Principal’s Notes

Congratulations to Reko who has had his outstanding artwork published in the School Magazine, a teaching resource that is sent to most Public Schools in NSW.

Parent Interviews
The vast majority of parent/teacher interviews have been completed. The staff have enjoyed the opportunity to speak with you about your child’s development so far this year. The teachers are busy completing the written reports which we plan to send home before the end of this term.

When you receive your child’s report, please remember that the vast majority of students will receive “satisfactory” as their level of achievement. This means that your child is achieving the expected outcomes for their grades. Please keep all reports in a safe place as these will be needed for high school enrolments.

Athletics Carnival
This year the school is having its first Whole School Athletics Carnival. This is being held at Sylvania Waters Athletics Track on Friday 27th June. This will allow all of the children of our school to compete at a proper athletics track. These are the same facilities as our school to compete at a proper athletics track. These are the same facilities as

Walking
Today’s Walkathon was a great success with the staff and students getting out for exercise and raising funds to continue the expansion of your school’s technology programs.

Currently, all of the permanent buildings are Wi-Fi enabled with most of the demountables also able to access the Wi-Fi. The school has just upgraded all of the Library computers and we have begun to use the 2 mobile laptop mini-labs.

We hope to raise enough funds with the walkathon to enable us to purchase a further 2 mini-labs.

K-4 Maths Seminar
The Parent Seminar is scheduled for Tuesday 10 June from 9:00 to 11:00 am. A note will go home today with all the details, including how you can register for the seminar.

The next P&C Meeting is being held on Wednesday 11 June in the staffroom commencing at 7:00pm. These meetings give you a chance to hear about the great programs that are running in your school and how the parents at our school support the learning of all of the children.

I look forward to seeing you.

Zone Cross Country
Good luck to the students who will be representing the Botany Bay Zone at the Sydney East Cross Country Carnival next week.

ICAS Science
Tomorrow we will be holding the ICAS Science Test. Those students who are completing the test will need to bring a 2B pencil, eraser, a ruler with mm markings and a calculator.

2015 Enrolments
It is very important that the office staff have been notified of any children who are intending to apply for enrolment in our school in 2015, especially Kindergarten. At the end of this Term, I have to put in an allocation for 2015, especially Kindergarten. At the end of this Term, I have to put in an anticipatory enrolment for next year. From this anticipatory enrolment the Department Staffing Officers will determine our staffing allocation for 2015.

Ian Power
**STUDENT WELFARE NEWS Cont...**

**Homework**
Homework provides students with an opportunity to consolidate their classroom learning experiences. It is also a means for parents to follow the experiences and progress of their child at school. Our homework policy is in line with DET policy. It is available on request from the class teacher. It has been developed with extensive consultation with parents and the P&C.

**Home School Liaison Officer**
Our District HSLO is responsible for ensuring children attend school regularly. She conducts regular checks of the class rules and identifies students whose attendance is questionable and requires investigation.

**Home Reading**
Children are encouraged from an earliest possible stage to engage in reading for enjoyment. The Home Reading Scheme for Years K-6 is a systematic approach that enables children to take books home from the school to share with a parent, sibling or other adult.

**Hats (School Hats Only)**
A long standing and essential part of our school uniform is the school hat. It is available only from the P & C uniform shop, and must be worn while the child is outside at play time and at sporting events. We have a ‘No school hat, no play’ policy which reinforces our commitment to the ‘Sun Safe’ welfare of our children.

**Health Checks**
Our community nurse provides health checks for children across the school. These checks are for vision, hearing and other health items. Both parents and teachers can refer children to the service.

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**K-2 BOOK FAIR WRAP-UP**

Our recent book fair for Kinder-2 was another great 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.

As part of the book fair a raffle was held to win one of six of the popular titles. Our winners were – Lindsay, Emma, Kosta, Sirine, Jayden and Samuel. I’m sure the children will enjoy their new books.

I would like to say a BIG thank you to the parent volunteers who were involved with the fair. It was a very busy three days and your assistance enabled it to run smoothly and efficiently. Many thanks to Helen, Angela A, Rhiya, Katherine G, Tanzila, Maxine, Ikl, Natalija, Susan, Angela S, Irene, Mary Ad., Taxoula, Kiran, Mary Ar., Maria, Vesna, Jennifer, Tamara, Saima, Jocelyn and Katherine W - your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Students who were waiting on reorders should receive them by the end of this week. If they haven’t they need to see me please.

Happy reading,

*Mrs Dellagiacoma*

Teacher Librarian

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**BLSPS P&C NEWS**

**Uniform Room**
New PSSA sports socks are now in stock and cost $12. The Uniform room is open on Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:30 - 9:15am and Fridays from 8:30 - 9:00am for the rest of Term 2.

At the last P&C meeting it was voted upon that all girls who wear hijabs should ensure that they are navy blue. Also, all hair accessories are to be school colours, i.e. navy, maroon or ones sold at the uniform room.

All hats will be increasing to $12 as of next term.

**Fundraising**
The P&C have donated $10,000 towards the completion of the garage behind canteen.

**Canteen**
In the coming weeks we will be reviewing the canteen prices due to increased supplier costs. A new price list will be sent out before end of term.

There will be an end of term BBQ Lunch held on Thursday 26th June.

The price will be $6 for a packet of chips, small water and a sausage in a slice of bread.

An extra sausage and bread will be an additional $3.

**There will be no other lunch orders taken on that day.**

Canteen will be closed on Friday 27th June (last day of term) due to Athletics Carnival.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 11th June at 7pm in the Staff Room, all welcome.
**3/4R CLASS NEWS**

In 3/4R, we have been developing our comprehension skills through various devices and strategies. In particular, this term we really enjoyed using commercials to infer body language and other visual clues to make meaning. We are also excited to be reading our new novel, ‘Why the Whales Came’ by Michael Morpurgo. We have been using T-charts to explain our understanding of the story by finding evidence from the text. We are also busy predicting and asking questions to figure out the meaning of the title!

During literacy we are also working our way through Bloom’s Taxonomy to respond to texts through higher order thinking. We have new classroom ‘friends’ to help us do this. Their pictures are here!

*Miss Bluden*

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Reko 3P for winning the School Magazine (Countdown) Drawing Competition. After reading the story “Marshmallows at Midnight” the students were asked to send a drawing of what they think might happen at the Marshmallow Atoll. If you would like to see Reko’s winning entry please visit the School Library.

**ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

On Thursday 22 May we had 32 students represent Brighton Le Sands Public School at the Botany Bay Zone Cross Country. All students ran a fantastic race. Brighton was the age race winner for the 10 Years Girls and 12 Years Boys events. Andres, Lili, Alyssa, Zach, Marnie, Alex T, Alex A and James all made it through to represent Botany Bay PSSA in the Sydney East PSSA Cross Country Carnival at Miranda Park on Wednesday 11 June. We wish them all luck!

*Miss Scott*

**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 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 another Kindergarten student complete the PRC. Well done!! A terrific effort from Ilianna.

More of our PRC “Marvellous” readers are:

- Year 1 – Georgan, Michelle, Montana
- Year 2 – Gabriella, Theodore, Jake, Maya, Luc
- Year 3 – Stephen C, Jessica K, Thomas, Sofia
- Year 4 – Hope, Melina
- Year 5 – Evan, Owen, Robbie, Russell, Ayla, Shaun, Nicole
- Year 6 – Phoebe Y, Laura, Nabila, Georgia, Kaitlin, Hannah, Danyella, Luka P, Flavio, Azariya, Lena

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. One class is well and truly reaching the heights!

For more info got to [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](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

**MATHS IS FUN**

IT went outside to measure the silver seats. We measured them with all sorts of different things. We measured them with strips of paper, we traced our hands and cut them out and used these pieces of paper as a unit of measurement. Finally we used a big tape measure. We also measured our classroom, desks, chairs and pretty much anything else we could find in the classroom. We had a lot of fun.

By IT
WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY 2014

On Friday 23 May the students and staff at Brighton-Le-Sands Public school celebrated ‘Walk Safely to School Day’. Students and their families left the car at home and walked to school whilst observing road safety measures. They were then invited to attend a healthy breakfast at the school to compliment the occasion. The breakfast was a great success with over 100 students and parents attending the event. Thank you to everyone who came and a special thanks to Jo Singh and the P & C for helping to organise the event.

Miss Bodnar
Walk Safely to School Day Coordinator

5/6J CLASS REPORT

Throughout Term 2, Stage Three have been learning about Japan as part of their studies of Human Society and It’s Environment. 5/6J has been reading the book Hannah’s Winter by Keiran Meehan. The book is about a young girl who travels to Japan to live with a Japanese family and a mystery involving a young Samurai. Through this book they have been learning about Japanese culture, myths, legends and even some language.

It addition to the book, the students of 5/6J have been using the new WiFi laptop computers to research facts about Japan including facts about the bombing of Pearl Harbour and the eventual bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Interestingly, the students of 5/6J were learning about Pearl Harbour with Miss Zahar while Mrs Bernhardt was visiting the site.

We thought we would share some Japanese language with you.

Konnichiwa – good day/hello
Ohayo gozaimasu – good morning
Sayoonara – goodbye
Ogenki desu ka – how are you
Sumimasen – excuse me
Otoosan – father/dad
Okaasan – mother/mum
Aringatoo – thank you
Hajimemashite – how do you do/ nice to meet you

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