Principal’s Notes

Congratulations to all students for their very settled return to this Term. Enrolments Kinder 2015

If you have a child commencing Kinder in 2015, please collect and complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. The outstanding successes of our school continue to attract many applications to enrol from non-local students. Again in 2015 we will be restricted in the non-local enrolments that we can accept. If you have a friend or relation who wishes to be considered for non-local enrolment they should apply now.

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STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

Early Contact
If parents have a concern or question about their child’s progress or behaviour they need to make an appointment to see the classroom teacher, sooner rather than later. Early and appropriate contact with the school is vital and works best.

Early Departure
From time to time it is necessary for students to leave school early for a legitimate purpose eg medical appointment. In such cases, parents must report initially to the admin office to obtain an Early Departure slip which is taken to the child’s class and handed to the teacher. Under no circumstances should parents go directly to the class to with-draw children.

Early Intervention
It is a conscious and determined policy of this school to provide high level support to the early years of schooling. This is done through provision of specialist human and physical resources, development of specific literacy and numeracy programs, reduced class sizes and involvement of health and counsellor services to identify specific issues that may impact on the children’s learning.

Environmental Education
The school is very committed to developing sound and realistic attitudes to sustainable environmental practices. Wherever possible, environmentally friendly alternatives are preferred. Students are encouraged to play an active part in maintaining our beautiful school environment by using appropriate bins for rubbish, participating in our bi-annual Clean Up Australia Day, joining the voluntary litter team, recycling paper, planting trees etc.

Our school is accepting the challenge again in 2014!
What is the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge?
The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read more and to read more widely.
The Challenge runs from February until August each year. Students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear on the PRC Honour Roll. Check out the PRC website for all the information. Brighton-Le-Sands Public School teachers encourage all our students to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge as part of their home reading. What do students need to do?
• Students read books from the PRC booklists.
• Students record the details of books read into a Student Reading Record on the PRC website.
• Students (or a parent) enter these details using their DET logon and password. How many books must students read?
• K-2 students must experience 30 books to complete the challenge. Adults can read to K-2 students or the students can read the books themselves.
• Years 3-4 and 5-6 students must read 20 books to complete the challenge.
• Some PRC books will be read by teachers to the students – details of these will be added to students Personal Reading Logs by a teacher in August.
Where can students find PRC books?
• We have hundreds of PRC books in our school library.
• PRC books are available from local public libraries.
• Booklists for each age group are on the PRC website.
PRC books in our school library have been identified by coloured stickers
• K-2 – red stickers
• 3-4 – green stickers
• 5-6 – purple stickers
The PRC website may be accessed via the DET student portal, by going to the PRC website or by typing “PRC NSW” into Google.

Many students must have been busy reading over the recent school holidays. Our first group of PRC “Marvellous” readers are:
Year 1 – Keith, Kassem
Year 2 – Adam, David, Claudia
Year 3 – Aazeen, Jennet, Oscar, Daniel, Mariam, Aaliyah
Year 4 – Ryan, Andres, Vivian, Jacqueline, Mahjabin, Anshul, Elizabeth
Year 5 – Celina, Kloe, Lili, Claudette, Dunja, Phoebe S, Katerina
Year 6 – Billy, Christian, Christiana, Jessica, Karli, James, Imran, Loren, Dylan, Nishita
For more info go to https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html or type “PRC NSW” into Google. PRC titles class teachers read to their students will be added to the student reading records.

Happy reading,
Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian

Each May Scholastic celebrates “National Family Reading Month”. Families are encouraged to make reading a family affair. Reading together as a family for at least 10 minutes a day provides a reading role model for your children. To get involved check out this link Read more in May where you can download a reading log for your family. By recording the total number of minutes your family spends reading in May you could win lots of great prizes. Mrs Dellagiacoma—Teacher Librarian
LIBRARY NEWS

K-2 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This term will see our Book Fair for Kindergarten – Year 2. It will take place in Week 5, 26-29 May. The Book Fair is a great opportunity for the children (and parents) to purchase from a wide variety of terrific books. The Fair also raises funds for our school. As this is a very hectic few days, particularly with this younger age group, I would appreciate some parent volunteers who may be able to assist with the running of the Book Fair. If you can offer a few hours or a day on Tue 27, Wed 28 and/or Thu 29 May please let me know.

During the Book Fair the students visit the Fair twice. The first visit gives the students time to browse and write a “wish list” of books they would like to purchase. Students then take their “wish list” home to discuss with parents/carers. The second visit is when the students come to buy their books. Parents/carers are invited to attend one or both visits to help their child write their “wish lists” and then to make their purchases. A timetable for these visits will be published in the coming weeks. You are also welcome to visit the Fair alone to do some ‘secret’ shopping ready for birthdays or Christmas. It is always great to see how excited the children are about coming to the Book Fair and choosing their own books to buy.

Our Library monitors

Each year students from Year 6 are invited to become library monitors. These students receive a special badge and hold this position for the whole year. During the year they learn to carry out many of the essential day to day tasks in running a library. Among other things the children learn the procedures for returning, borrowing and sorting books as well as shelving books accurately. This takes some time to become proficient but gives the students a role of responsibility within the school. They also assist other students with the library’s lunchtime activities.

Library Monitors have the following privileges.
• Receive a Library Monitor Badge at assembly
• Borrow additional books
• Attend an End-of-Year Library Party.

These are our 2014 library monitors – Luahra, Loren, Agata, Sophia S, Stephanie, Noah, Mimi, Izel, Isabella, Kent and William. They are an invaluable help and work towards ensuring our library is a pleasant place at lunchtime.

Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian

BLSPS P&C NEWS

Uniform Room

Sports shirts and headbands are now back in stock and the Uniform Room will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 - 9:15am and Fridays from 8:30 - 9:00am for the rest of Term 2.

Fundraising

The Mothers Day stall will be held on Thursday the 8th May 2014. If you are able to volunteer your assistance on the day from 8am - 2pm please feel free to contact Anna Fedele on 0414 298 365.

Canteen

There will no longer be banana milk or fruit cups available at the canteen as the interest in these items is minimal.

A big thank you to those of you who are either placing the correct money in your child’s lunch bag or waiting for your change, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

A reminder that if your child needs change please encourage them to take their lunch bag directly to the canteen before school where their change will be given to them straight away. Also too, all lunch bags need to go directly to the canteen on Fridays whether they have the correct money or not.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 14th May at 7pm in the Staff Room, all welcome.
3/4M’S SENSORY DESCRIPTIONS

3/4M have begun the year wonderfully and have been producing some excellent pieces of writing. This term we are learning about Narratives. We have been discussing what “good” authors do and learning how to edit our own writing. During one writing session we learnt how to write sensory descriptions and how to engage our reader using vivid description. Below are some writing samples for you to enjoy. We hope you can see, feel, smell, taste and hear Mai Lee’s garden. Mai Lee could see the clear blue sky that was dotted with fluffy white clouds. She could see the colourful beetles in the soil. Mai Lee loved the sight of the seaside by her house.

– Sophie Stevens

Mai Lee held a highly scented daffodil that felt soft in the petal area but rough and prickly as she moved her hand down the stem. Her bare feet were tickled with the long green grass and it made her want to giggle. She also felt the itching of the mosquito bite on her back but felt better when she itched it with the rough tree trunk – Charlotte Small

Mai Lee smell the musty smell of her mum cleaning. She smelt the beautiful smell of fresh roses. Mai Lee Smelt the wet pine tree that she was leaning on. – Anastasia McNeil

Mai Lee can taste the sweet ripe red raspberries growing on her mum’s favourite bush. Mai Lee can taste the lovely rosemary growing, which she had planted. She can taste the beautiful bread baking in their grand bread oven. – Georgia Siorokos

Mai Lee thought she heard the loud buzzing of the bees in the hive above. She heard the rustle of leaves from the beautiful Acacia sapling. Mai Lee heard the bump of the red truck with the Jarrah logs going to the saw mill. – Oscar Halliday

KINDER GREEN NEWS!

Kinder Green have had such a wonderful start to school life! I am extremely proud of every single child. We have been very busy learning our letters, sounds and sight words. As well as beginning to read and write. The children have also been busy using their Thinking Skills while participating in many maths activities. Every week the children look forward to assembly on Fridays, visiting Mrs Sadler in the Library and participating in numerous sport activities on Wednesdays. The children have participated in a few special events this year, such as the Teddy Bear’s Picnic, Easter Hat Parade, Eggs-ibition, School Photos and making Easter craft with their buddies from 4/5B!

Finally I would like to thank the wonderful parents who are helping out in our room. I appreciate the time you are giving up to listen to the children read and cutting out art materials. Thank you!

Miss Kazzi
EASTER ART

3/4M hope that everyone had a lovely school holidays and Easter. Our recent art venture, in the spirit of Easter, proved to be challenging however worth every minute. 3/4M worked collaboratively with a partner to create this beautiful Easter Egg Garland for our classroom. The eggs took a lot of team work and perseverance and we are very proud of them.

Miss Maddern

SYDNEY JEWISH MUSEUM

I was so excited to be going to the Sydney Jewish Museum. I didn’t know what we were going to see, or if the museum was all about Anne Frank or the Holocaust in general all I knew was I was exited!

It was a long bus ride. As we approached the museum I spotted the big orange banners along the side of the building. I just made out the words on these banners it said “find out about the fashion when Hitler invaded” I got exited cause I realised we were here.

When we got off the bus we got sorted into groups. Our guide then walked out telling Mr. Campbell what we will be doing and that our bags needed to be checked by the security guard. We walked into the museum and saw a memorial to the soldiers that died in the war and to all the Jewish people who lost their lives.

We walked up a few steps and saw staircase after staircase. Our guide led us to a room with a painting depicting the hurt of the Jews and I felt the sadness. We were told to sit down and our guide told us that a child survivor of the Holocaust was going to be speaking to us. We were all gobsmacked and honoured that he was going to be speaking to us. His name was George and was originally from Poland.

George talked about how the Jews were tormented. He also discussed how the Nazis said the Jews were responsible for huge events like losing World War One and the economic crisis. Sadly George spent 5 years going from concentration camp to concentration camp. He told us about the last time he saw his father and running to his mum and sister as they were about to be executed. George is now elderly and is living in Australia married with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

After George finished speaking we were led to other volunteers who led us through an Anne Frank timeline room. It was interesting being told the knowledge that wasn’t written in the Anne Frank Diary which we studied as part of literacy groups.

At the end of our stay at the Sydney Jewish Museum we read two Anne Frank quotes. The that has made an impression with me is “ We all live with the objective of being happy; Our lives are all different and yet the same” – Anne Frank, 6 July 1944.

Isaac 5/6C

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- Cheerleading, Drama and Performances.

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

Brighton Le Sands Public School Hall

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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

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