap was a fantastic place to visit – all the children have clean clothing, medical treatment, food and water and are attending school. This is in stark contrast to the poverty and malnourishment that is widespread in rural areas surrounding Siem Reap. The day we visited, a very young baby had been abandoned at the doors of the orphanage.

If you have any clothing, toys or books that are in good condition that your children no longer use and that you would like to donate, Lexmark will be sending one more shipment of clothing and toys to the orphanage free of charge.

I would be grateful if you could send donations to the Year 1 classroom by Tuesday afternoon (8th May). Please place bagged items behind the door of the classroom if I am not there. It will be nice to know our old items will go on to make another child's life a little brighter.

Many thanks, Eliza Hall



On Friday, 4th May the annual
WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Will be held throughout NSW

What do you do to take part?

It's easy! Just walk to school, talk about road safety and know the rules of the road.

Why is it held?

To promote the health benefits of walking

To develop road crossing skills

Important!!

All children up to 10 years of age should hold an adult's hand when crossing a road.

What do I do when I get to school?

Collect a sticker to wear and know that for one day you have reduced car pollution in the world.

Elizabeth Williams

CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

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YR 1	Jackson
YR 2	Hector
YR 3	Julia
YR 3/4	Charlotte , Jack

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

Tues 1 - Friday 4 Life Education van visiting Beauty Point Public School
Tuesday 8 Zone Cross Country at Artarmon Reserve
Thursday 10 Debating Workshop at Dee Why P S
Friday 11 K – 2 Excursion to Australian Museum
Thursday 17 Education Week Open Day at BPPS 9.15 - 11.00am
Saturday 19 Beauty Point Fireworks night (Backup date Saturday 26)
Thursday 31 School photographs (winter uniform)

JUNE

Thursday 28 **LAST SCHOOL DAY OF TERM 2 for students**
Parent Information Evening with Dr Michael Carr Gregg
at Mosman High School - 7.00pm
Friday 29 Professional Learning Day with Dr Michael Carr Gregg for staff from all Harbourside Public Schools (Beauty Point, Cammeray, Middle Harbour, Mosman, Neutral Bay and Mosman High School) **NO SCHOOL**

OOSH NEWS

Beauty Point Out of School Hours

Opening Hours: 7:30am - 9am and 3pm - 6pm

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Director: Kara Provencher

Beauty Point OOSH would like to welcome all families back and hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing and fun Easter Holidays.

For the first two weeks of term craft activities and games will be based on the theme, 'Under the Sea'. Some of the exciting activities for this week include: 'Under the Sea' water colour painting, sea weed steamers, fish ornaments, drawing competition, fish tank game and giant jelly fish parachute game.

Vacation Care was a great success and photographs of activities and children are located in the hall on the OOSH notice board for everyone's enjoyment.

I would also like to remind parents to sign their children in and out as this is important for accountability of all children attending OOSH.

BAND NOTES

We are all greatly looking forward to our first workshop for the year, *this* Friday afternoon! The schedule is as follows:

2:30pm afternoon tea (provided)
3 – 5:45pm tutorials/band sessions
5:45pm concert for parents in the Band Room
6:15pm pizza games relax

Hope you can all join us at the conclusion of the concert for some fun time together.

IMPORTANT! Please make sure your child comes to school on Friday with their

1. Music (Essential Elements books/scores)
2. Instrument
3. Spare reeds/valve oil

DATES FOR YOUR BAND DIARY

Open Day Thurs, 17th May, 9:15am

Yamaha Festival Monday, 25th June Time – TBA

COMMUNITY NOTES

Creative Clay

**Classes for boys and girls!
Wednesdays, starting 2 May
Years 3 to 6 - 3.15pm to 5.00pm
Mosman Public School Hall, Belmont Rd
8-week term: \$200 - All materials included
(including clay, tools, glazes and firing costs)**

Learn traditional hand-building techniques, including pinching, coiling and slab-building, as well as glazing techniques. Classes are suitable for beginners and more experienced students.

Fun, imaginative projects designed to develop creative confidence.

**Classes run by local artist, Sue Pollard.
To make a booking call 0409 906 966
Bookings essential.**

**1st MOSMAN GUIDES
Have limited tickets for**

SHREK THE THIRD

7TH June Premier

ALL TICKETS \$12

**All families welcome
Call Louise Devine
0404 693 173**

**For tickets and payment
Thanks for your support.
All proceeds go towards renovations
To our beautiful
Hall in upper Spit Road**



**KEIRLE PARK
TENNIS
CENTRE**

277 PITTWATER RD
MANLY 2095

9977 1307

Kids & Adults - something for everyone

Absolute beginners to advanced

- Kids 2.5 - 5 yrs Hop, Skip, Jump Thurs 9.30am & 10.15
- Kids 4-10 yrs after school; 5-7 per group Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 4-5pm & Sat 8am, 9am & 10am \$130/term
- Kids 10 yrs + or those of competition standard Tues, Wed & Thurs at 5-6.30pm; 4-6 per group \$180/term.
- Teenage class Mon 5pm; 4-6 per group \$150/term
- Adults have lessons on weekdays, evenings & weekends - pay as you go \$15 for 1 hr and \$20 for 1.5hrs - no need to book - call for a timetable. Adult comps & socials available.

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

Owners Wendy Camelotti and Howard Smith.

Massage Centre within Keirle Park - ask for Maxine

Fitness/rehab for back pain - ask for Carl 0407 322 333

