Principal’s Notes

Congratulations As the 2014 school year comes to an end, our long list of achievements this year continues. Our dancers had a wonderful experience performing at the School’s Spectacular 2 weeks ago. The summer PSSA Teams did very well with Premierships to the Junior Boys and Senior Boys Cricket, Junior Girls Softball and Boys Senior A Softball.

Reports
All end of year reports will go home this week with K-2 on Wednesday and 3-6 on Friday. Please remember that the vast majority of children will receive “sound” for their academic achievement. If a child receives the same level of achievement in the Semester 2 report as they did in the Semester 1 report, it means that they have progressed and improved their learning in line with the expectations of the curriculum expectations for their stage.

Classes 2015
It is in everyone’s best interests to form our 2015 classes as soon as possible. However, that needs to be balanced against the possibility of unexpected enrolments arriving at the beginning of the year which would change our class structures and cause more disruption.

We will form classes 1-6 as soon as we can, certainly by the end of week 2. Kinder will start in classes based upon enrolments already received but with the possibility of adjustments if all of the expected children don’t turn up.

When the students return on Wednesday 28th January, they will be placed, as far as possible, in their old classes until numbers are finalised and classes are able to be confirmed.

Canteen Closed
This Thursday is the last day for the canteen for 2014. All children will need to bring their own lunch for the rest of the Term.

Office Refurbishment
It is planned that the front office area will be refurbished over the Christmas break. We expect that the changes will make it easier for the office staff to assist people when they come to the office.

With the change will come a little bit of reorganisation when we return.

I ask for your patience at the beginning of the year if you need to come and see the office staff as they settle in to their new home.

Christmas Wish List
Included in this newsletter is a list of personal stationery requirements for your child for the 2015 school year. Perhaps some or all of these items can be included in the Christmas gifts that your children receive.

Coming events
- Wed 10/12: 9:30 Kinder Presentation
- 11:30 Stage 1 Presentation
- Fri 12/12: 9:15 Stage 2 Presentation
- 12:00 Stage 3 Presentation
- Mon 15/12: Stewart House Talent Show (Children Only)
- Canteen Closed
- Tues 16/12: Canteen Closed
- Picnic Day Wed 17/12: Canteen Closed
- Last Day of School Wed 28/01/15: Students 1-6 Return

2015 Kinder commence Fri 30/01/15
Primary Swimming Carnival
Good Luck and Farewell
To:
The Year 6 students have been an amazingly successful and well mannered group of students. Families who are moving out of our school, and to Miss Markovska and Miss Blunden who have accepted teaching positions in other Public Schools.

2014 has been a year of great success for the school and I thank, on behalf of all of the school community, all of the fantastic administration and teaching staff who always go out of their way to provide the quality class programs and variety of extra-curricula activities that make Brighton-Le-Sands Public clearly one of the best schools in NSW.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday. I look forward to working with you, your children and the amazing staff in 2015 as we continue to provide an outstanding education for the children of Brighton.

Ian Power

For Your Diary

Term 4, Wks 10-11

Week 10
- Wed 10 December
  - Kinder Presentation 9.30am
  - Y1-2 Presentation 11.30am
  - K-2 Reports Home

Thu 11
- SRC Party

Fri 12
- Canteen Closed
- Y3-4 Presentation 9.15am
- Y5-6 Presentation 12pm
- Y3-6 Reports Home

Week 11
- Mon 15
  - Canteen Closed
  - Stewart House Talent Show

Tue 16
- Picnic Day—Canteen closed
- Est1, St2 & St3 Brighton Beach picnics
- St1 Dolls Point picnic

Wed 17
- Canteen Closed
- Y6 Guard of Honour 2.45 South P/Ground

Thu 18/Fri 19
- School Development Days

Week 1
- Wed 28 January
  - SCHOOL RESUMES
- Years 1-6

Thu 29
- Kindergarten starts

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Training and Development
Teaching and administrative staff undergo regular training and development either through school or state initiatives. Priorities for training coincide with the targets set each year as part of the school’s 3 year planning approach.

Uniform
The school uniform has been designed by the school community to be attractive and functional. The complete uniform is available from the P&C run uniform shop. This shop is located in the North Hall and is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8.30am–9.30am. A separate sheet details the individual items and prices and is available from the office. Children are expected to follow the school dress code at all times.

Visitors
Any adult entering the school during school hours must report to the school office and record their visit in the Visitors Book. They will be required to wear a visitors badge whilst on the premises. The exceptions are scripture teachers, canteen and uniform shop volunteers.

Web Site
The school has an attractive and informative web site which has been constructed and maintained by our staff website team at www.brightonle-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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

BLSPS P&C News

Canteen
The last official day of canteen trading will be Thursday December 11.
The Canteen will reopen first day back for 2015, Wednesday January 28.

Uniform Room
The Uniform Room will be closed Wednesday December 10 and Friday December 12 for Presentation Days. The last day of trading for the Uniform Room is Monday December 15. The Uniform Room will be open every day for the first week back at school from 8.30-9.15am. Normal trading hours will resume the following week: Monday and Wednesday 8.30-9.15am and Friday 8.30-9am.

Our AGM for 2014 was postponed and in line with the Constitution the AGM of the BLSPS P&C will be held as soon as is practical after the commencement of the 2015 year.
OUR MULTICULTURAL DAY

Our multicultural event was again a big success. It was fantastic to see so many children, families and staff members of BLSPS enjoying this great day.

My thanks go to all families who went to such an effort to prepare the delicious food they sent to school. I am sure it was appreciated by everybody. A big thank you to all of my colleagues for their help and support on the day. Congratulations to all students who were dressed in outfits representing their cultural heritage. They all looked wonderful and very proud of their background.

I am looking forward to next year’s big event.

Mrs Voulgaropoulos
Teacher of Greek language (CLOTE) and multicultural Education Coordinator

KINDER ORANGE NEWS

We are already at the end of our year in Kinder! The children have grown in more ways than one. They are confident and ready for Year 1. We have had such a fun, busy term and time has flown!

This term all of the Kindergarten classes attended swimming lessons at Sutherland Aquatic Centre. All the children must be commended for their excellent behaviour both at the pool and whilst travelling on the bus to and from the pool.

Everyone tried hard, had fun and made good swimming progress.

We also enjoyed some big celebrations this term. In Kinder Orange, we were lucky to celebrate Grandparents day with some of our lovely grandparents who came to visit our classroom.

We also loved celebrating International Childrens Day. All our parents generously provided a feast of delicious foods and many Kinders sampled and enjoyed foods they had never tried before.

I would like to wish all my Kinder Orange families a safe and happy holiday break. Enjoy your time together, may it be joyous and peaceful. (Is that possible with kids at Christmas time?)

Ms Mavros
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Library News

Students need to return all library books ASAP
There are still quite a number of students who have not accounted for their missing library books.
Please help your child to return their missing library books. If books cannot be returned payment is requested for a replacement copy.

Thank you,
Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian

Tennis Holiday Camps and Term 1 Classes

Girls Tennis Academy and All About Tennis
Are offering January holiday camps and Term 1 classes.
At Scarborough Park, Monterey.

To find out the details please email Alison@HotshotsActionEvents.com
OR book in at... www.HotshotsActionEvents.com

MGA Entertainment Academy of Performing Arts

Brighton Le Sands Public School Hall - Acrobatic/Dance

Tuesday Kindergarten, Year 1 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Tuesday Year 2 and 3 4.20pm – 5.20pm
Tuesday Year 4, 5 and 6 5:20pm – 6:20pm

Kindergarten classes will commence on Tuesday the 3rd February 2015. Enrol now to secure your child’s place.

Performing Art Classes will help your child develop strength, flexibility, co-ordination, rhythm, rotation, interaction, posture, balance and are exciting, safe and full of fun.

Classes include: Modern jazz, funk, contemporary, hip hop, drama, cheerleading, improvisation, rhythmic gymnastics (ribbons, balls, hoops) obstacles, parachute, acrobatics, acro-balance and performances.

MGA Performing Arts Studio – Hip Hop/Contemporary/Acrobatics 181 Rocky Point Rd, Ramsgate

Monday Dance/acrobatics 5 to 7 years 3:45pm – 4:45pm
Monday Dance/acrobatics 8 to 12 years 4:45pm – 5:45pm
Monday Dance/acrobatics 8 to 12 years 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday Dance/acrobatics 8 to 12 years 4:45pm—5:45pm

Preschool Dance/acrobatics (tiny tots fairies and pirates) come together. To explore the world of dance/acrobatics in a fun and safe environment.

Monday Fairies/pirates 2 to 4 years 9:45am – 10:30am
Friday Fairies/pirates 2 to 4 years 9:45am – 10:30am

Melissa has been teaching dance/drama & acrobatics at the Sans Souci, Ramsgate & Brighton Le Sands Public Schools for the past 12 years.

Please call Melissa Anthony on 0413 786 585 to secure a place in 2015.