



BEAUTY POINT BUZZ

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TERM 3 WEEK 9

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Small School – Big Opportunities

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our current School Value focus is "CO-OPERATION"

In this edition of the "Buzz" please find information regarding ticket purchases for the major fundraiser on 1st November and the Working Bee at school this weekend.

I am sure both these events will receive strong support.

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank Ms Gilks and Mr Gallagher for fine work relieving as Principal whilst I was on long service leave. It's good to be back at this busy time of term.

As has been widely reported in the media this week, the results from the first **National Assessment Program in literacy and numeracy** (NAPLAN) were released on Monday. A sealed envelope containing the results for every student in Years 3 and 5 has been sent home with today's "Buzz." Although I have not yet had the opportunity to analyse the results in depth, a preliminary look at the data suggests that our students have attained strong results.

Following the completion of interviews for three **school administration staff positions** at Beauty Point, I am pleased to announce the appointment of three new members of our staff team. **Mrs Celine Donnell** will commence duty as a School Administrative Manager (SAM) on 27 January, 2009. **Mrs Donnell** is currently employed at Neutral Bay P.S. **Mrs Gina Carline** will commence duty as Mrs. Williams' library assistant for 1 day per week on 13 October, 2009. Our General Assistant, **Mr Michael Armour**, has had his 1 day per week position confirmed as permanent.

Yesterday I received notification from the Mosman Library that several of our students have been awarded winning prizes in the **Children's Book Week Competitions** for 2008. Congratulations are extended to **Kimberley** and **Jack**, Year 5-6 section, **Keyla**, 3 – 4 section and **Alexia** K-2 Section. Well done to these students.

I wish to extend my thanks to all parents who provided **feedback to the survey** about our school. A high percentage of respondents have provided "food for thought" which was discussed by the School Council last Monday. Staff will discuss the findings over the coming fortnight. I would particularly like to acknowledge the great work of parent representative, Rosie Connor, in collating the data. The input from staff and students will also contribute greatly toward the planning process. I shall keep you informed of proceedings. Today's "Buzz" is accompanied by a one page questionnaire regarding school culture. If you can spare a few minutes to complete this it would be appreciated. Please return to the office no later than next Thursday 25 September.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

*Congratulations to our Senior Debating students who have performed with great skill throughout the year.
We are very proud of your achievements*

Today, as President of the Sydney North Region Primary Schools Sports Association, I attended the **Regional Athletics Championships** at Sydney Olympic Park. Of particular interest was the performance of Beauty Point students **Jack in discus and 100m and Rafaela in discus**. Both were members of the North Shore Zone team.

I was delighted with the results attained in the **Australasian Schools' English competition**. 61% of our candidates scored at credit level or higher; a very fine performance indeed. **Sarah and Matthew** were awarded **High Distinctions** for being in the top 1% of candidates. **Distinctions** were awarded to **Kieran, Joshua, Carla, Charlotte, Jessica, Gabriella, Daniel, Isabella, Felix, Maxim, Alexandra and Jordan**. Congratulations to each of these students.

The first session of our "**Transition to School**" program for children commencing Kindergarten in 2009 will be conducted by Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Jensen next Tuesday, 23 September between 9.10 – 10.50am. We currently have a confirmed number of 51 students seeking enrolment next year.

This Friday will see Class 5C participate in the 2nd and final session of an excellent program titled, "**Just Like You**" which is provided by the Spastic Centre. The program involves presenters, one of whom is physically disabled, speaking with the children about a wide range of issues and provides our students with the opportunity to ask many questions. The first session was highly successful and we eagerly await the next. Our visitors spoke very highly regarding the attentiveness and interest of our students.

Next Tuesday – Thursday, Year 5 and 6 will undertake a **3 day excursion to Bathurst and Jenolan Caves** under the supervision of Ms Gilks, Miss Conway and Miss Paul. This trip will be a wonderful educational and social experience for the girls and boys and I am sure that they will all exhibit appropriate behaviour and courtesy throughout the excursion. I thank our 3 teachers for their giving their time to accompany the children for this time. Mrs Herringer will teach 4P for these three days.

Due to ongoing parental concerns with the current **lunch order system**, the P & C is proposing a **new model for lunch orders**. This model is outlined in this issue of the "Buzz". Please take the time to read and consider the proposal.

The **building work** on the hall is progressing well and it is hoped that it will be almost completed by the end of week 1 next term. With the hall out of action, it has been necessary for a number of changes to normal routines within the school. I acknowledge that this is quite disruptive and I thank all parties for their flexibility and understanding during this time.

A school working bee under the direction of Helen Kirkman will take place at school this Sunday, 21 September between 10am – 1pm. If you are able to spare an hour or two to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Much can be achieved in a small time period if a healthy attendance is on hand. Parents are asked to turn up on Sunday from 10am to 1pm for a Working Bee. Sausage sizzle and tea and coffee available from 10am. If parents can only make it on Saturday afternoon and would like to drive the ride on mower with the top dresser and corer attachments, they could phone Helen on 0425 281 382 or email her on kirkmanh@bigpond.net.au

School photos will be taken on **Tuesday, 21st October** (Week 2). In addition to class photographs, many additional group shots will be taken. These include band, debating, chess, maths Olympiad, sporting teams etc. Information and payment envelopes will be sent home on day 1 of Term 2.

As this is this final "Buzz" for the term, I take this opportunity to wish all girls and boys and a very happy holiday with their family. I congratulate them for their work throughout the term. Thank you is also extended to parents who assist our school in so many ways; as always it is greatly appreciated. Finally, to our great team of dedicated and committed teachers and staff, you do a wonderful job and I wish you all a happy and relaxing holiday.

Classes resume on Monday, 13th October in summer uniform.

Regards,

Graham Phillips
Principal

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P&C NEWS

School Council News

Dear Parents

The School Council met on Monday to discuss the feedback we received from parents regarding their thoughts on future developments for the school.

We would like to thank the many parents who took the time to express their thoughts. The high level of response was very encouraging.

The feedback gave us a valuable insight into parents perceptions of and desires for the school and some very useful suggestions and observations were made. Although overall it appears parents are extremely satisfied with the core curriculum as taught at Beauty Point, some key themes were identified to be further discussed.

All areas will be reviewed and, if relevant, incorporated into the school plan.

The School Council will report back over the next few weeks, providing feedback to parents on suggestions or issues raised.

A big thank you to the class parents who helped obtain the feedback, either by organising get-togethers or interviewing parents. Your help is much appreciated. Also to Rosie Connor for reviewing the feedback and producing a very thorough and comprehensive report for our consideration.

If you have any further questions, on this or any other matters, please feel free to contact the School Council parent representatives at any time.

Fiona Greet (9960 6701) Angus Laing (9948 7297) Rosie Connor (9969 9499) Mark Little (9968 1969)

Or your P&C committee members

Angus Laing – President (9948 9499) Fiona Greet – Vice-President (9960 6701)

Monica Jacobs – Secretary Jeremy Longworth – Treasurer

Lucy Pollock – Fundraising Co-ordinator (9904 1014) Julianne Grave – Uniform Shop (9960 3449)

Helen Kirkman – Class Parent Co-ordinator/Environment Co-ordinator

SCIENCE NEWS

This week is electrical safety week and all classes will be involved in lessons on how to stay safe in the classroom and at home.



OUR WINNING SCIENTISTS FOR THE FORTNIGHT

are

Junior Scientist – Adam and Senior Scientist - Keyla

Mirelle Farrell, Science Teacher

CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

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KJ	Charlie
YR 1	Abbye, Billy
YR 1/2	Andrew
YR 3/4	Jessica
YR 4	Felix, Timothy, Maxim
YR 5	Neyaz
YR 6	Jordan

CHILDREN RECEIVING BANNERS

1/2G	Josh, Cella
Yr 3	Wye-yern, Emma, Jack
Yr 3/4	Bianca
Yr 4	Felix

BANNER ASSEMBLY and the SCHOOL HALL

In previous years, variations on the merit card system may have been given out by teachers and support staff. These large grey merit cards with brown writing were legitimate positive reinforcement for children's behaviour and work. They DO NOT form part of the merit system that leads to the rewarding of a banner. The only cards that can be traded after accumulating are the **white merit card**, the **silver merit award** and the **gold merit certificate**. When your child has four of one type they need to be placed in the mail box at the front office.

A Banner Assembly is held at the end of every term, but with the hall renovations the next Banner Assembly will not be held until 4th term. It is a long time for the children to wait for their Banners but we would like to open the Hall with this Banner Assembly so it will be very special for the children involved. The normal Banner assembly procedure of invitations being issued to family and friends will follow.

Kevin Gallagher, Assistant Principal

NEW LUNCH ORDER SYSTEM - FLEXIMEALS

Rather than paper bags and money, you place your orders online from home or work. Orders can be placed up until 8:00am in the morning, or even up to a week in advance! The menu is especially designed for primary school-age children. All items are freshly made every morning, and delivered directly to the school. The payment is made over the internet using your credit card. A number of public and independent schools are using this system in the area and it is very successful.

Please visit www.flexischools.com.au <<http://www.flexischools.com.au/>> to see the menu that will be available for our school. For both username and password, enter 'qw' which will enable you to see the demonstration.

If there are any concerns or objections to this system, please put them in writing and hand to the office by the end of next week!!! We are hoping to start using Fleximeals at the beginning of Term 4 on Mondays and Thursdays.

For any further information, please contact Jordy Wickham 0409 036 552 or email: jwickha1@bigpond.net.au

DEBATING REPORT

Year 6 Debating – Congratulations to the Year 6 Debating team (**Rafaela, Madi, Maddison, Morgan, Tilly and Tess**) who won the Zone final of the 2008 Premier's Debating Challenge. We triumphed over previous champions Neutral Bay in a very stimulating and close debate.

From there we proceeded to the quarter finals where we were narrowly defeated, the first defeat ever for this team. My heartiest praise for all the girls who have improved considerably over the years and have done such an excellent job.

Year 5 Debating Camp – Our Year 5 team attended a debating camp at Collaroy last week to hone their skills for next year's competition. Congratulations to **Alexandra, Sierra, Jack** and **Coralie** who represented the school and especially to **Jack** who received a "wild card" for his excellent skills in this area.

Well done to all five students.

Elizabeth Williams, Debating Co-ordinator

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 17	Sydney North Regional Athletics at Homebush
Tuesday 23	Transition to school program for Kindergarten 2009 - 9.10 - 10.50am
Tuesday 23-Thursday 25	Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) students to Bathurst
Friday 26	LAST DAY OF TERM 3

TERM 4

OCTOBER

Monday 13	ALL CLASSES RESUME FOR TERM 4 - summer uniform
Thursday 16	K-Yr 2 visiting the Art Gallery of NSW Year 6 participate in the Interelate program
Tuesday 21	School photos
Thursday 23	Transition to school program for Kindergarten 2009 - 9.10 - 10.50am Year 6 Interelate Parent Information Night for Kindergarten 2009 - 7.00pm in the hall
Wednesday 29	Transition to school program for Kindergarten 2009 - 11.30 - 12.50pm Year 6 Interelate
Thursday 30	Sports coaching afternoon for all K-6 students

NOVEMBER

Saturday 1	Major fundraiser evening
Tuesday 4	Year 6 Interelate
Thursday 6	School Disco
Friday 7	Transition to school program for Kindergarten 2009 - 9.10 - 10.50 am
Thursday 13	Mosman Council Youth Summit for Year 6

DECEMBER

Friday 5	School Christmas Cocktail Party for parents (all welcome)
Monday 8	School Concert, Matinee Performance at North Sydney Leagues Club - 12.00noon
Wednesday 10	School Concert Evening Performance at North Sydney Leagues Club - 7.00pm
Wednesday 17	End of year picnic day
Friday 19	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR

MAJOR FUNDRAISER

Witches and Warlocks will be selling tickets this Friday 19th and Monday 22nd before and after school at the gates. \$65 each payable by cash or cheque.

Please Sing Along to the tune of the tv show

"THE ADAMS FAMILY"



The Fundraising Committee:

Julie Duthie	Year 2
Chris Kloster	Year 2
Alex Brown	Year 2
Cathy Lowe	Year 2
Kerry Reed	Year K/2

Thank you for your support!!!!!!

WE NEED SOME AUCTION ITEMS
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FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMM....ITEE!!



Dear Parents and Carers,



Last Friday you received the **October Vacation Care Program**. We accept bookings until the end of this term. During the School Holidays OOSH will be located in Classroom 1/2G. We are open from 8:00am until 6:00 pm. Please sign your child in upon arrival and out when collecting. Due to renovation and OOSH's temporary relocation we are available on our mobile - **0418 609 993**



Our program includes excursions as well as in-centre days. We also have back by popular demand, a **SLEEPOVER** excursion to **Ocean World Manly**. This however, will only be possible if there is a sufficient number of bookings.

Every day, regardless of whether it is an excursion or in-centre day OOSH will have daily programs that will include active games (both indoor and outdoor), art and craft, and quiet activities.

Parents are required to provide morning tea and lunch; OOSH provides afternoon tea and a late snack. Please ensure that children wear weather appropriate clothes and comfortable shoes. As we are now in Spring, a hat and refillable drinking bottle is a must for your child.

We all hope to see you this **October Vacation Care** 😊

Kind Regards

Meg Trop
Centre Director

BAND NOTES

Fantastic effort everyone! Our Election Day Cake stall made a whopping \$607.75. Thank you to everyone who baked and manned the stall and special thanks to Sam Blood for organizing the day. Our drum kit has already gone in for repair and we are planning on replacing our very temperamental keyboard. Yeah!!

Both Bands are being rewarded with a special PIZZA Lunch Treat this Monday 22 September. The lunch is just another way of letting the children know how proud we are of them for all the work they put into their music. Please tell your children to come to the canteen at lunchtime to get their pizza.

There will still be Training Band at lunchtime on Monday and Concert Band on Tuesday at 8.00am for those not going to Bathurst next week.

Have a wonderful holiday break and see you all back at Band from Monday, 13 October.

Happy Music Making

Rebecca and the Band Committee

COMMUNITY NOTES

NIDA Spring Holiday Program from 27 September to 12 October

Take a dramatic course at Australia's premier performing arts institute, the National Institute of Dramatic Art. NIDA offers courses from 2 days to a week for young people (from 4 to 18 yrs) interested in the performing arts. Courses available this spring include Drama School, Music Theatre, Sprites & Magical Beasts, Screen Acting, Circus & Magic School, NIDAWARTS, Narnia Dreaming, Design Ideas and Costume Making.

NIDA tutors are industry professionals and NIDA graduates. For bookings and further information contact NIDA Open Program on 02 9697 7626 or open@nida.edu.au. Online bookings and full program also available at www.nida.edu.au.



Summer **SWIMMING** Lessons

Lessons at your home or local beach/pool.
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Contact Sarah Atkins
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enquiries@selectsportscoaching.com

October Holiday Sports Camp (Craig Mitchell Middle Harbour Public School)



MCJEDUCATION

Join us in October for our Spring holiday camps. With our very popular Multi Sport camp, Boys and Girls soccer camps and a basketball camp, expert teachers and coaches and 3 ½ hours of fun each day, this is the place to be during the school holidays.

Visit us at www.mcjseducation.com.au to see more details and print off a registration form. For more information on **SOCCKER CAMPS** please contact Craig Mitchell 0416262805.

SPORTS fundamentals

SPORTS FUN HOLIDAY CAMPS **AGES 3 - 7**

Neutral Bay Tennis Club

Our Holiday Camps are a great way to keep the kids active and entertained during the next holidays. The multi sport camps focus on a number of sports including cricket, soccer, basketball, tennis, hockey T Ball and football.

Sep/Oct 2008 Holiday Camps:

Wk1: Mon 29th Sept, Wed 1st & Fri 3rd Oct

Wk2: Wed 8th & Fri 10th Oct

Times: 9.30am - 1.00pm

Cost : \$50 per child per day (incl. GST). 10% discount for siblings.

*** All children will receive camp certificate and great prizes***

*Mention this ad to receive a **FREE** day when you book two or more days.*

For more info call Ben on

0404 850 319

or visit www.sportsfun.com.au

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is seeking volunteer host families for high school students aged between 14 and 18 years old scheduled to arrive in Australia in early February 2009 from Austria, Germany, Italy, Canada, Japan, and the USA. All students are required to go through a stringent selection process. Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend local high schools whilst they are in Australia.

The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance. However hosting can benefit you by helping to make your family aware of different cultures, values, study habits, languages, and food. Have fun showing off Australian differences to international youth, make new overseas friends, and take a look at Australia through the eyes of another culture. There are no costs for the host family, as we organise all the flights, school enrolment, transportation, medical and insurance cover and local support systems.

Call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501, visit www.scce.com.au or email scceaust@scce.com.au

MULTI-SPORT CLINICS

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- Wet weather venue if required
- Fruit supplied for morning tea

Boys & Girls Multi-Sport Clinics for ages 5-13:



Boys sports - Cricket, Soccer,
Touch Football, Soft Ball

Girls sports - Netball, Softball, Cricket,
Soccer, Touch Football



St Ives - Hassell Park, 29 Sept - 1 Oct, 9am-1pm

North Sydney - Oval No. 2, 1-3 Oct, 9am-1pm

Bookings / Details 0401 382 409 or 9489 8187

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Australian Girls Choir & *Aus Girls Dance*

Performing Arts Holiday Programme – October 8 & 9

for all girls in Grade 2 and above with an interest in the Performing Arts.

Activities will include workshops in drama, circus skills,
modern dance and pop singing sessions.

Open Day – Sunday October 19

Open Day offers the opportunity to join in a tryout class or a group assessment for the Australian Girls Choir, take part in a dance workshop for Aus Girls Dance, attend an information session and find out further details about 2009 classes.

Contact us for further information!

Ph: 9922 6733

www.ausgirlschoir.com.au www.ausgirlsdance.com.au



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