Congratulations to all of our student leaders who were presented with their badges at assembly.

Reading Seminar
A Helping Your Child With Reading Seminar for parents of children in Kinder and Year 1 has been organised for this Wednesday commencing at 6pm in the Library. The seminar presenters are Mrs Wilson and our specialist Reading Recovery and Learning Assistance Teachers. Thank you to all the staff who have given up their time to assist you assist your child’s learning.

Zone Swimming
Good luck to our team as they head off to compete at the Botany Bay Zone Carnival on Friday. I know that they will be trying their hardest and that their behaviour will be outstanding.

School Disco
The P&C Disco is coming up in a month, on Friday 28 March from 5:00-7:00. This Disco is run by the P&C for the current students of Brighton-Le-Sands. To assist with keeping the children safe, the following entry requirements are in place:

- no children will be allowed in or out unless accompanied by an adult who must remain on site and is responsible for the child’s safety and behaviour
- no ex students will be admitted

Scripture Lessons
We provide students with the opportunity to participate in Special Religious Education (Scripture) each Wednesday. The local community has been able to provide volunteer teachers for Anglican/Uniting, Catholic, Orthodox, and Muslim. The Muslim Scripture is in need of an additional volunteer. If you are available to help out on a Wednesday, please contact the school.

Emergency contacts update
All children should have received a copy of the office print out of emergency contacts. Please check that the information is correct so that we can quickly contact you and get assistance for your children if it is necessary. NB please return the signed information sheet even if there are no changes.

Clean Up Day
This Friday afternoon, the students will be participating in a “Clean Up Day” as our contribution to Clean Up Australia. Miss Smith has provided information further in the newsletter.

Asthma
If you child has been diagnosed with an Asthma condition, it is a requirement of The Department that an action plan, issued by a GP, is kept at the school office. Please ensure a current 2014 plan is forwarded to the school as soon as possible.

High School Transition Meeting
All parents of students 4-6 are invited to attend and information evening Wednesday 12th March to find out about the processes involved in transitioning to High School.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7:00pm in the staffroom on Wednesday 12th March. Please come and be involved in your child’s school.

School App
Our new school app is ready with lots of families already utilising its features. Mrs Gazis has introduced this innovation to our school and has listed the features and how to get the app below.

IAN POWER
BRIGHTON LE SANDS
PS SMART PHONE APP
Download our app from brightonlesandsapp.com.au available now on all smart phones and tablets. For additional information contact Mrs Gazis. Below is the barcode which can be scanned to download the app.
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS…Cont.

Canteen
The P&C operate a healthy food canteen. The canteen is open five days a week. Children may order lunches in the morning and they are delivered to the classroom. A menu is available from the school. We also ask that students don’t buy for other children.

Captains, Prefects and SRC
Each year the students elect school prefects and school captains. Respective classes also elect Student Representative Councillors (SRC). These children are chosen because of their proven ability to promote the best possible image for the school, act as excellent role models for the rest of the student body, assist in hosting special events and generally act as ambassadors for our school. House Captains for sport are also elected at the beginning of each year. The school has a very strict policy in regards to eligibility for these positions with class behaviour and detentions records always being considered.

Carnivals
During the year the children take part in several sporting carnivals as follows:
  Term 1: 3-6 swimming
  Term 1/2: 3-6 cross-country
  Term 3: 3-6 athletics
(Children turning 8 years old in Year 2 are also eligible to compete).
Separate notes are issued with details of each event. Students are not permitted to attend without parent permission.

Charities
The school supports several charities on a regular basis through fund raising and appeals. Our main designated charity is Stewart House.

Classes
Instruction groups (classes) are formed each year on a chronological basis according to the number of children in each year. State schools are staffed on the total school population using a formula which is based on a specified teacher/student ratio that varies with the age of the children ie the Kindergarten ratio is lower than Year 6.

BOOK FAIR YEARS 3-6

We will be holding our first Scholastics Book Fair during Week 8, 17-20 March. This fair is for our students in years 3-6. There is always a fantastic range of books to choose from. I’m sure there’ll be something for everyone. As well as providing an opportunity for our students to purchase books for themselves the Book Fair raises funds for our school.

A reminder that students who received a Scholastic Book Certificate last year on Presentation Day are able to ‘spend’ this at the Book Fair.
Happy reading,

Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian

BLSPS P&C NEWS

Uniform Room
As mentioned in the previous P&C news you are no longer able to purchase uniforms through munchmonitor. 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.

Uniform room will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 - 9:15am till the end of term.

Fundraising
The Chocolate Drive has now officially ended and we are no longer accepting any chocolates back. We do however require payment for any outstanding boxes you may have. We still have over $10,000 outstanding which is an extremely disappointing result for our major fundraiser this year.

Those of you who are yet to return the $50 / box we ask that you do so promptly.

The School Disco will be held on Friday the 28 March.
Thankyou to all those who have volunteered by writing their name on the roster outside the canteen. The response has been wonderful and we hope to have a fantastic night.

The next P&C Meeting will be held next Wednesday the 12 March at 7pm in the Staff Room, all welcome.
Operation – CLEAN UP BRIGHTON LE SANDS!

When asked whether our school’s playground was satisfactorily clean, many students believed on a scale of 1-10, it was less than 5. Luckily, BLSPS has lots of environmentally-minded students who show initiative and pick rubbish up when they see it polluting our playground. As all students and staff of Brighton Le Sands Public have the right to work and play in a clean, safe environment, we are holding an operation this Friday to Clean Up Brighton Le Sands! All students should bring gloves to school and a plastic bag on Friday so that we can keep our playground and its surrounds free from disgusting rubbish. Classes will also conduct discussions based on recycling and minimising waste. So if you really wanted to get into the spirit, bring a WASTE FREE LUNCH BOX. Let’s hope that we can maintain a clean playground until next year’s clean up day! On behalf of the SRC, I would like to thank everyone in advance for their efforts in tidying up our school this Friday.

Miss Smith (SRC Coordinator)

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design will be holding their Open Evening on Wednesday, 5 March 2014 from 5.30 -7.00pm. Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design provides opportunities for students to pursue excellence within the disciplines of Visual Arts and Design, whilst studying the core curriculum prescribed by the Board of Studies. Applications for the Visual Arts and Design Specialist Stream in 2015 can be obtained from Mrs Williams. Dulwich High applications are due by Friday, 28 March 2014.

Sylvania High School will be conducting testing for its 2015 Enrichment Class on Tuesday, 18 March from 9.00-11.50am. Applications close on Wednesday, 5 March and there is a $25 application fee. Application forms can be obtained from Mrs Williams. Enquiries: Ms Chalvatzis, Sylvania High Gifted and Talented Leader (ph: 9522 9951). Out of area applications (Non Local Request for Placement Year 7 2015) for Sylvania High can also be obtained from Mrs Williams or refer to the school’s website for further information about their enrolment procedures at www.sylviahigh.nsw.edu.au

High School Transition Parent Information Evening
A reminder to parents of students in Years 4-6, there will be a high school transition parent information evening next Wednesday, 12 March from 6-7pm in the North Hall. This meeting is important as high school application procedures and options are discussed.

Mrs Williams
Deputy Principal

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We’re on the Web www.brightonle-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/
Dear Muslim Parents and Caregivers,
Did you know that all children in NSW Public Schools are entitled to a session of religious education every week? However, unfortunately not all Muslim children at Brighton Le Sands Public School are receiving scripture due to a shortage of Muslim scripture teachers.

Are you interested in filling this position? Scripture lessons are held on every **Wednesday 10:30am and 11:30am**. All information and materials are provided by the Islamic Special Religious Education (ISRE) body of the Islamic Council of NSW. It’s easier than you think and is also extremely rewarding!!

**In just 1 hour per week, YOU can make a big difference to the betterment of our children.**
Your time and help will be greatly appreciated and immensely rewarding!

Please feel free to contact us on 9708 0880 (Mon-Fri 9:00am-3:00pm), or email info@isre.org.au for further details or interest.

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**FREE fun program for kids to become healthier, fitter and happier!**

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight. Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks during school term for children and their parents.

Sessions are each week for two hours after school and include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes plus much more!

**Registrations are now open for Term 2, 2014. To register for your local St George program or for more information contact:**
Linda Trotter (Local Go4Fun Coordinator) on 9382 8641