Principal’s Notes

Congratulations,
To our athletes who competed at the NSWSSA Athletics Championships. They were all fantastic representatives of our school.
Special congratulations to Britney who won the 13yrs 100m and joined Alyssa, Ariadne and Eva in placing 3rd in the Senior Girls Relay. Thank you to Mr Allum for his coaching and to Monique who was the reserve and supported the team in lots of ways.
Additionally, our performers put on an amazing show as they demonstrated sports from 125 years ago up to today’s modern dance. Also Billy and Adam were highly commended for their efforts at the Botany Bay Zone Public Speaking finals.

P&C AGM
We are very lucky to have a proactive P&C Committee who do so much for the children of our school. Your school would not operate as well without the fabulous support of the P&C. Some of the executive have been active members for many years and would like to stand down from their positions and be able to support a new executive with their experience and expertise.
Not only is membership of the P&C a great way to support the students, it is also a great place to make new friends.
Please consider joining the P&C and becoming more involved in our school. You will have lots of support and be doing something really worthwhile for the children of Brighton-Le-Sands.

Grandparents Day
I look forward to meeting many of the children’s grandparents on Thursday from 10:00am. A special morning tea is also being organised to help celebrate the important role that grandparents play in children’s lives.

Before Class Supervision
Please remember that no supervision is provided for students prior to 8:30am. Parents should ensure that their children arrive after this time unless they are meeting a teacher for a special event or program. Before School Care is available through Little Sails.

P&C Disco
The P&C Disco is being held on Friday 14 November from 5:00pm until 7:00pm. This is a great social night that all our children look forward to sharing with their families.

All children must have an adult present at all times to supervise them. Only current students of Brighton-Le-Sands Public School may attend.

Dogs on School Premises
Please note that, as much I love dogs, they are not allowed on school grounds at any time. With over 700 excitable children on site, we don’t want to create any situations where children or dogs are unsettled.

Stage 3 Camps
This week, most of the Stage 3 children have headed off to “camp”. Year 6 will be away from Monday to Friday at Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre. It is anticipated that they will return around 4:00pm.
Year 5 are going to Canberra from Wednesday to Friday and expect to return around 6:00pm.

Please leave the bus bays clear of vehicles so that the buses can park and safely drop the children and staff off.
Thank you to the teachers who have taken time away from their families to provide this exciting experience for the children.

2015 Enrolments
By now we should have received all Kinder applications to enrol for 2015. If you have not done so, please do as soon as possible.

Term Dates
The following are the School Term Dates for 2015
Term 1
1 Students 1-6
Wed 28/01/15
Kinder
Thurs 29/01/15
Last Day
Thurs 02/04/15
Term 2
Students K-6
Tues 21/04/15
Last Day
Fri 26/06/15
Term 3
Students K-6
Tues 14/07/15
Last Day
18/09/15
Term 4
Tues 06/10/15
Last Day
Wed 16/12/15
Primary Swimming Carnival
The school’s annual swimming carnival will be held Friday 30th Jan, the first Friday back at school.
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

Sports Houses
Upon enrolling, each child is assigned a “house” which is the sporting group they will belong to while at our school. The four houses are: Acacia, Banksia, Grevillea and Waratah.

Staff
The staff at Brighton-Le-Sands Public is a dedicated and enthusiastic group of professionals who are committed to providing quality educational and welfare programs for the children. In addition to the teaching staff, we have an excellent team of support staff who administer and maintain the school.

Strategies to Promote Good Discipline and Effective Learning
Positive strategies to manage student behaviour include:
- The provision of appropriate and relevant curriculum support for students in achieving success in learning
- The application of a small number of easily understood rules which are fair, clear and consistently applied
- The expectation that all students will comply with the school rules
- The provision of programs that develop self-discipline, self-evaluation, communication, responsible decision making and conflict resolution skills
- The provision of appropriate support programs
- Discussions with parents and caregivers of their roles and responsibilities in promoting acceptable behaviour.

Strategies for Dealing with Unacceptable Behaviour
Students require clear limits and guidelines in order to function effectively in the community. At Brighton-Le-Sands Public School strategies for managing unacceptable behaviour are:
- Warning
- Time out
- Student teacher interview
- Exclusion from the playground under teacher or executive supervision
- Placement on an individual behaviour modification program
- Interview with principal

WHY 4/5B LOVE THE NEW LAPTOPS

4/5B have been using the new laptops to complete a variety of fun and interactive learning activities. Here are a few reasons why we love to use them…

“I love to use the laptops because we’re learning in a fun way.” Anthony
“I like making short movie clips on Animoto.” Ellen

“The laptops are really great and fun. I like it when I’m using Animoto and completing punctuation activities. They help us learn.” Nicholas
“I like the laptops because they are touch screen.” Johann
“My favourite tasks to do on the laptops is using Animoto and creating Animoto” Nour

“I like the laptops because they are new and fast. I like working with a partner because work is more fun and it get’s done quickly. I like going on ABC Splash website for reading groups.” Gabriel

CYBER SMART = CYBER SAFE

All our students in year 3-6 are exploring what it means to be cyber smart as part of their library sessions this term. We are using resources from the website Cybersmart, from the Australian Communication and Media Authority. Older students are looking at Cyberquoll and our younger students are using Budd:e. Both are designed to help children find out how to be cyber smart and use the Internet safely. As well as the online activities students and teachers are involved in small group and whole class discussions allowing everyone to share existing knowledge and experiences as well as discussing the messages gained from Cyberquoll or Budd:e.

Please take a moment to follow the links Cybersmart has resources for kids to explore at home, and for parents and teens.

Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian

Keep checking the noticeboard in the North Playground for your Audition time!!!
125 SCHOOL SPORT CELEBRATIONS

This year school sport (or PSSA) is celebrating 125 years of service to the students of NSW. As a part of these celebrations Brighton-Le-Sands Public School received an invitation to attend the culmination event of the celebration year and perform a demonstration at State Athletics. It was a wonderful honour for the school as we were the only school in all of NSW from State, Catholic and Independent schools that was invited to perform.

The brief was simple prepare and perform a demonstration that reflects the progression of school sport over 125 years, recognising the history and celebrating the many achievements. Students from Mrs Gazis and Miss Edwards Stage 1 CAPA groups started the demonstration with a selection of exercises typically performed in the Early 1900’s. This was followed by Miss Blunden’s CAPA group participating in a Captain Ball and Tunnel Ball event before Miss Stathopoulos CAPA group demonstrated Tabloid Events of the modern era. The finale included an aerobics display from Stage 3 before all students joined the performance to conclude the display. In total 120 students from Years 1-6 participated in the display. The students were selected from CAPA groups who were not involved in the recent Musical Theatre Production. Congratulations to all the students who were involved. The school has received many positive comments following this display especially in relation to the performance and behaviour of the children. Thank you to Mr Sutton, who was the MC for the events together with Mrs Gazis. Miss Edwards, Miss Blunden, Miss Stathopoulos and Mr Allum who all assisted on the day and with the performance.

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STATE ATHLETICS SUCCESS

During the 2nd week of this term nine of our students were selected to represent not only the school, but the Botany Bay Zone and Sydney East at the State PSSA Athletics Championships. Brighton-Le-Sands had a very successful two days with students in two State finals, an amazing result.

- Britney 5/6J had a very busy two days competing in not just the relay but the 100 and 200 metres. Britney won a gold medal in the 100 metres and as such is the State Champion.
- Senior girls relay placed 3rd in NSW. The girls really worked hard as a team and despite a nervous semi-final they progressed to the final where they received a bronze medal. Congratulations to Britney 5/6J; Eva 5/6J; Ariadne 5/6G and Alyssa 5/6M. Thank you to Monique 5/6L who was the reserve for this team.
- Congratulations to the following students who also represented the school on your efforts and results.
  - Jason 5/6L competed in the 100 metres.
  - Eva 5/6J competed in both the Long Jump and High Jump.
  - Alex 5/6J competed in the 800 metres.
  - Luca 4/5B competed in the 100 metres and progressed to the semi-finals.
  - Senior Boys Relay Team of Luca and Alex together with Archie 5/6C and Kobe 5/6G also progressed to the semi-final stage.

Finally, thank you to Mr Allum who devoted an enormous amount of his own time before and after school training the relay teams in the many months leading up to the event and supporting all the students over the two days at Homebush.

THE POETRY OBJECT

The Poetry Object is an exciting poetry writing project for NSW Public School students and their teachers in Years 3-10. Our Stage 3 Students all submitted a poem about an object that holds special significance for them. The students all wrote exceptional poems. We have enjoyed poems that are humorous, emotional, uplifting and wonderfully descriptive. Two of our students, Ross and Alannah A. have been shortlisted and are in the running to be chosen as the overall winner in their category.

To view all our school’s entries please visit www.redroomcompany.org and click on “The Poetry Object”.

Mrs Dellagiacoma/Mrs Williams
Stage 3 teachers

BIRTHDAY

In 2014
I turned 12, a happy and sad year
Excitement for reaching this age, my final year of primary school
Tinged with sadness for the sudden loss of you
My tears and sadness flow out of me with ease
I missed your presence when I cut my cake
Your supportive words express your love even when gone
I feel your love in the words on my card
I prepare for a new chapter in my life without you
I must share this joy with others now
You will live forever in my heart and will share my birthday from afar.

Ross

MY CHANDELIER LIGHT

Orange, red, blue and green
By hand, my grandfather made it for me
While five petite bulbs light my room
Love, happiness and precious memories light up the mood
It’s the most colourful and special item I own
Crafted by one of the best men I’ve ever known
A sentimental feeling engraved in my heart
Made by my grandfather, who’s very smart
Staring at the gleaming crystals, suspended in space
Takes me to a calm and peaceful place
Just like meditation, when I take a peep
The soothing colours help me get to sleep.

Alannah
BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL
GRANDPARENTS DAY

Classroom visits & Morning Tea
Thursday 30 October 2014, 10am-11.30am

Please bring any morning tea contributions to the South Hall on Thursday morning.

BLSPS P&C NEWS

Uniform Room
Just a reminder that there have been uniform price changes, please refer to price lists available outside the uniform room.

Canteen
There have been many enquiries about the sausages that are served at the various BBQs and the disco. Rest assured that all meat served at our school is Halal.

 Helpers are definitely needed for the School Disco to be held on Friday the 14th November, there is a roster outside the canteen if you can offer your assistance in any way.

Donations of prizes and services are urgently needed if our annual Xmas raffle is to proceed. Please see the girls in the uniform room if you have anything to donate towards this.

The next P&C Meeting will be held Wednesday the 12 November at 7pm in the Staff Room, all welcome.

PEER READING 2014

Peer Reading 2014 finished at the end of Term 3. It has been an incredible year of friendship, support and best of all lots of quality reading. In fact this year’s Year 3 have broken the record for the number of books read. As a group they read…..drum roll please… 928 books. Third place reader was Sophie 3/4R, second place was Talia 3/4R and first place was Ella 3/4M. Congratulations and well done Year 3. The Year 5 tutors have been outstanding and we thank them for their enthusiasm and effort.

We will be celebrating our success at the annual Peer Party on Tuesday 18 November.

Many thanks go to Mrs Dabron and Mrs Lienert for supervising this special program.

Here are a few reflections of the year that was.

“My name is Dion and my buddy’s name is Steve. For Peer Reading 2014 myself and Steve took part in it. It was a great experience. It took place in the South Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10.50. It was a great experience because you got to interact with other people and help other people with their reading. Each day we would go to the

South Hall. First we would call the roll. Then we would find our buddies and start. First our buddy would get a book. Then we discussed what the book might be about. Then we would start reading and I would help with words he didn’t know.

To conclude, it was a really good experience because you got to socialise with other people and help them with their reading. Most of all I would like to thank Mrs Murray for choosing me to take part in this program and coordinating this program. A big thanks

Adam 3/4R & Steven 5/6J

Dion 5/6G and Steve 3/4R
PEER READING 2014 Cont...

to Mrs Dabron and Mrs Lienert for looking after us each day”.
Dion 5/6G

“Hi. My name is Adam and I went to Peer Reading in Year 2 and Year 3. This year I had two buddies. They were Robbie and Steven. I liked reading to my buddies. I liked getting badges. Peer Reading was FUN!
Adam 3/4R

“Hi. My name is Briana and this year I was proud to be a part of Peer Reading 2014. I enjoyed participating in Peer Reading. My Peer Reading buddy was Talia. She has improved her reading skills tremendously. This was a great experience for me helping younger students. It was a brilliant feeling to see my buddy progress. Peer Reading is all about helping younger students in their reading skills and that’s why I think Peer Reading is very rewarding.”
Briana 5/6S

Mrs Murray
coordinator 2014

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Brighton Le-Sands After School Auskick

Date commences: Thursday 6th of November
(Program runs for 6 weeks)
Date ends: Finishes 11th of December
Time: 3.15pm -4.15pm
Cost: Online $47/Cash or Cheque $50
Register at: www.aflauskick.com.au
Then: Type 2216 into postcode locator

Children will receive an awesome back-pack jammed full of gear!
Congratulations to all the students who participated in 2014 ICAS testing program. Students from Years 3-6 who receive a Distinction or High Distinction will have their original certificate included on Presentation Day. All students who received a Merit, Credit, Distinction or High Distinction have received their awards at assembly over the past two terms as results became available.

Some helpful information in relation to this program is provided below.

Once the ICAS results have been released, students will receive a paper report (with their original question paper attached) from the school summarising their performance in the ICAS test. The report outlines how they went in each question and their performance relative to Australia.

There is also the option of accessing the results online. Your student's paper report includes a ten-digit ICAS ID number (known as the TAP ID) and four digit PIN number both found towards the bottom of the paper report, which can be used to access results online. The advantage of accessing results online is that individual questions can be viewed in a more interactive way. The online facility also produces interesting reports regarding the performance of your child. We strongly encourage parents and their students to access their test results online. To do this, simply visit our website: http://www.eea.unsw.edu.au

At the top right of the home page, click on 'student portal'. Then enter your child's ten-digit ID number and four-digit PIN number. Access is then granted to the online portal. The portal will show all your student's ICAS results, across all subjects and years.

ICAS also offers Practice Online products. These can be purchased from the ICAS website by credit card and is available for all year levels. It is an ideal way of preparing for the ICAS tests. To view or purchase Practice Online products, visit the website homepage above and click on the 'ICAS Preparation' link in the middle of the page under 'For Students'. Then click on the Practice Online links and follow the prompts."

For a video showing how best to use the reports, you may wish to view: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I8Od80BRZM&list=PL65CC494F6949E431&index=1

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