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Small School – Big Opportunities

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our current School Value focus is "EXCELLENCE"

Dear Parents,



Last Thursday, it was a pleasure to once again welcome family and friends to our school for the final **Banner Presentation Award assembly** for 2008. This ceremony recognised the fine achievements of 12 of our students over an extended period of time. Warm congratulations are extended to the Banner recipients; **Claudia, Kimberley, Will, Honor, Charlotte** (Year 6), **Sierra, Jack, Liam, Tom** (Year 5), **Grace** (Year 4), **Daniel and Jacob** (Year 2). Each of these students can be very proud of their achievements. I would like to acknowledge the work of Mr Gallagher, Assistant Principal, for his effort in preparing the written citation that accompanies each Banner.

On behalf of the Beauty Point School community, I thank Julie and Campbell Shepherd for opening their home last Friday evening to host the **School Christmas Cocktail Party**. As is the case each year, this was a wonderful night of relaxed, informal social mixing between parents and the many staff who were able to attend.

Yesterday, the staff hosted a **morning tea for many parents who have provided help and assistance** to the school throughout 2008. This was a very small way for the staff to say, "thank you" for the many ways parents assist our school. Beauty Point is blessed with tremendous support and I repeat that this assistance is genuinely appreciated by all staff. I know that all invited parents were not able to attend, so please accept our sincere thanks for your valued contribution. Thank you to Miss Weir for organising the morning and to Mrs Curvey for providing the beautiful floral arrangements.

Tonight sees the evening performance of the school's **end of year concert**, Beauty Point presents "**Countdown**" in the auditorium at North Sydney Leagues Club. Monday's matinee was greatly enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance. The girls and boys have been enjoying the concert preparations under the direction of our performing arts teacher, Noah Sharwood and their class teachers. I thank all staff for their input into the performance and we hope that you enjoy the show.

Tomorrow, **student reports for Semester 2** will be sent home with each child in a sealed envelope addressed to parents. The report focuses on learning progress for the latter half of the year. Note that the attendance figures shown reflect the whole year. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child.

We are looking forward with much anticipation to the **Year 6 Farewell Dinner** that will be held in the hall next Monday evening. This night is a highlight each year for our out-going Year 6 students before their transition to secondary school. A group of hard working parents is planning a variety of activities to ensure the success of the night. I wish to thank Annette Lutze from the school office for her significant input to the success of the event.

A further reminder to all parents that the school's **Annual Presentation Day** will be held in the hall at Middle Harbour Public School next **Tuesday, 16th December commencing at 11.30am**. Parents of every **Kindergarten and Year 6** student are reminded that **every student in both these years will be receiving awards**. The parents of award recipients in Years 2 – 5 will

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

*To all our wonderful Beauty Point students,
congratulations on a fantastic effort in presenting the annual concert,
"Countdown".
Well done also, Mr Sharwood and all staff*

be notified by mail this week. Parents may take their children home at the conclusion of the ceremony however, written permission must be provided to the class teacher if a child is to be taken home by another parent.

I appeal to all families to check very carefully at home for **school library books that have not been returned**. Mrs Williams informs me that there is a higher than normal overdue book list for this time of year. Any books or resources should be returned by next Monday.

Next Monday, Brad Madigan, our conductor for both bands in 2009 would like to have a **combined training / concert band lunchtime session for all members of next year's band program**. At present, this does not include those students who will be joining the band program next year. So for all current band members in Years 2 – 5 who will be at BPPS next year, please make sure that you bring your instrument to school next Monday.

Whilst speaking of the bands, I am very disappointed to say that our large **glockenspiel**, owned by the school, has "disappeared" from Mr Gallagher's room in the past week. This is of particular concern. If anyone can provide information regarding its whereabouts, please contact me without delay!

Still on the band program for 2009, it is imperative that **parents of participating students put themselves forward to fill positions on the band committee**. Please do not assume that someone else will do it ... because someone else probably won't! The band program at the school is currently very healthy, but it needs commitment from parents to continue to flourish. Di Barker is volunteered to head the organisation of the Band Camp next May, but we need others on the band committee. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

This week we are experiencing some disruption at school with the **redevelopment and paving of the school car park**. Unfortunately, the bitumen plants shut down over the Christmas period meaning the work could not be undertaken in the holidays. This work is being fully funded by the Department of Education and Training (DET) and will complete all the work involved in the extension and refurbishment of the hall. Again, we will put up "short term pain" for significant improvement to the school environment.

You may have noted media reports that the commencement of the 2009 school year could be disrupted due to possible industrial unrest between the State Government and the NSW Teachers' Federation. It is hoped that a negotiated settlement can be reached thereby avoiding any disruption. However, to remove any uncertainty in the minds of parents with children commencing Kindergarten in 2009, I have decided that the **new Kindergarten children will enrol on Monday, 2nd February, 2009**. I will keep parents informed of the commencement date for children going into Years 1 – 6. At present, it remains Wednesday, 28th January.

As this is the final "Buzz" for the year, I would like to thank you all for your support of our school throughout 2008. To the families of Year 6 children who end their association with our school as their child transitions to secondary school, I wish you all the best. **Several staff members are leaving us** and we shall miss each of them. Elizabeth Williams has been a wonderful librarian and we wish her every success at North Sydney Public School. Amy Paul has been an excellent teacher on Year 4 this year and I know she will be an asset at John Paul College in Brisbane. When Ruth Fitzpatrick retired at the end of Term 2, I wondered how we would replace her. Christine Harvey has done a great job in that regard during Semester 2. I thank Christine for her effort and wish her well in future endeavours. Our long term Concert Band conductor, Rebecca Fitzpatrick is stepping down from this position. I thank Rebecca for her passion and commitment to the band program over the years and we wish her the best in the new challenges she wishes to pursue.

I wish all families a joyous, peaceful and happy Christmas and trust that you all enjoy this special time of the year together over the holiday period.

Regards,

Graham Phillips
Principal

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P&C NEWS - next meeting Monday 16 February 2009

Band program cancelled and OOSH to close down.

Now that I have your attention I would like you to think about the impact these two statements would have on you and your children if they were to come true. Both the band and OOSH have become important parts of our school for very different reasons. Both of them need the support of parents in order to function. Both of them need new parents to come forward and take an active role on their respective committees, as long-standing committee members are standing down at the end of this year.

If you believe your child benefits from either of these two programs then you have a responsibility to support them, so please do so by volunteering to become involved in their respective committees. You simply can't always leave it to somebody else, so give Su Cordiner a call on 0418269263 to support OOSH and Helen Livesey a call on 0401 047977 to support the band.

It's been another successful year for our school and as my daughter, Kimberley, leaves the school it's been an opportunity to reflect with other Year 6 parents on the improvements which have been made over the years our children have been here. There were so many things that needed doing to make the place like it is today. The commitment and hard work of all the staff and many active parents over these years have made a substantial difference to the quality of the school environment and in doing so have increased the viability of this small community school. It is now moving from strength to strength. For the first time in many years we had a full year 6 class, and next year enrolments are strong.

So on behalf of this year's new kindy parents who will walk into a school better than the one we walked in to I'd like to say thank you for helping to make this school even more special.

Have a great summer holiday!

Angus Laing
President P&C

CHILDREN RECEIVING AWARDS

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KJ	Adam, Billy
YR 2	Jacob
YR 4	Sydney
YR 5	Tom, Jack, Liam, Antoine

CHILDREN RECEIVING BANNERS

YR 2	Jacob
YR 3/4	Adam
YR 5	Jack, Liam, Charlotte

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

DECEMBER

Wednesday 10	Combined Scripture Service - 10.00-11.00am in the School Hall 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 K-2
Thursday 18	End of year picnic day Yrs 3-6
Friday 19	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR

JANUARY 2009

Monday 26	Australia Day - Public Holiday
Tuesday 27	School Development Day - staff return to school
Wednesday 28	Years 1 - 6 return to school

FEBRUARY

Monday 2	Kindergarten children start school
Tuesday 10	School Swimming Carnival

DON'T FORGET

Please remember there are still a few envelopes to collect from the office left over from our successful Halloween Night.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE



Help someone celebrate Christmas. The Salvation Army will be collecting your donations of food on Monday 15 December, so please send non perishable food items to 1HK classroom by **Monday morning**. Christmas foods and everyday food items are much needed and appreciated.

Many thanks,
Eliza Hall, Year 1 Teacher

INSTRUMENT HIRE

To all the parents who have hired instruments from the school, please note that they must be returned by no later than 17 December. Please bring to the office so they can be marked off. If they are not returned by that date the hirer will be responsible for the cost of cleaning and servicing the instruments.

Many thanks

Band Committee

MARNIE FUNDRAISER – “STICKY FINGERS”



Last Wednesday Year 3H had a great time making and selling “Sticky Fingers” to raise money for our sponsored child Marnie. We made \$230.00. Thank you to everyone who brought a sticky finger.
Students of 3H

LIBRARY NEWS



This is my last newsletter at Beauty Point Public School so I will take this opportunity to farewell all the wonderful families I have had the pleasure of working with since 2000.

The community here is so wonderfully supportive to the library and to books and reading which has made by job a dream. My years at this school have been very happy ones professionally and I shall miss the positive atmosphere, so characteristic of this school.

I am moving to North Sydney Public School as it offers me a 5 day full time position in one school.

The staff here will continue to give me news and updates on the school and children so I will stay in touch.

Happy Christmas and all the best for 2009.

Please return all books to the Library as soon as possible. They are now well overdue.

Happy reading
Elizabeth Williams, Teacher Librarian

OOSH NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

School is almost finished, just two weeks and then we can enjoy the holiday season. I would like to remind all the parents about January Vacation Care in OOSH. We start our program on 19th January 2009. Please see our attached program. You will also find our January Vacation Care program in your children's bags. If you require care for your children until 19th January please see the note about the centres in our area that are open and have vacancies.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support and positive feedback on our operations. I would also like to thank the children for a wonderful time in OOSH this year. We had lots of fun, and we will have an even better time next year.

On behalf of all staff and management at BP OOSH, I would like to wish you all Happy Holidays!!

Dear Parents and Carers,

OOSH will be closed from 19th December until 19th January when we start our January Vacation Care Program. If you require care for your child / children in this period of time below there is a list of services that are open and have vacancies:

Mosman Council Vacation Care

From 22nd December open every day except public holidays

Hours of operation: 8am to 6pm

Where: Ground Floor, Mosman Art Gallery & Community Centre

Contact: 9978 4161 – Children's Services Office

Cost: \$40.00 plus additional costs of excursions and incursions

For detailed programs and enrolment forms, please visit the council website: www.mosman.nsw.gov.au and follow the links to Vacation Care

Middle Harbour Public School – The Cottage

Open: 22nd, 23rd December from 7:30 am– 6:30 pm

24th December 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Where: 8 Hale Rd, Mosman

Contact: 9908 2102 –Kate

Cost: \$ 40.00

For detailed programs and enrolment forms, please e-mail: tkc@pacific.net.au

Manly Council

From 22nd December open every day except public holidays

Hours of operation: 8am to 6pm

Contact: 9977 1177

Cost: \$ 40.00 plus additional costs of excursions and incursions

For the detailed programs and enrolment form, please visit the council website: www.manly.nsw.gov.au and follow the links to community services, then children's services, then Vacation Care

January Vacation Care in OOSH starts on 19th January.

Please see our program, we hope to see you there!

On the behalf of all Staff and Management of BP OOSH, I would like to wish you all Happy Holidays ☺

Kind Regards,

Meg Trop, Centre Director

January 2009 Vacation Care Program

Monday, 19th January

Balmoral Beach

Hey hey, lets' playon the beach! We will be building sand castles, moulding mermaids and sea turtles, and collecting shells. If you want to cool down we have a sun umbrella to sit under and water-balloon for some fun! Bring your own lunch and some picnic snacks will be provided.

Cost: \$ 45.00 Walk in: \$ 50.00



Tuesday, 20th January

Movie Day

We will see the latest blockbuster, have pop corn and goodie bags ☺ When we get back we will build a castle from anything we can find in OOSH.

Cost: \$ 55.00 Walk in: \$ 60.00



Wednesday, 21st January

Wizzy World

Join us for a FUNtastic Day. There are slides, a jumping castle, bouncy balls, obstacle courses, nets, and a Disco Room! We will go there with Ridge Street Kids Club, so you can catch up with your friends. Please bring comfortable shoes and socks so you can run around.

Cost: \$ 60.00 Walk in: \$ 65.00



Thursday, 22nd January

Cooking Day

Delicious Day in OOSH. We will be cooking all day long our favourite food: cheesy puffs, cupcakes, Anzac biscuits, chocolate balls, gnocchi, pasta, and sausage rolls! All the cooks will receive a Cooking Certificate!

Cost: \$ 45.00 Walk in: \$ 50.00



Friday, 23rd January

Reptiles

We have invited our old friends- reptiles from Feature Creatures. There will be snakes, frogs, and even a crocodile. We will all have a chance to have hands on experience, so see you later alligator ...

Cost: \$ 50.00 Walk in: \$ 55.00



Monday, 26th January

Public Holiday



Tuesday, 27th January

Pupil Free Day – Australia Day at OOSH

We have invited a performer to show us Australian history through folklore songs, games and music. We will see convicts, shearers and learn about gold rush. And.... chains, hand shears, and a cat with 9 tails!!!!???

Cost: \$ 45.00 Walk in: \$ 50.00



BAND N[♪] TES

Wishing all our wonderful band families a very Merry Christmas and a happy 2009. Next year will bring many changes to the program with Brad Madigan taking charge of both groups and the current committee stepping down. So far we have had NO response for new committee members for 2009 but are expecting 60 children in the program next year.

Tasks can be shared and it is very rewarding to be involved in how these young musicians progress through the year. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you can spare a few hours for our wonderful bands. We must keep it going.

Families who have borrowed instruments from the school this year need to please return them to the school office by WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17. Thank you

The Concert Band's final perform is on Presentation Day. There will be a normal 8.00am rehearsal on Tuesday before the ceremony.

On a personal note, being my final "Buzz", I just want to say thank you to your wonderful children for the joy and the noise that they have shared with me over the years. I will miss these fantastic Beauty Point Public School "ALL STARS". I hope that their love of music continues to grow over many more years.

Happy music making

Rebecca

P PHOTO GALLERY



Amy Gallagher and Lucy Greet at the opening of the recent Children's Art Exhibition at Mosman Library

COMMUNITY NOTES

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Weekly Soccer Clinics in start again in Term 1, as so Pre-School Sports Clinics and Birthday Parties.

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