



# BEAUTY POINT BUZZ

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TERM 4 WEEK 1

15 October, 2008

*Small School – Big Opportunities*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Our current School Value focus is "RESPECT"*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the final term of 2008. This will again be a busy time with our students involved in many challenging and engaging learning experiences. **We especially welcome new students** and their family to Beauty Point, Miss Weir who returns following her long service leave and Miss Kate Graham who will work as a student teacher on KW for the next 4 weeks.

Last Monday, every child should have brought home an envelope relating to our **school photographs** that will be taken next Tuesday. All information regarding the various packages is on the envelope so please ensure that you return it to the class teacher prior to Tuesday. Many group photos will also be taken on the day, including band, performing arts, sports, debating etc. All children are expected to wear their full summer uniform on the day and bring any sports uniform with them. The group photos can be ordered from proofs at a later time.

Our school's major fundraising event for the year, "**The Halloween Fundraiser Ball**" is to be held at the International College of Management, Manly on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> November. This school community event is always great fun and of course contributes enormously to our capacity to provide teaching / learning resources for our students and their teachers. I am sure that you will once again support the efforts of the hard working Year 2 parents on the organising committee through your attendance. Please don't delay the purchasing of your tickets.

Late last term the results of the first **National Assessment Program in literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN)** were released. It was widely reported in the media that the results of NSW students in Years 3 and 5 were among the highest across the nation. Students are assessed in 6 performance bands and as I indicated in the previous "Buzz", our girls and boys have performed very well. The tables below indicate the percentage of Beauty Point students assessed in the top 2 bands compared to those across New South Wales.

Percentage of students in the top 2 bands - Literacy

YEAR 3	READING	WRITING	SPELLING	GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	OVERALL LITERACY
Beauty Point	81	75	66	88	81
State	47	54	46	43	49

### STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

*We offer congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students and to all teaching staff on the fine results attained in the National Assessment Program in literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN).*

YEAR 5					
Beauty Point	56	40	50	73	57
State	33	30	37	36	32

Percentage of students in the top 2 bands - Numeracy

YEAR 3	NUMBER, PATTERNS & ALGEBRA	MEASUREMENT, DATA, SPACE & GEOMETRY	OVERALL NUMERACY
Beauty Point	67	67	64
State	43	43	40
YEAR 5			
Beauty Point	58	55	62
State	25	28	26

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students and all teaching staff on these fine results. Next Monday afternoon, Ms Gilks, Mrs Ewan and I will attend a training workshop the use the NAPLAN data to inform and assist teaching and learning.

I am very pleased to say that the work on the **extension and refurbishment of the school hall** is approaching completion. This week we are moving OOSH back in to the hall and we will be able to resume normal use for other school activities in this facility. I would like to thank everyone for their flexibility, patience and co-operation during the period, especially teaching staff, Eliza Hall, Maria Kaloudis and Kevin Gallagher along with OOSH Centre Director, Meg Trop. There is still some external work to complete, but we are almost there!

Whilst speaking of OOSH, I would like to acknowledge the very significant contribution given to the management of the centre by Mark Driessen, one of our parents. After 6 years as either a member of the management committee, treasurer or OOSH president, Mark has indicated that he is standing down from the committee due to other work commitments. Thank you Mark for your wonderful service to this highly valued area of our school. If you are a user of the **OOSH service**, now would be a good time to consider offering your time to serve on the **management committee**. If interested, please contact our Centre Director, Meg Trop. The centre cannot operate effectively without this support.

Unfortunately, Noah Sharwood, our performing arts teacher, has been quite ill recently with glandular fever however I am pleased to report that he is now fully recovered and will resume his program for next Monday.

Each year, we hold our **annual School Presentation Day** in the last week of the school year. You may wish to place the date in your diary now; Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am in the hall at Middle Harbour Public School.

One of the interesting issues that came out of the recent parent surveys about our school was the high value that parents place on information contained in the **class newsletters** sent home each term. All teachers will be sending their Term 4 edition home this week so keep an eye out for it.

Late last term, a dedicated group of 22 parents (and some of their children) did an enormous amount of **playground maintenance** at a school working bee. Among other tasks, they mechanically aerated the central playground area and top dressed it with 17 tonne of material. Over the holidays, the grass has re-established itself very well, so may I say a huge thank you to the group under the leadership of Helen Kirman.

Tomorrow sees the introduction of the school's **new system for lunch ordering** that has been arranged by the P & C. This on-line service is being used by a number of public and independent schools on the north shore and northern beaches. You should have received information regarding the method of registration for this service last term, however all children were given a note about it last Monday to take home. The service will operate on Mondays and Thursday.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of four "**Transition to School**" sessions for next year's kindergarten students will be conducted next Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 9.10am and a Parent Information Night for Kinder 2009 will be held in the hall that night at 7.00 pm. I do encourage parents who already have a sibling at BPPS to attend the information evening along with our first time parents.

The teachers and I are concerned that some children, who are not booked into OOSH, are arriving at school very early or are not being picked up for some time after 3pm. I remind parents that there is **no playground supervision** by teachers until 8.30am and **no playground supervision after 3pm**. I have also reminded the girls and boys this week that **skateboards, scooters etc are not to be ridden in the school playground at any time**.

All Beauty Point staff members look forward to supporting your children throughout a stimulating last term!

Regards,

Graham Phillips  
Principal

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P&C NEWS -

**next meeting Monday 3 November 7.00pm in the NEW school hall**

Mosman and Neutral Bay

I hope everyone had a good two weeks between the school terms (it's not fair to assume everyone out there gets to take holidays when their children are off school). I was fortunate enough to be able to take a group of fellow fathers and children away to a retreat in the Budawangs a few hours south of Sydney. It was great to spend time outdoors in nature with a great group of people and to see fathers, who all too often are too busy working to spend much time with their children, having a great time with their offspring.

Good for you, you may well say, and so what!

Well I've been hearing news from parents at other schools who've been on a fathers and sons weekend organised by the YMCA and they've really enjoyed it. So I'm going to organise a weekend for the boys in years 3 to 5 and their dads. This will be held at the YMCA camp in Yarramundi at the foot of the blue mountains on the 28th and 29th March next year and will feature things like canoeing, challenges, campfires, climbing and we can stay in cabins so no need to worry about camping gear. I'll be sending more information out about this shortly but dads with sons currently in years 2 to 4 put this in your diary now.

The major fundraiser approaches, so please keep thinking about things you can donate and be sure to purchase your tickets this week.

Angus Laing  
President P&C

## MAJOR FUNDRAISER REMINDER



Don't forget all you witches and warlocks, have you purchased your tickets yet for the Halloween Fundraiser Ball? RSVPS are due this week or at the latest Friday October 17 by simply handing into the office.

If there are any specific food requirements please email Anna at [annajo@bigpond.net.au](mailto:annajo@bigpond.net.au)

We would also be grateful if **Year 2 parents** could donate their good bottle of wine for our wine cellar auction by Tuesday 21 October, please bring to the school office.

## SCIENCE NEWS

This term looks certain to be another busy ten weeks. Kindergarten are studying the unit entitled Sinking and Floating.

Years 1 and 2 are investigating Insects and Plants in our local environment and Years 3 and 4 will be studying the human body. Years 5 and 6 are investigating rocks and minerals for the first five weeks and then using light and sound to make a video.



*Mirelle Farrell, Science Teacher*

## CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

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YR 1	Christian
YR 1/2	Ella
YR 3	Karolina

## DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4	
OCTOBER	
<b>Monday 13</b>	<b>ALL CLASSES RESUME FOR TERM 4 - <u>summer uniform</u></b>
Thursday 16	K-Yr 2 visiting the Art Gallery of NSW Year 6 participate in the Interelate program
<b>Tuesday 21</b>	<b>School photos</b>
Thursday 23	Transition to school program for Kindergarten 2009 - 9.10 - 10.50 am 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 - 12.50 pm Year 6 Interelate
Thursday 30	Sports coaching afternoon for all K-6 students
NOVEMBER	
Saturday 1	Major fundraiser evening
Monday 3	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm in the NEW school hall – all welcome
Tuesday 4	Year 6 Interelate
Thursday 6	School Disco K-2 - 4.00-5.15 and a sausage sizzle from 5.15-5.45 pm and Yrs 3-6 - 5.45-7.15 pm
Friday 7	Transition to school program for Kindergarten 2009 - 9.10 - 10.50 am
Thursday 13	Mosman Council Youth Summit for Year 6
Tue 18-Tue 25	Book Fair in the Library
Thursday 28	TIM TAM night - Band performances
DECEMBER	
Friday 5	School Christmas Cocktail Party for parents at the home of Julie and Campbell Shepherd (BPPS parents are all welcome)
Monday 8	School Concert, Matinee Performance at North Sydney Leagues Club - 12.00 noon
Wednesday 10	School Concert Evening Performance at North Sydney Leagues Club - 7.00 pm
Monday 15	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Tuesday 16	Beauty Point Presentation Day - Middle Harbour Public School commencing at 11.30 am
Wednesday 17	End of year picnic day
<b>Friday 19</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR</b>

## BACK TO SCHOOL ALLOWANCE – CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTIFICATION

"The \$50 Back-to-School Allowance for every child attending school in New South Wales will be paid by the Department of Education and Training and is designed to help families meet some of the costs of getting their children back to school at the start of the 2009 school year.

To enable the payments to be made, schools have been asked to provide details of family and student names and addresses. The Department proposes to forward the \$50 allowance from mid-January 2009 for students in Years 1 to 10 and from mid-February for students in Kindergarten and Years 11 and 12 in 2009. The allowance will be paid to the nominated parent or custodial parent.

If you have recently changed your address or family details, please contact the school office as soon as possible."

Thanks. Christine Harvey, School Administrative Manager

## OOSH NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are back with our Before School Care and After School Care program!

During the school holidays we ran a very successful Vacation Care program. We went to many fun and exciting places, met new friends from Ridge Street Kids Club, did amazing art works and learnt a few things too ☺ Thank you all for your feedback. OOSH is determined to maintain a safe and stimulating environment for children and the highest quality care.

This week OOSH is moving back to the Hall and we are all very excited about it. We are investigating the purchase purchase of new equipment and some furniture for our renovated venue.

And just some reminders;

- please ensure that children bring their hats, as we are heading for a beautiful summer and the children will be spending time playing outdoors
- please sign your child out upon departure
- please book early for Melbourne Cup Day (4th November) as places are limited and closer to the date may not be available.

Meg Trop, Director

## BAND NOTES

Welcome back to a busy musical Term 4.

Concert Band is performing for the Mosman Festival in just 10 days time. Details are as follows:

Time: Sunday October 26  
gather at 10.15 for 10.45 performance  
Place: Allan Border Oval  
Dress: Full summer uniform with band badges

Please encourage your children to learn "Rock to the Max Mr Sax", "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Rock around the Clock".

Both bands will be performing at our annual Tim Tam Night later this week term.

Our planning for the New Year is as follows – Band 2009 will see in a new Training Band, Brad Madigan conducting both groups and new positions to help on the program for the school. Please help us start the recruitment process with encouraging younger students to join. How about you join the committee?

*Rebecca Fitzpatrick* and the Band Committee

# COMMUNITY NOTES



## MANLY GOLF CLUB CADET AND JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

or

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
4.00pm – 5.30pm

Cost of the clinic \$80 for the term.

For boys and girls aged between 8 and 15 years.  
All equipment is provided. All standards welcome.

Contact: Philip Baird Manly Golf Club

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## SCHOOL FAIR AT MIDDLE HARBOUR PUBLIC SCHOOL

ON 25 OCTOBER, 2008

Fun for everyone

Middle Harbour Public School SPRING FAIR -  
October 25th, 9am-3pm. "Under the Big Top"  
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