**Principal’s Notes**

**Congratulations** to the whole school for the way they joined in and enjoyed the Athletics Carnival on the last day of Term 2. It was fantastic to see the children competing in their events on the day and have so many parents come along and cheer all the students. The level of excitement was heightened by being at a “real” track. I was delighted to receive so many positive comments about the day from parents and children. Thank you to Mrs Bernhardt and Mrs Carroll for their organisation of such a mammoth day.

Well done to our Rugby League Teams who played in the St George All School’s Rugby League Carnival. Our Open A and 9 years teams have now qualified for the State Championships to be held at Penrith.

**State Cross Country**

Well done Andres who placed second at the NSW Primary School’s Cross Country Carnival last week.

**State Touch Football**

Good Luck to Archie as he competes in the PSSA State Touch Football Championships this week at Ulladulla.

**Education Week**

Our school celebrates Education Week next week with two days of special events. All families should have received an Education Week Program last Thursday. Monday 29 We are running a K-4 Parent Mathematics Workshop from 9:15—11:30. Places are limited to the first 30 parents who register with the office.

From 12:00—1:00 we will be opening up all the classrooms. Everyone is invited to visit the classrooms and experience the outstanding work of our teachers and students. I know that you will understand that this is an opportunity to share a small part of your child’s day and not an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress.

**Walkathon**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the student’s major fundraising event. An amazing amount, $16,100 has been raised to support the school’s technology development.

**School Photographs**

The class and family photos were sent home last week. Additionally, the special group photos were taken except for the large groups—Year 6, SRC, Athletics and Cross Country which need a special set up by the photographers. These will be taken this term.

**My Apologies**

To Billy who inadvertently left off the Zone Multi-Cultural Public Speaking Finals results last newsletter. Billy received a highly commended.

**Mega Fete**

Please note a change of date for Year 6 Mega Fete from Tuesday 2 of September to Tuesday 9 September.

**Musical Theatre Tickets**

The highlight of our School’s Performing Arts Program this year is our Musical Theatre Production which will be performed on the evening of Thursday 18 September. There will be over 400 students performing at the Marana Auditorium in a performance of “Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates”.

Tickets go on sale from next Monday 29 July and will stay on sale until Friday 12 September through trybooking.com. All tickets are priced at $25. It is highly unlikely that any tickets will be available on the night of the performance.

**St George Performing Arts Festival Tickets**

Are also currently on sale through trybooking.com

**Staff Changes**

There have been a few temporary staff changes for this term. Mr Alderman has gone on leave for the rest of the year with Miss Markovska on 3/4A, Mrs Voulgaropoulos is on leave for this term with Miss Souleles and Mrs Antonis filling in. Mrs Jones joins us as an additional Learning Assistance Teacher and Craig is replacing Litsa on the crossing while she has a short break.

**Ian Power**
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

Mobile Phones
Students may bring mobile phones to school providing that they seek permission beforehand; accept total responsibility for the care and security of the device. Under no circumstances is it to be turned on during school hours.

Money Collection
Money is collected from Monday to Thursday. The correct amount for each activity should be placed in an envelope with name and class filled out. The envelope is then given to the class teacher.

Multi-Age/Composite Classes
As we have minimal control over the number of students who choose to enrol at our school, it is sometimes necessary to form multi-age or composite classes. Extensive research, samples of which are available, indicate that there is no detrimental effect on children placed in such groupings. Our policy is to form classes that are as homogenous as possible in terms of gender, academic ability and social skills.

Multicultural Education
Brighton Le Sands reflects the cultural and linguistic diversity of the community. We recognise and appreciate the significant contributions other cultures are making to our community. Multicultural Education is a perspective which is applied across all KLA’s.

Newsletter
The school produces a fortnightly newsletter which contains news, information, a calendar of upcoming events and community advertising for the benefit of parents and carers. The newsletter is sent home on Tuesdays via the oldest child in each family. It will also be posted on the web.

KINDER RED THINKING SKILLS

This term Kinder Red are working to develop their critical thinking skills. Last week during English sessions we read and completed activities on the book ‘Belinda’ by Pamela Allen. Prior to the reading students were asked to predict what they thought the book might be about. They thoroughly enjoyed this task and came up with fantastic ideas. After the reading students worked in groups to draw pictures and write alternate endings. Kinder Red are excited to continue discussing and reading some of their favourite books.

Miss Bodnar

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Many of our students took advantage of the recent school holidays to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Our latest PRC “Champion” readers are:

Kindy – Shaireaux, Emma, Hasan Year 1 – Harper, Anna-Maria, James, Jasmine
Year 2 – Hanna, Katerina, Mia, Sophie, Tea, Luke, Stevan
Year 3 – Lauren, Sophie, Talia, Cassandra, Billy, Anastasia, Matthew R., Marni
Year 4 – Bianca
Year 5 – Stephanie, Nicholas F., Shae-don, Michael, Tara, Elias, Dimi
Year 6 – Metehan, Caitlyn, Jessica, Layisia, Johanna, Agata, Ross, Shovan

Congratulations!
There are only FIVE more weeks left!!
This year’s PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE finishes on Friday August 22nd.

All online entries need to complete by the end of Week 6.
Students need to update their reading record online by logging onto the PRC website using their DEC logon and password. Once logged on, click on “Student Reading Record” to enter the books read.

Mrs Dellagiacom
Teacher Librarian

We also have our first class to have every student complete the Challenge.

What a fantastic effort! Well done everyone in 5/6S!
STAGE 3 NEWS

During Term 2, five Year 5 boys were selected to participate in the Design and Technology Talent Acceleration Program at James Cook Boys’ High School. Here is a short report from the students involved:

During the four-week program at James Cook we designed and made a keyring and desk caddy using acrylic. We learnt lots of new skills and enjoyed working with the high school teacher, Mr Beeston and some of the James Cook senior students.

It was a great opportunity for us to work with other Year 5 students from local primary schools. We would like to thank the staff involved in the Bayside Learning Community for enabling us to participate in this fantastic program.

Alex (4/5O), Syheeba (5/6G), Dion (5/6G), Mark (4/5B), Owen (5/6L) and Monte (4/5B)

Here are some of the participant’s highlights:

“I really enjoyed making my own desk tidy out of acrylic. I liked using new things like files, drills, Brasso for polishing and the strip heater for moulding the acrylic. My favourite part was when we got to shape our design with a grinder. James Cook provided us with equipment and kindness and they gave us treats after each session!” Alex, 4/5O

“I really liked how I could insert my own photo into the acrylic keyring. We had to use files, pillar drills and keyrings. I also liked how we got free snacks and the program was free and fun!” Owen, 5/6L

“I really enjoyed making the desk tidy as it was a bit of a challenge in making it. The best bit in making the desk tidy was the bending because you had to stick the acrylic on the strip heater and wait for it to bend.” Dion, 5/6G

“I had lots of fun at the Year 5 Design and Technology Program. We made acrylic keyrings to keep. It was great working with the other boys from Brighton.” Monte, 4/5B

“I enjoyed the entire program. I enjoyed doing the filing and polishing. The most awesome bit was using the saw to make the corners on our keyring and desk caddy super smooth. They gave us lots of treats. YEAH!” Syheeba, 5/6G

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to our 8 students who represented our school at the Botany Bay Zone Cross Country on the 11th June. A special congratulations to Andres, who came first in the 8/9 Boys age race and is now going to State Cross Country. We wish him luck!
THE POETRY OBJECT Stage 3 Term 3

_The Poetry Object_ is an exciting poetry writing project for NSW Public School students in Years 3-10 during Term 3. This project asks students to submit a poem in any poetic genre or style about an object that is special to them. As part of the library teaching program this term all Stage 3 students are composing a poem for entry in this writing competition. As a lead in to writing our own poems we will be investigating various poetic styles, participating in poetry readings and generally sharing the fun poetry can bring.

Students have been asked to bring their special object to school to be photographed during WEEK 5. If they are unable to bring it to school we would need a digital photo JPEG format, preferably on a USB. We would appreciate your assistance so we have plenty of time to organise the photos.

If you are interested to know more about this competition please check out the organisers’ website www.redroomcompany.org/projects/poetry-object and click on “The Poetry Object”. You will be able to view all of our students’ poems from 2013.

_Mrs Dellagiacoma/Mrs Williams/ Stage 3 Teachers_

WRITING FUN IN 1W

Last Term, 1W students were learning to write Procedures. Each week we would make some interesting things then we would write the Procedure so that others could follow our instructions and make them too. We made fun things, like Playdough Snowmen, and Spinners. We practised "Cleaning our Teeth" and then wrote instructions for others to explain how to do that.

We made delicious food such as Fairy Bread which we found very tasty. The final thing we made was Pink Ice Cream Spiders. We used lemonade, red cordial and Ice Cream. We loved the way the pink lemonade fizzed up as we added the ice cream.

Most of all we enjoyed drinking the Spiders! We were all really good at writing the Procedure for the "Ice Cream Spiders". See how big our smiles are in this picture!

_1W Students_
(_Mrs Wilson and Mrs Williams_)

K/1L NEWS

K/1L had a busy end of Term 2 with the Gruffalo excursion and Athletics Carnival. The Gruffalo excursion was an exciting day. We travelled on the bus, had lunch in the park and then enjoyed a theatre performance on the Gruffalo. K/1L had been studying this book in class and were so excited to watch the book come to life. K/1L had a fantastic time at our first K-6 Athletics Carnival on the last day of Term 2. All children ran in a running race then moved on to rotational activities. Kindergarten enjoyed relay races, obstacle courses and ball games. Year One participated in relays, egg and spoon races, tunnel ball and parachuting. K/1L had another great Term and have had a nice two week break. They have returned to school with smiling faces ready to take on Term 3.

_Miss Stares_
We are finally approaching this year’s production ‘Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates’. This year’s production involves students from Years K to 6. Many performing arts groups have been invited to participate in this year’s production. The groups involved include:

- Kindy Dance
- Stage 1 Boys Dance
- Stage 1 Girls Dance
- Stage 1 Choir
- Stage 1 Musical Theatre
- Stage 2 Dance
- Stage 2 Guitar
- Stage 2 Choir
- Stage 2 Musical Theatre
- Stage 3 Dance Sport Challenge
- Stage 3 Guitar
- Stage 3 Choir
- Stage 3 Musical Theatre
- Stage 3 Music

The production is a pantomime, which means it involves audience participation. The audience is encouraged to boo and hiss the baddies and cheer on the goodies. See below for a brief synopsis about the show.

**Synopsis:**

The Crusoe boys, Robinson and Willy, find themselves thwarted in their hopes of marrying their sweethearts. Willy cannot marry Bessie because her father, Captain Bowsprit, wants her to marry someone with money and position.

Luckily Robinson inherits his uncle’s treasure map and he sails away on the Captain’s ship with Bessie, Willy and his mother, Ma Crusoe, in search of untold wealth.

The villainous Blackbeard and his sidekick Patch join them undercover intending to steal the map. Just as they are about to pounce a new threat arrives - The Crimson Hawk, a female pirate who lays claim to the treasure.

Blackbeard sets fire to the ship and the heroes have encounters with the sea god Neptune. Conveniently, the heroes find themselves shipwrecked on the very island they wanted to reach! Robinson makes a new friend, naming him Man Friday, but the others are less fortunate, finding themselves at the mercy of the island’s Medicine Man.

Robinson and Friday come to the rescue, the treasure is discovered and the true identity of the Crimson Hawk is revealed.

What a wonderful way to support Brighton Le Sands Public School and to experience LIVE THEATRE. Please support this year’s show. Remember the show will be held at Hurstville’s Marana Auditorium on Thursday 18 September. You will also be required to purchase your tickets online with a credit card. To buy your tickets please log onto www.trybooking.com.

Until Next Time,
Mr Campbell
Creative and Performing Arts Coordinator
**Uniform Room**

PSSA sports socks are in stock and cost $12, uniform room is open on Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:30 - 9:15am and Fridays from 8:30 - 9:00am for the rest of Term 3.

All hats are now $12 as of this term.

**Fundraising**

Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on Thursday 4th September, please contact Anna Fedele on 0414 298 365 if you would like to offer your assistance.

**Canteen**

Just a reminder to please place correct money in lunch bags. If you do require money back be sure to let your child know to take their lunch bag straight to the canteen in the morning and wait for their change.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 13th August at 7pm in the Staff Room, all welcome.