Principal’s Notes

Congratulations to the Brighton-Le-Sands Public School Swimming Team who, for the 4th consecutive year, have won the Champion School Title for the Botany Bay Zone Primary School Sport Association (PSSA). Additionally, Jacqueline and Kaitlin were named as the Junior and 11 Years Champion Girl swimmers respectively with Kaitlin setting a new record in the 50m Freestyle and the Junior Boys Relay Team won their event. All of the students tried very hard putting in fantastic performances. The win was a real team effort. In total we have 18 students competing at this week’s Sydney Region Carnival at Homebush.

More Congratulations

The following children have been selected in Zone Teams:
Rugby League 11’s—Kanon & Luca
Opens—Archie, Daniel, Kobe & Yianni
Football—Alex, James & Alexander
Tennis—Danilo & Kamil

Tree Safety
I have had several parents expressing their concerns about the safety of the trees at our school. This school has in place a process of having a tree lopper inspect and carry out any remedial works twice a year. This usually occurs during school holiday periods. This exceeds all DEC expectations. Additionally, following the tragic accident earlier this term at another school, the Department is organising for registered arborists to conduct a full site tree safety inspection of every Public School in NSW.

Winter Olympian Visit

The students at last Friday’s Primary Assembly were treated to a presentation and question and answer session with Stephanie Magiros. This is the second visit that Stephanie has made to our school and the students loved her presentation and discussion about the effort needed to succeed in life and reach your goals.

Filming

Also last Friday, the Department filmed many of our teachers and students and interviewed some staff and teachers to highlight best practice in the teaching and organisation of sport programs. The footage will be used in Professional Learning sessions to assist teachers across NSW develop their skills. This is the second curriculum area where the staff of Brighton have been identified by the Department as displaying exemplary practice.

Homework

Homework is an issue often brought up in schools. We believe that the regular completion of homework can help establish good study habits for the future, should be a consolidation of class work and should not be a burden to families or the students. If you have a concern about the type or amount of homework that your child has, please contact the teacher to discuss the matter.

Easter Hat Parade

The school will be holding their annual Easter Hat Parade for children K-1 on Wednesday 9 April commencing at 12:15pm in the South Playground. Students in 2-6 will not be participating or spectating so that we will have more space for families, parent and friends. All children K-1 will receive further information.

Parking

This is a continuing problem around our school. It is very important for the safety of the children that everyone follows the parking and road rules around our school. Please ensure that you park legally, following the sign posted restrictions, and keeping our neighbours driveway access clear. Please also remember to set a good example for your children by crossing the road safely and in the correct areas.

No parking is allowed on school grounds and pedestrian access is prohibited through the car park.

I have been informed that the Parking Regulations Officers will not be issuing any further cautions, rather illegal parking will result in the issuing of a fine.

Mrs McKinniery Long Service Leave

Mrs McKinniery will be taking Long Service Leave for the last 2 weeks of this term. Mrs Gazis will be relieving Deputy Principal, Miss Dahdah will be teaching 1/2H and Miss Edwards will be relieving as Assistant Principal Stage 1.

IAN POWER
**STUDENT WELFARE NEWS**

**Communication**
We encourage open dialogue at all times. Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school to discuss any issue or concern. Information regarding school activities is sent home as required and a regular newsletter is produced each fortnight. P&C meetings are another avenue for parents to raise issues concerning the general nature of the school.

**Competitions**
Children in Yr3-6 may participate in the UNSW competitions. These competitions run by the Educational Testing Centre, are national competitions. A fee is payable and a comprehensive analysis of the results is given for each student. This is an optional extra but we urge all students to participate.

**Concerns**
Concerns about individual children should be directed to the class teacher, deputy or the principal. Please ask your child’s teacher, or teacher involved for an appointment.

**Counsellor**
Our school counsellor assists classroom teachers to identify students with specific needs and develop strategies to overcome the diagnosed difficulties. In supporting students, the counsellor will also provide advice to parents and teachers as appropriate. Our current counsellor is Mr Neal Gardner who is available every Monday and Wednesday and every second Friday morning.

**Court Orders**
The school must be informed if there are any current court orders regarding access and custody of children. Any such information is treated with the utmost confidence and is only accessible.

**BOOK FAIR YEARS 3-6**

Our first Scholastics Book Fair is this week. This fair is for our students in Years 3-6 and I know they are very excited about it. There is always a fantastic range of books from which to choose. 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

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**BLSPS P&C NEWS**

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

**Fundraising**
The Chocolate Drive is OVER.

We are still having people trying to bring back chocolates and we are simply NOT accepting them. We are however still waiting on many families to return their money for the chocolates that were taken. Some money dates back 2 years. We are extremely disappointed in the support for our major fundraiser this year and will deliberate whether or not to continue this endeavour in future years.

Those of you who are yet to return your chocolate money we ask that you do so ASAP.

The School Disco will definitely be held on Friday 28 March and we thank those of you who are volunteering your time that evening to ensure a great event.

At our P&C meeting held last Wednesday it was decided through a vote by our members that there will not be Mothers or Fathers Day raffles in order to take any extra financial pressure off families this year, we apologize for any disappointment in the ruling.

The next P&C Meeting will be held Wednesday the 14 May at 7pm in the Staff Room, all welcome.
WHY KIDS SHOULD PLAY SPORT BY 4/5B

Sport teaches children lifelong skills. It teaches children determination which is very important for when you’re older because you will keep trying until you get it. Sport also teaches kids teamwork and how to be a good loser. You will also learn strategy and tactics which is vital because you become smarter.

Sara, Year 5
Sport can increase your lifespan because it definitely helps to prevent you from suffering diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, obesity, cancer and osteoporosis.

Monte, Year 5

Furthermore, sport boosts kids’ self-confidence. Sport is all about teamwork. When you play sport you can meet new friends and have so much fun.

Stefan, Year 4

OPERATION CLEAN UP DAY—A Success!

Many thanks to all who participated in last Friday’s Clean Up Australia Day for schools. Our school grounds and surrounding areas are looking spectacular. All students enjoyed the experience and reported that they felt proud of themselves for helping to make a difference.

To encourage the regular maintenance of keeping our playground tidy, the SRC will be rostered on to hand out enviro points to teachers on duty. Teachers will then hand out these points to students who make an effort to keep our playground free of rubbish. This may be for a waste free lunch box, or picking litter up off the ground. Recipients of enviro points write their name and class on the enviro point and place it in the container in the office. SRC students then tally the results and announce the winning class at assembly. Each week will be an ‘enviro lucky draw’ whereby students who have received an enviro point will go in the draw to win a prize at assembly.

Let’s work together to maintain a clean and green playground!

Miss Smith (SRC Coordinator)

3/4L IS THINKING ABOUT THINKING!

So far this year 3/4L has been busy producing persuasive texts. We have worn the many hats as we investigate our topics for persuading. We wear our white thinking hat as we gather information and collect data on the pros and cons of school uniforms and students sport participation. We use our personal knowledge as well as facts and research to support our arguments. As we look into our reasons for and against our topics we use our yellow, black and blue thinking hats. This provides us with the benefits and weaknesses of each topic as well as organising our thinking and planning our supporting arguments. Persuasive texts also consider our feelings (red thinking hat) on the given topic.

We have enjoyed trying to justify our reasons and learning new ways of persuading.

Miss Scott
Want to know if your child should be fitter, healthier and happier?

BMI-for-age charts are a way to determine if your child is within the healthy weight range for their age.

Scan the QR code below to check how healthy your child is, or visit www.go4fun.com.au and follow the links to the BMI Calculator

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