Principal’s Notes

Congratulations to Stage 3 for their outstanding application to the Coach Approach Program yesterday. The presenters, who visit schools across NSW, commented on how supportive the children were and how they were fully engaged in all of the excellent activities that were presented.

Well done to Jason and Brittany who have both qualified for the NSW PSSA State Swimming Championships to be held next Wednesday/Thursday at Homebush.

Stage 2 Excursion
Yesterday 3/4S, 3/4L, 4O, 4B and 3/4M headed off to the Botanical Gardens in support of their current unit of work. Their behaviour was fantastic and they were great ambassadors for our school. 3/4A, 3/4P, 3/4R and 3B will have their excursion on Thursday.

Rugby League Competition
Tomorrow our school teams will head off to compete for the Brad MacKay Shield and the Lance Thompson Cup in an all-schools competition to be held at Scarborough Park. Good Luck boys, Mr Gannon and Mrs Carrol.

Easter Hat Parade
The K-1 Easter Hat Parade will be held next Wednesday commencing at 12:15 in the South Playground under the COLA. Please ensure that all decorations are firmly held in place. You are all invited to attend and share in the fun. Children in Yr2-6 will be able to put an entry into the Eggstravaganza which will be on display in the North Hall.

School Photos
All students are expected to wear full summer uniform, including correct shoes, blue polo shirts for the boys and summer tunics for the girls, for their class photo day. This is being held next week on Thursday 10 April. Band, Choirs, SRC and Prefects will also be taken next Thursday.

A note and payment envelope is being sent home today. Please note that the photographic company handles all money and that no change can be given.

Sporting and performing arts groups will have their photos taken in the first week of Term 3.

Winter PSSA
The Winter competition commences this Friday weather permitting. All students must wear full school sports uniform to represent their school.

School Disco
The Term 1 Disco was cancelled last Friday due to the weather forecast. Unfortunately, it cannot be rescheduled before daylight savings ends. The next school disco will be in Term 4.

ANZAC Day Assembly
The school will hold its annual ANZAC Assembly on Friday 11 April.

Our school leaders and the Stage 3 SRC will represent the school at the combined school’s ANZAC Service held in Hyde Park next Wednesday accompanied by Miss Smith.

Relieving Deputy Principal
Whilst Mrs McKinnery is on LSL for the remainder of this Term, Mr Sutton will be relieving as Deputy Principal.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
The first semester Parent/Teacher interviews will be held Term 2 Week 4. These interviews are an integral part of our assessment and reporting processes and gives you the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with the class teacher.

Interview request slips will be sent home Tuesday Week 1. Please complete your preferences and return these as soon as possible so that the teachers can organise the interviews.

2015 Enrolments
The request to enrol at your fantastic school in 2015 have already begun. If you have a child who will be enrolling next year, it is important that you fill in the enrolment form early next Term.

Term 2
Students return on Tuesday 29 April.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Ian Power
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

CPR
Members of staff are annually trained in CPR. It is Government policy that all overnight excursions are accompanied by a member of staff who has current CPR qualifications.

Dance Troupes
Children have the opportunity to join the Dance Troupes. These prize winning groups train under the expert guidance of school staff. The troupe performs with great distinction at annual events such as the Hurstville Music Festival, the Performing Arts Concert and Education Week.

Dangerous Items
Students are not to bring any items to school which may cause injury or damage to other students or property.

Any item which may be construed as a weapon will be confiscated and the child’s parents notified. The possession of a weapon is a suspendable offence.

Discipline
The school Discipline Code is based on the assertive discipline model which is designed to allow children the opportunity to learn from their mistakes and make them realise that sometimes their behaviour is wrong but they are essentially good. All children are required to follow the school rules and show respect for adults and other children at all times. Breaches of the discipline code are dealt with according to the circumstances.

Drug Education
An essential element of the PD/H/PE key learning area, drug education is presented by classroom teachers as part of their regular timetable. Drug Education aims to provide students with the relevant information and skills necessary to make informed lifestyle choices relating to drug use.

Duty of Care
All members of staff have a legal obligation to provide a duty of care to students. This duty includes the classroom, playground, after school duty such as bus and crossing and while on official excursions or sporting trips and after hour’s activities. The staff of Brighton Le Sands PS is very conscious of its responsibilities and carry out their duty with due professionalism and commitment for the welfare of our students.

1A CLASS NEWS

1A have made a great start to learning in Term 1. Each student has been working hard to improve their Reading, Writing and Mathematics skills and they have been interested to learn new things. In Science, the students have enjoyed watching how plants grow and change. In HSIE, the students have discussed and recorded how life was different in the past compared to that of the present. 1A have realised that not all things have changed. Seth keenly brought in marbles this term and the class enjoyed playing “Marbles” with Shawn, Alexander, Chelsea and Alex being the winners. A highlight this term was Clean Up Australia Day held in Week 6. Each student proudly helped keep the school surroundings litter free. A daily focus in 1A is to reuse/recycle paper. The class are learning that “the power of one” has enormous potential in preserving our environment. The students have also learnt that putting very small papers in the recycling bin jams the machine at the VISY outlet and the class avoid doing this.

It has been pleasing to observe each student’s interest and discussion points regarding friendships. 1A know that to have a good friend, you have to be a good friend. The students have been practising friendship skills in Term 1 and are focusing on learning and playing co-operatively.

Mrs Aylesbury

BLSPS P&C NEWS

Uniform Room
Winter uniforms are now in stock and the Uniform Room will be open every day for the first week back of Term 2. That is, 8.30am on Tuesday 29 April - Friday 2 May.

Fundraising
The Mothers Day stall will be held on Thursday the 8 May 2014.

Canteen
A big thank you to the staff and volunteers who assisted the children who had forgotten their lunch for the excursion yesterday. They worked tirelessly to make sure that these lunches were made in time for their departure. Our canteen cannot run without the assistance of our wonderful volunteers who graciously give up their time to ensure that all children are treated equally.

Parents, just a reminder that when you approach the canteen before 9am please be patient and courteous and the staff will assist you as quickly as they can. Our main priority is to serve the children first in order to get them off to class on time.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 May at 7pm in the Staff Room, all welcome.
**2E’S CREATIVE THINKING**

This term in 2E we have been using Bloom’s Taxonomy and Gardner’s Multiple Intelligences to help us think creatively in the classroom. We are learning to think and comprehend our reading texts, HSIE and maths tasks in a variety of different ways. It is a fun way of thinking differently and working through activities using group work. By using these types of activities in the classroom students have been able to use their strengths in maths, drawing, reading, writing and thinking to show their understanding. We are looking forward to learning in other ways to help us think creatively.

*Miss Edwards*

---

**YR3-6 BOOK FAIR WRAP-UP**

Our recent book fair for Years 3-6 was a huge success. The students went home with some fantastic new books and we received a healthy boost to the library funds as well. The students were able to purchase from a great selection of books. Some of the titles at the Fair proved extremely popular – “Weirdo” written by funny man Anh Do and “The School for Good and Evil”. I had to order an extra 82 copies of Weirdo!

As part of the book fair a raffle was held to win one of six of the popular titles. Our winners were – Aidan, Mariam, Jessica H, Marko, Thomas and Katerina. Enjoy your books.

I would like to thank the parent volunteers who were involved with the fair. It was a very busy two days and your assistance enabled it to run smoothly and efficiently. A BIG thank you to Maria P, Maria T, Susan, Vera, Jennifer, Taxoula, Clare, Natasha and Irena, your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Students who were waiting on reorders should have received them all last week. If they haven’t they need to see me please.

The **K-2 book fair** will be held in Term 2 during Week 5.

Happy reading,

*Mrs Dellagiocoma*
Teacher Librarian

---

**KINDER BLUE NEWS**

Kinder Blue is a wonderful group of enthusiastic learners. We have had a fantastic start to a very busy and exciting year. Our classroom environment is strongly based on the student’s interests. This week we based our literary text on ‘The Rainbow Fish’ by Marcus Pfister. This book has been one of our favourite books for Term 1. The students in Kinder Blue are continually enthused to read ‘The Rainbow Fish’ and we have used this text to develop our literacy skills as well as our arts program. We created our first display wall based on this book. Come and have a look outside our Kinder Blue classroom!

*Miss Way*
3/4L CLASS NEWS

3/4L has been busy learning about the vegetable garden. We have been to visit the garden as well as designed our own. ‘thank you’ to Carmenita who volunteered to help us out!

Some students have written a recount below:

On Thursday we went to the vegetable garden. First we went into the shed and got gloves, spades and watering cans. Then at our planting area we dug holes around then we got some seedlings.

We put the seedlings into the soil and covered the roots with the soil. After we watered all of the seedlings, then we washed our hands and went back to class.

By Alexander

On Thursday 3/4L went to the vegetable garden and Rachel’s mum came to help us with our plant, parsley. Firstly, we had to get a pair of gloves and three watering cans. Then we got some plants and planted them. Then we had to water the plants. After that we went to the compost. It was lots of fun.

By Sahar

On a beautiful morning all of 3/4L (including Miss Scott) went out and met Rachel’s mum in the garden and she took us for the morning. Firstly, we all put some gloves on. About three people picked up a watering can. Then we all got a shovel. Secondly, Rachel’s mum told everyone that we needed to dig a big hole around the garden bed. Thirdly, we planted parsley in the big hole we dug. It was lots of fun. We all had a great time thanks to Rachel’s mum.

By Amber
WRITING IN K/1L

We have had a fantastic start to the year in K/1L. Kindergarten have been busy writing simple sentences using sight words and other familiar words. Year 1 have been writing recounts and descriptions. This term we have used shared reading books as a stimulus for our writing. Below are some fantastic work samples.

Miss Stares

YEAR 3/4A

This term our class 3/4A have been extremely busy. The Year 3 students have been involved in the ‘Maths on the Move Program’ which is aimed to improve times table facts. The Year 4 children have also been working on similar tasks.

In our classroom we have been creating magnificent artwork to accompany our Science unit ‘Plants in Action.’ We have also been working on narratives, persuasive writing techniques and lots of ‘Mathletics’ activities.

Mr Alderman/Miss Marovska

Kogarah Community Services

AFTER SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAMS

Carlton Public School, Ecole Street, Carlton
To book contact kogarahcommunity.org.au or phone 9546 4811 or 0419 019 032
As the Easter long weekend approaches, thousands of families are set to hit the roads for holiday trips. A concern for everyone across the country is always that of road safety over the long weekend. There are more people using our roads at this time meaning there is a higher risk for accident, injury or even death. Motorists are urged to be extra cautious especially at night and when passing through residential areas, due to the unpredictable actions of pedestrians. Here are some useful road safety tips you can take in to make sure your journey is a safe one:

⇒ Don’t set off on a long trip at the end of a day’s work.
⇒ Sleep well before travelling. Don’t drive at times you would normally be asleep.
⇒ Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours. There are almost 100 community driver reviver sites that operate throughout NSW during holiday periods.
⇒ Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
⇒ Do not use your mobile phone while driving. Turn off your mobile phone or keep it on silent.
⇒ Pack some quiet activities for the children in the car such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.

Please remember that children are inexperienced road users and that it’s important they are supervised in the traffic environment. Please remember to:

⇒ Hold your child’s hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
⇒ Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
⇒ Help your children exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.
⇒ Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.

Have a safe and happy Easter!