**Principal’s Notes**

**Congratulations** to our exceptional athletes on winning the Sydney Region Champion School trophy at last term’s Carnival. This is the first time that this trophy has been won by any school outside “The Shire”.

**Musical Theatre**

I don’t think that WOW, AMAZING or INCREDIBLE would be strong enough to describe the performance put on by our students and organised by the staff for the Musical Theatre. I am simply lost for words to describe how well the production came together with wonderful performances by everyone involved.

I know that those of you who were lucky enough to be part of the audience enjoyed the show and many of you have expressed your appreciation to individual teachers and to the school as a whole for providing this outstanding opportunity for the children.

I need to continue to say thank you to Mr Campbell for his energy and enthusiasm which brought the whole show together and to all the staff at the school for their wonderful work across all areas to ensure that everything went so well on the night.

**St George Public Speaking Finals**

Good luck to Billy, Ava, Adam and Lily when they represent Brighton-Le-Sands at the St George Schools’ Public Speaking finals on Wednesday.

**Create South**

Well done to Isaac, Billy and Mr Campbell who were part of last week’s Gifted and Talented program at Create South. Over 3 days the children from 20+ public schools joined together with selected teachers to, from scratch, write, design, produce and perform a one-off stage show. An amazing effort.

**State Athletics**

This Wednesday and Thursday the following children will compete in the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association State Athletics Championships to be held at Homebush. We wish Eva, Alex, Ariadne, Kobe, Archie, Brittany, Luca, Kyron, Jason and Alyssa all the best as they compete against children from across NSW.

Additionally, we have been selected to provide a special presentation on the ‘History of School Sport’ as this carnival marks the 125th Anniversary of school sport in NSW. We will have 120 students demonstrating a variety of sports from Tunnel Ball through to Aerobics.

The children have been rehearsing and will be ready to give a fantastic show in the centre of the field. Thank you to Miss Blunden, Mrs Gazis, Miss Edwards and Miss Stathopoulos for preparing the children.

**Cyber Safety Workshop**

Next Wednesday Evening, commencing at 6:00pm, Senior Constable Peter Hughes, Youth Case Worker will present a Social Media and Cyber Safety Workshop in the Library. The presentation is open to parents and students in Years 4-6.

An invitation was sent home last week. Please return the RSVP slip as soon as possible as there are a limited number of places and the workshop will be filled on a first come first served basis.

**Kinder Enrolments 2015**

If you or a neighbour or friend have a child who will enrolling in Kinder in 2015, it is important that you contact the office and submit your application to enrol form.

We will be commencing our Kinder Transition program on 6 November and hope to involve all children who are starting next year.

The program is designed to familiarise the children with some aspects of their school to help them settle quickly into class in 2015.

**Kinder Swimming**

This year’s Kinder swimming program has commenced with classes excitedly heading off to learn the basics of swimming.

Like all skills, constant practice is required to develop a high level of competence. Please continue to provide your child with safe opportunities to continue their swimming.

**Selective High School 2016**

An information letter was sent home today outlining the process for completing an application for selective high school in 2016. Please note that all applications must be completed on line.

Applications close 17 November 2014.

**Ian Power**
Senior School Camps
Each year the senior classes, Year 5 and 6, go on extended overnight schools excursions. The venues usually include a Sport and Recreation Centre and a tour including Canberra and the Goldfields.

School Rules
Our school rules are eloquent and succinct. They reflect the philosophy and mission of the school and the commitment to welfare of the school community and our environment. They are:
- Attend every school day, unless they are:
  - legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn
  - Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school’s uniform or dress code policy
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities
- Treat one another with dignity and respect
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others
- For the children our 5 Common Sense Rules for Good Playground Behaviour are:
  - Play Safe, Be Safe; Play In The Right Place(s); Keep Your Hands Feet & Objects To Yourself; Show Kindness & Courtesy To Others at ALL Times and Respect Property & Keep Our School Clean.

Sport
Sport is a valued and accepted part of our school’s curriculum because it contributes to the development of the whole child. Organised sport on a regular basis is conducted under the auspices of the Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA). Students from Year 3 can participate in winter and summer sports competitions. District carnivals in swimming, athletics and cross country are held annually. All students are expected to participate in regular fitness activities which are organised on a stage basis.

STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS
It was great to note how many overdue books were returned last week. Some students must have tidied up their bedrooms in the holidays! However quite a number of our students still have very overdue library books. Could you please assist your child/ren to return their library books each week? These students have been reminded in library and in class. Some students have been sent reminder notes home. If library books are not returned, a note will be sent home asking for payment so these books can be replaced.

BLSPS P&C NEWS

The Disco is to be held on Friday 14 November from 5-7pm with volunteers needed to make the Disco a success. A roster will be on the noticeboard near the canteen from Friday, so please place your name in an allocated time slot if you can help out.

Christmas Raffle - we are now starting to collate prizes for the Christmas raffle and welcome any donations, either gifts or vouchers. Please take them to the Canteen if you have a donation.

Uniform Room - Please be reminded that there was a small increase in some items this term. All items are now back in stock and we are ready for orientation.

Thank you for your assistance.

Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian

BIG Children’s Book Sale!

Rockdale City Library is closing to build a bigger and better library. Not all of the library’s books can be moved to our branches so you’re invited to a BIG book sale of pre-loved children’s books.

Friday 24 and Saturday 25 October 2014
10am – 4pm
Town Hall Meeting Room 2 (above the library)
448 Princes Highway, Rockdale

Enquiries: 9562 1821
A MESSAGE FROM RAINE & HORNE

What a fantastic performance last night!!! Congratulations to you, Mr Campbell, the teachers, the kids and everyone who was involved in this amazing production!

I would also like to Thank You and the school for giving myself and Raine & Horne Kogarah the opportunity to be part of this fantastic event! It was our honour to be part of this event and we would love the opportunity to sponsor the school next year again.

Just for your information, I am donating a brand new IPAD (please find attached the brochure for further details) as a raffle prize and all money from the raffle tickets will go towards school. We started selling the tickets last night but we didn’t have great success in selling a lot because all parents were very busy organising their kids and themselves for the event.

The window to buy tickets closes end of November and the draw will take place on the 2 of December. Do you have any suggestions of how we can sell some more raffle tickets to parents? Is there any other upcoming events within the school during October – November where we can sell raffle tickets? Eg school disco?

Also, when is the last school newsletter? I am hoping we can announce the winner in the last newsletter for the year if this is released after 2 of December. I look forward to hear your suggestions.

Once again Congratulations on last night...brilliant work from everyone! Thank you!

Thanks & Regards

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GRANDPARENTS DAY

Morning Tea
Thursday 30 October 2014—10am-11.30am
Brighton-Le-Sands Public School would like to acknowledge the vital role that grandparents play in our society and school community, both as custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of care, love and guidance to their children and grandchildren.

The Grandparents Day 2014 theme is ‘At Nan and Pop’s Place.’

We are holding a special Morning Tea for all K-4 grandparents at Brighton-Le-Sands Public School on Thursday 30 October from 10am until 11.30. Grandparents will be invited into their grandchild’s classroom to join in with the activities and then treated to morning tea in the South Playground.

Mrs Gazis and Mrs Lienert
(Grandparents Day Coordinators)

School of Music and Arts
Magic sounds offers ‘ piano and singing lessons at Brighton Le Sands Public School for kids in group classes. The classes are held each Friday, start at 3 : 15 p.

Take enrolments for 2015
Secure your place for next year

All inquiries call at 0415 971 915 (Natalie)
E-mail: school@magicsounds.com.au
Info:www.magicsounds.com.au

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Audition for the

Talent Show

If you want to be in the Talent Show you need to get an entry form from Mrs Lienert or Mrs Dabron. You must fill out the form and give it back to Mrs Lienert or Mrs Dabron by Friday 17 of October (Week 2). Your audition time will be posted on the noticeboard in the North Playground. Auditions will commence in Week 3. The Talent Show will be held on the 15 December. This event is for students only. Unfortunately, we do not have room in the hall for parents to watch.