Principal’s Notes

Thank you again to all of our parent helpers and Scripture Teachers for all of your support throughout this year. Last week’s Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea was the school’s small way of showing our appreciation for the hours that you have given to help the children of Brighton-Le-Sands Public School.

White Ribbon, Harmony and Universal Children’s Day

Today our school celebrated 3 special days that are all linked to building respectful and tolerant relationships among our community. This week, students have been participating in various in-class activities that are designed to raise their awareness of the need for respectful and tolerant relationships and to build this awareness into a common practice across the school.

Thank you to Mrs Voulgaropoulos and Mr Sutton for coordinating this special day and, of course, thank you to all the parents who were able to support this day.

School Spectacular

Good luck to Cassie, Karli, Alyssa, Ashleigh, Isabelle, Grace, Yiana and Ashley as they perform in the Schools’ Spectacular this Friday and Saturday.

Our school has organised an excursion this Friday to watch the matinee, but you can view this showpiece of Public Education on Saturday Evening on Channel Nine.

A huge thank you to Miss Kazzi and Mrs Gazis who have worked with the girls to ensure that they are ready to be part of this truly spectacular show.

PSSA Finals

Good Luck to the following teams that have reached the Botany Bay PSSA Finals next Friday. Junior Cricket, Senior Cricket, Senior Boys Division 1 and Division 2 Softball, Senior Girls Division 1 and Division 2 Softball.

Thank you to their coaches who have worked with the summer sport teams all year whether the teams have reached this stage or not. The children and parents appreciate the extra time that Mrs Bernhardt, Mr Campbell, Miss Poulos, Miss Hoban and Miss Smith have given to the children this year.

Kinder Swimming

The Kinder swimming program is going well with the children showing improvement every week. To continue their improvement and improve their safety around water, I strongly recommend that you arrange for a continuation of swimming lessons to consolidate the basic skills that the children have acquired.

Kinder to Year 1 Transition Meeting

This Thursday at 9:30 there is a meeting for Kinder parents to discuss the transition to Year 1 process.

Student Leaders 2015

Next Wednesday, December 3 our candidates for the student leadership roles for 2015 will be presenting their speeches to the students and staff in the north Hall. Parents and friends are invited to join us. The boy candidates will be speaking at 10am with the girls speaking at 11:30. The successful candidates will be announced at the Presentation Day, Friday 12 December.

Early Arrivals

Please note that there is no staff supervision of students prior to 8:30am and that all unsupervised students are expected to leave the school as soon as they are released from class. If you are unable to supervise your children, please utilise the Out Of School Hours (OOSH) service provided through Little Sails.

SRC Nursing Home Visit

Most of our SRC Representatives will be visiting the Jenny Lyn Aged Care Facility on Thursday 4 December. This annual visit provides a highlight for many of the residents and they really appreciate the children’s visit.

Coming Events

Wed 10/12:
9:30 Kinder Presentation
11:30 Stage 1 Presentation
Fri 12/12:
9:15 Stage 2 Presentation
11:30 Girls Speeches
11am Boys Speeches
Sun 14/12:
9:30 Tender Years Kinder Talent Show
9:15 Nth Hall Kinder Talent Show
11:30 Yr 1-6 Kinder Talent Show
9:30 Nth Hall Junior Talent Show
11:30 Yr 1-6 Junior Talent Show
1:15 Nth Hall Kinder Talent Show
1:15 Nth Hall Yr 1-6 Talent Show

Student Welfare News

FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 8
Wed 26 Nov
Last Day Scripture
Thu 27
K to Yr1 Transition Parent Meeting 9.15am Nth Hall
Fri 28
School Spectacular
Y3-6 Assembly 1pm Nth Hall 3/4S
Week 9
Mon 1
Kinder Swimming
Wed 3
High School Orientation Day
Yr5 Prefect Speeches Nth Hall—10am Boys; 11:30 Girls
Thu 4
SRC Nursing Home Visit
Fri 5
PSSA Finals
Y3-6 Assembly 1pm Nth Hall 3/4L
Week 10
Mon 8
Year 6 Farewell—5.45pm Torwood Lounge
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

Suggestions, Complaints and Allegations
The DEC has developed a system to allow parents and community members to make suggestions, complaints and allegations.

Suspension
Students may, at the discretion of the Principal and under the DEC Suspension and Expulsion guidelines, be suspended from school. The suspension may be up to 20 days during which time the primary caregivers are responsible for the welfare of the student. Causes for suspension include:
- extreme violence or threats of violence against other students or adults
- possession of or representation of prohibited substances
- persistent disobedience
Parents are notified and an interview arranged to discuss the suspension.

Terms
The school year is broken into 4 terms. The dates for the term vary from year to year but generally each term has 10 weeks of school.

Textbooks
Textbooks are a teaching tool, which are used to supplement other teaching learning activities. Whilst we try to keep costs down, parents pay for textbooks at the start of each school year.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AND READING

Borrowing from the school library has ended for this year and some students are wondering where to find books for the holiday period. Is your child a member of your local library? It costs nothing to join your local library. Membership gives you access to a huge collection of books, e-books, magazines, movies, music and computers. Looking for “low-cost or no-cost” activities for the school holidays? Most libraries have school holiday activities too. So check out what’s happening in your local library via the links below or Facebook.

Happy holidays
Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian

1P NEWS: AHoy Me Hearties!

This term, 1P have been busy writing narratives about pirates! We have read some amazing pirate stories including ‘Pirates Love Underpants’ by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort, ‘Captain Flinn And The Pirate Dinosaurs’ by Giles Andreae and Russell Ayto, ‘I wish I Had A Pirate Suit’ by Pamela Allen and ‘Mama Hook Knows Best’ by Sharon Osborne’.

Here are some of the children’s wonderful story writing.

Mrs Petrovski & Mrs Higgins

Story 1: Once upon a time I was a pirate on a quest to find myself a pirate suit. I ran to my pirate ship. But then, I suddenly remembered I had no pirate crew. So I got off my ship called the Acorn. While I was walking, the whole town saw me and got such a shock that a pirate was in town. Then I told them that I was a friendly pirate and that I had no crew. So then they all helped me. On the way there we met another pirate ship. We all then had a fight. After ten hours the other pirates had enough of fighting and surrendered. Then I found myself a pirate suit and had a party- By Anna-Maria.

Story 2: One sunny day on the shores of Rocky Mount Island, there was a pirate ship with a pirate captain and its crew. The captain’s crew had 18 people in it. He had to go on a mission to find a treasure chest. But there was only one problem- he did not have a pirate suit. So he went in the captain’s cabin and went on his computer and ordered a pirate suit. His ship called the Sea Spinner was too small. His mission was big and he had 24 hours out at sea. Finally his pirate suit got delivered and he did the mission- By Finn.

Story 3: One sunny day on a crispy blue sea there was a ship called The Diamond bobbing on the waves. The pirates who owned the ships were called Captain Margereta, Losy, Phnay, Mila and Stefy. They were sailing along on a mission to find the golden flower. On their way, they met another pirate ship and they began a fight. After 12 whole hours the other ship surrendered and The Diamond won the fight. They found the golden flower and they had a party- By Lily.
1P NEWS Cont...

Story 4: One day there was a girl pirate. Her ship was the biggest pirate ship on the land. That was why she was the captain. Her ship was called The Seafish. One day her crew were sailing to an island to find some treasure. But then as they were sailing to Deal Island they bumped into another ship. The pirates on the ship were evil pirates. They said, “let’s fight’. One of the evil pirates said, “Whoever wins, gets the treasure”. “Good idea” said the captain of the evil pirate ship. Then the battle began. After 19 hours the evil pirate was exhausted and the nice pirates won. They continued to sail to the island and they found the treasure. Then they were rich - By Harper

KINDER GREEN NEWS

Kinder Green students have been such busy bees this term. On Thursday of Week 4 the whole school celebrated Grandparents Day. We had our lovely Grandparents of Kinder Green come and visit our room and take part in activities with their Grandchildren. It was evident how much the children enjoyed having their grandparents at school and how proud they are to have them in their family tree.

Kinder Green also started their Swimming Program this term. Their energy and smiles on Mondays just shows how much they enjoy swimming and being safe swimmers in the water.

Kinder Green also took part in a three week NRL program with the St George Illawarra players.

As the end of year approaches, I have seen the students of Kinder Green grow in confidence and develop such positive attitudes towards their peers and school life. I am extremely proud of each of them.

So from the students of Kindergarten Green and myself we wish you a very safe and happy Christmas Holidays.

Miss Kazzi
WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY IN KINDERGARTEN YELLOW

Each week students in K Yellow have access to a trolley of 16 notebook computers (plus 2 class computers) which operate using a Wireless Access Point in our classroom. This means students can use their own DEC logon to access applications, computer programs, the internet, school network and printers right from their desk! Students in K Yellow thoroughly enjoy the two sessions they have each week to utilise this technology. During our Wednesday session we have been focusing on word processing skills. In our Friday session we have been exploring a range of game based educational programs to develop both academic and computer skills. It has been amazing to see the growth in the students’ technology skills due to having quality access to such a valuable resource.

Mrs Hornigold

LIBRARY NEWS

Student borrowing has ended for this year. Timetabled library classes finish at the end of Week 8.

STUDENTS NEED TO RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS BY THE END OF WEEK 8 – FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Our library aims to maintain a wide range of books for our students to enjoy so PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD TO FIND AND RETURN ALL THEIR MISSING AND OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS.

Thank you,
Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian

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Little Sails Vacation Care December/January

Little Sails Vacation Care is available for all children aged 5-12 years of age from any school in the area.

The program of activities runs from:
Thursday 18 December 2014 until Tuesday 27 January 2015

The cost is discounted through CCB and CCR rebates – please enquire

Some of the activities planned for these holidays are: Funarama, Splash water sports, mini Olympics, GoKarts, Pizza cooking & Superhero and Fairy day!

Please Phone 9567 7380 for an enrolment form and program