Principal’s Notes

Congratulations to the students elected as the class representatives on the Student Representative Council and to the 2014 Sporting House Captains and Vice-Captains who, along with our Prefects and School Captains, will receive their badges at Friday’s Primary Assembly.

School Swimming Carnival
Our school carnival was held last Wednesday at Sans Souci Pool. There were some very strong performances by many of our swimmers. The students selected in the school team will compete at the Botany Bay Zone Carnival on Friday 7 March. Those who were not strong swimmers also had the opportunity to be involved in novelty events supervised by the staff. Thank you to Mrs Bernhardt for her organisation of this event.

School Sport
With the start of the PSSA competitions, school sport also commenced last week. This is a mammoth organisational task and I thank Miss Edwards for her efforts in making the start of sport as smooth as possible.

Meet the Teacher Nights
Last night the Kinder parents had the chance to meet their child’s 2014 teacher and to strengthen the vital connection between home and school. Parents had the opportunity to learn about the routines and some of the programs that their child will be involved in this year. Everyone at the school wants the children to achieve the best outcomes possible. All research that I have ever read highlights that the stronger the connection between parents and the school the better the outcomes achieved for the students.

Please take the opportunity to come to Stage 3 tonight, Stage 2 Wednesday Night and Stage 1 Thursday Night. All meetings start at 6:00pm in the North hall.

P&C
Our school is very lucky to have such an active and involved P&C who provide so much to all of the children at the school. Please support them in their fundraising efforts and by offering to help when you can.

Safety around our school
Keeping our children safe is a priority at Brighton-Le-Sands. You can help us by observing all parking and traffic directions in the streets near us and by crossing the road safely with your children. Please do not enter or leave the school via the staff carpark. This area is for vehicles, not pedestrians.

Musical Theatre
This year the school will be producing a Musical Theatre Production which will involve hundreds of our students. Mr Campbell will co-ordinate this highlight of our Performing Arts Calendar to be held at the Marana Auditorium, Hurstville. Please save the performance date Thursday 18 September.

Early Arrivals
No children are to be at school before 8:30 when teacher supervision of the playground commences.

Mathletics
Is and online resource which is an essential part of the school Numeracy programs. The classes will be rolled onto program for 2014 next week. A parent information note will be sent home soon.

Student Leaders
Captains—Billy and Karlie
Prefects—Christos, Ariadne, Christian, Ashleigh, Alex, Marnie,
SRC
Kinder—Giulia, Kristian,
Anesti, Mariah, Kosta,
Christina, Heidari, Nicholas,
Anastasia, Evan, Olivia and
Hasan
Stage 1—Lily, Dean,
George, Taylor, Alexander,
Paris, James, Lee, Larissa,
Rafi, Ben, Katerina,
Lily, Kyro, Lauren, Marcus,
Jade, Chris, Adrian and
Hope
Stage 2—Daniel, Claudia,
Deepak, Elizabeth, Mariam,
Rachel, Sophie, Leon, Athul,
Raghib, Giulia, Bineeta,
Tatjana and Elizabeth
Stage 3—Mikayla, Daniel,
Stephanie, Stephan,
Zeinab, Anna, Matthew,
Nik, Zachariah, Alana,
Ross, Britney, Tara,
Yianni and Claudette.

House Captains and Vice-Captains
Acacia—Isabelle, Archie,
Charlotte and Keenan
Banksia—Mia, Daniel, Leah
and Michael
Grevillea—Madeline, Kobe,
Giana and Marcus
Waratah—Allyssa,
Alexander, Lauren and Mike

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STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

Administration
The school office is open from 8.30am to 3pm, Monday to Friday, during school term. Our office staff can assist with general inquiries at that time. Specific inquiries regarding students and educational matters should be directed to class teacher or school executive.

Assemblies
Assemblies are a feature of our school. A schedule of regular weekly assemblies can be found on the term calendar. Assemblies held on Friday focus on recognising student achievement.

Buddies
All children, K-6, are assigned a “buddy” as one of the many student welfare initiatives in place in the school. Buddies can be an alternative friend, away from classmates, to all students providing friendly guidance and support at school.

Buddy Reading
Year 5 students are selected to assist Morning assemblies are held on Monday from 8.55am in the South Playground with the focus on delivering messages and reminders for the week ahead.

Buses
The school is serviced by a regular government bus service. For timetable and route information please go to www.sydneybuses.nsw.gov.au

MINDQUEST 2014

On Saturday 5 April and Sunday 6 April 2014 the 71st NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend, MindQuest, will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls’ High School. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast-paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, Lego robotics, art and much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is $175 (including GST). The closing date for applications is Friday, March 7 2014. You can obtain a copy of the brochure in the office foyer or contact the MindQuest Coordinator, Shelagh Poray (Director, NSW Talent Centre) on 02 4232 2494 for further information.

Mrs Williams
Deputy Principal/Gifted and Talented Coordinator

BLSPS P&C NEWS

General News
Karla Moors has accepted the role of Road Safety Officer.
We would like to welcome Fatima Berri as our new P&C Treasurer.

Uniform Room
Munch monitor was introduced to purchase uniforms online. We are continually trying to keep our costs down so it was decided at the last P&C meeting to remove Munchmonitor from the Uniform Room. Those of you who cannot get to the Uniform Room still have the option of filling out an order form that children can obtain from a stand outside the uniform room or at the office which can then be placed in the letterbox on the Uniform Room door or handed directly to the Uniform Room. These orders will then be packed and delivered directly to the child’s class. We are currently in the process of having the pricelist put on the school’s website. Munchmonitor will cease in the Uniform Room as of 1 March 2014.

Fundraising
The Chocolate Drive is proving to be a huge success and a reminder that all money is due back by the 27 February.
The School Disco is to be held on Friday the 28 March. Thankyou to all those who have already volunteered by writing their name on the roster outside the canteen. Although we have had a positive response we still need more volunteers to fill all the positions available. We must stress that if we don’t receive enough volunteers by the 14th of March the disco will not go ahead.

Canteen
Just a quick reminder that your child’s class should be updated in munchmonitor in order for their lunch orders to be delivered to the correct class. You do this by using the home page and clicking on My Account/Student Profile, then adjust by searching for their class in the pop down menu.
Welcome to another busy and exciting year in our library. Students have begun enthusiastically borrowing. It is wonderful to see how much they enjoy reading!!

A reminder our students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 must bring their library bag each week in order to borrow. Students in Years 3-6 are strongly encouraged to continue to use a library bag as it protects our library books during the journey between school and home.

**3-6 BOOK FAIR**
This term we will be holding our 3-6 Scholastics Book Fair. The fair will be held during Week 8, 17th – 20th March – more information for students closer to the date. Students who received a Scholastic Book Certificate last year on Presentation Day are able to ‘spend’ this at the Book Fair.

I would appreciate some parent volunteers who may be able to assist with selling the books at the Fair on Wednesday 19th March and/or Thursday 20th March, it is always a busy few days. If you can offer a few hours or a day please let me know.

Happy reading,

*Mrs Dellagiacoma*
Teacher Librarian

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**HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

Our High School Transition Parent Information Evening will be held on **Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 6pm in the North Hall**. All parents of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend. This meeting will assist families in understanding the process of transition, high school options and enrolment.

The Principals from our local high schools, Moorefield Girls’ High School and James Cook Boys’ High School will be present to speak to parents and answer questions. We hope to see you there.

*Mrs Williams*
Deputy Principal/Stage 3 Supervisor
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Cheerleading , Drama and Performances.

Performing Art Classes will help your child develop, confidence, strength, flexibility, coordination, rotation, posture and are exciting safe and full of fun.

Brighton Le Sands Public School Hall
Monday Kindergarten 3:20pm – 4:20pm
Tuesday Year 1 & 2 3:20pm – 4:20pm
Tuesday Year 2 & 3 4:20pm – 5:20pm
Tuesday Year 4 to 6 5:20pm – 6:20pm

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

Ramsgate Community Church
Monday Fairies/pirates 2 to 4 years 9.45am – 10:30am
Thursday Fairies/pirates 2 to 4 years 9:45am – 10:30am
Friday Fairies/pirates 2 to 4 years 9:45am – 10:30am

Please call Melissa Anthony on 9587 3537 or 0413786585 to secure a place