Principal’s Notes

Congratulations to the Junior Tennis group. They have a new coach this Term who has told us that they are the best behaved group of children he has ever had.

Well done to Kamil who has been selected to represent NSW in the Australian Primary Schools’ Sports Association Tennis Championships to be held in Darwin later in the year. You may see Kamil in the playground selling raffle tickets to help fund his trip. Our school’s major charity support is to Stewart House. Last year Brighton-Le-Sands was the second highest fundraising Primary school in the state. Well done.

Enrolments 2015 Kinder

Although it seems a long way off, please collect and complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. The successful programs and great results across all academic, sporting and performing arts areas mean that we have more applications for Kinder than available spaces. Our school organisation processes have already begun and we need to have as accurate as possible numbers for next year.

Walk Safely to School Day

With our large student numbers and the busy roads around our school, Walk Safely to School Day is a great opportunity to focus on road safety. This Friday I urge you to review with your children road safe practices and walk with your child to school so that you can model the correct and safe way to come to school. The P&C have organised a breakfast starting at 8:00am. There are more details further in the newsletter.

TAP Program

This week, in partnership with the Bayside Learning Community, we are starting our Talent Acceleration Program with selected students heading off to James Cook and Moorefield Girls High to utilise their excellent specialised facilities.

Zone Cross Country

This Thursday our school team will compete at Scarborough Park in the Botany Bay Zone Cross Country Carnival. I know that all the children will try their best to retain the Champion School Trophy which Brighton has now won 2 years in a row.

Walkathon

Our schools walkathon is to be held on Tuesday 3rd June. Please assist your child to gather sponsors and help improve the technology facilities at our school.

Maths seminar changed to week 7 Tuesday.

The Parent Maths seminar which was set down for next week has been transferred to Tuesday 10th June.

Life Education

Students in K-1 have been able to visit the Life Education Van over the last 2 weeks and have been learning about making healthy choices, especially in regards to medication. There are also follow up class lessons to help strengthen the message.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations. Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Ian Power

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 2, Wks 4-5

Week 4
Wed 21 May
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- SRC Meeting

Thu 22
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Maths Olympiad 1
- Zone Cross Country

Fri 23
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Walk Safely to School Day
- K-1 Assembly 11.40
  Nth Hall 1A
- Y3-6 Assembly 1pm
  Nth Hall 3/4S

Week 5
Mon 26
- K-2 Book Fair

Tue 27
- K-2 Book Fair

Wed 28
- K-2 Book Fair

Thu 29
- K-2 Book Fair

Fri 30
- K-2 Book Fair
- K-2 Assembly 11.40
  Nth Hall 1W
- Y3-6 Assembly 1pm
  Nth Hall Prefects

Week 6
Tue 3 June
- Kinder 2015 School Tour
- Walkathon—all day
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

Financial Assistance
The State Government provides very limited funds (less than $1 per child per year) under the Student Assistance Scheme to assist eligible families with school related expenses. Some financial assistance is available for school essentials such as uniforms and excursions. The principal will assist with enquiries on a confidential basis.

Fruit Break
(Recess is not ‘little’ lunch anymore!)
Each morning at approx 11.10am classes stop for a short break to enjoy a piece of healthy fruit or vegetable. This is part of our commitment to promoting a healthy lifestyle for the children.

Gifted and Talented
Students who are identified as being gifted or talented are provided with opportunities to develop that attribute through extension work in the classroom. Contact the classroom teacher for more information. Of course our many and varied extra curricula activities such as sport, dance, choir, public speaking, debating and a myriad of ‘competitions’ also provide opportunities for children with talent in these areas.

Grounds
The children have access to grassed areas including Memorial Field, in addition to all weather asphalt areas and a COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area). The P&C has provided our wonderful play equipment and ‘picnic-style’ seating. The grounds are maintained by our hardworking General Assistants and regular community workers organised by the Principal.

PARENTS MATHS SEMINAR
The Parent Maths Seminar has been changed to Tuesday the 10 June (Week 7) - more information to follow.

BORROWED CLOTHING
If your child has had a need to borrow clothing from the school office please return laundered clothing as soon as possible. Also if you have any school uniforms your child has grown out of please consider donating them to the school office for use when spare clothing is needed. We especially need larger sizes. Thank You.

Uniform Room
The new PSSA sports socks are now in stock at a cost of $12. Uniform room hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 - 9:15am and Fridays from 8:30 - 9:00am for the rest of Term 2. At the P&C meeting held last week, all present discussed and voted upon the colour for the hijab, it was unanimously decided to be navy blue. Also all girls must ensure that any hair accessory worn is also to be in the school colours of navy blue or maroon, or ones that are purchased from the uniform room.

Fundraising
The Mother’s Day stall was held on Thursday the 8th May and was a wonderful success. All involved had a great time and the children had so much fun picking what they wanted for mum. A special thanks to the following people for working tirelessly to ensure the day ran smoothly:

Jo & Meredith(Charlotte 5/6M and Jed 3/4M)
Anna(Theo 3/4M and Cassie 5/6G)
Debby(Ross 5/6J, Roman 3/4S and Gabrielle KO)
Tina F(Christos 5/6C and Peter 1/2H)
Carmenita(Rachel 3/4L and Jackson 1W)
Clare(Alexia 4/5O and Deanna 5/6L)
Elly(Eleni 3/4M and Evan KB)
Gina(George 3/4R and Aris 1P)
Vera(Dunja 5/6M)
Our canteen staff who provided lunch for all volunteers
And a special thanks to- Charlotte in 5/6M and Gabrielle in K Orange who gave up their play time that morning to help set up.

Canteen
A reminder that this Friday is Walk Safely to School Day. If your child will be joining us for breakfast early that day please be sure to hand in the order slip ASAP if you have not already done so. The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 11th June at 7pm in the Staff Room, all welcome.
K-2 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair for Kindergarten – Year 2 is next week, Week 5, 26-29 May. During the Book Fair the students visit the Fair twice. During the first visit students write a “wish list” of books they would like to purchase. The second visit is when the students buy their books. Parents/carers are invited to attend one or both visits to help their child write their “wish lists” and/or to assist them make their purchases. A timetable for these visits will be available from your child’s teacher.

Thank you,
Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian

SPORT NEWS

Botany Bay Zone Netball Trials

On Wednesday 14th May Brighton sent three girls along for Botany Bay Zone Netball Trials. Celina, Ashleigh and Ariadne all played well and tried their best. I would like to congratulate all three girls for their fantastic efforts on the day. Ashleigh was successful in making the team and will play on Tuesday 27th May, 2014. We wish her luck!

Miss Scott

Botany Bay Zone Touch Football Trials

We would also like to congratulate the following BLSPS students who have been selected in the Botany Bay Zone Touch Football Representative Team. This team will be coached by our very own Mr Allum.

Last but not least, we would like to acknowledge the tremendous achievement of our rising BLSPS star tennis player, Kamil. Kamil has just returned from competing strongly in the State Tennis Competition. Terrific work Kamil, we are very proud of your achievements!

Mr Gannon

KINDER RED NEWS

The students of Kindergarten Red have had a great start to Term 2. They’ve already learnt to write simple recounts, dance (with the Kinder ‘Dance 2b fit Program’), consider their place in the environment and learn new sight words. One of their favourite things to do is participate in the Kindergarten LANGUAGE Enrichment Groups Program (LEGS) each week, which allows for them to think about the language involved in everyday activities.

The students are currently working on writing recounts about their weekends. Some examples include:

On Sunday I went to the shops. I went with my mum. I bought two Lego cars. I ate a sausage. I had fun. — Kristian

On the holidays I went to the Easter Show with my mum and I patted a dog. — Giulia

On the weekend I made some loom bands with my sister Rihanna. We ate McDonalds. — Jasmine

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) 2014 is well underway and runs until August. All students K-6 are encouraged to participate. Students who complete the challenge receive recognition at school as soon as they finish. Students receive a merit certificate and their name in the column graphs on the library windows.

Students need to update their Student Reading Record online by logging onto the PRC website using their DEC logon and password. Students in 3-6 have been shown how to access the PRC website.

Students in K-2 can have a parent enter their books using the child’s DEC logon and password. We have our FIRST Kindergarten student to complete the PRC. Well done!! A terrific effort from Lily Z.

More of our PRC “Marvellous” readers are:

Year 1 – Seth
Year 2 – Lucrecio
Year 3 – Gabrielle
Year 4 – Faith, Danijela, Amy, Angelina
Year 5 – Briana, Halena, Hy Anh, Megan, Sara, Demi, Jasmin

Year 6 – Christos, Jenna, Alyssa, Anna, Gabriella, Eleni, Rheannon, William, Andrew, Emica, Luahra, Matthew K, Yianni

For more info got 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.

Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian
WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

To complement this event, we ask that parents and students join us for a healthy breakfast on Friday morning commencing at 8:00am in the North Hall. The breakfast will cost $5.00 per person and orders can be made through the canteen or your child’s class teacher prior to the day.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!

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