Principal’s Notes

Congratulations to Andres on his great run at the NSW PSSA State Cross Country Championships where he came second, (see photos back page). Our Rugby League Teams tried hard at the State All Schools’ Championships at Penrith. The 9’s improved with every game and the Opens just missed out on progressing to the finals. Well done boys, girls and coaches.

Education Week
Our Education Week activities provided us with the chance to showcase the performing talents of some of our students at Rockdale Plaza. The performances were wonderful and a tribute to the efforts of the students and teachers. We are very lucky to have enthusiastic staff who go out of their way to provide so many additional opportunities for our students.

Our Open Day and Parent Maths Seminar were well attended with lots of family members able to get around to the classes and see the children in action.

St George Performing Arts Festival
Today is the first of 3 days of Performances for the choirs and junior dance groups. The children and teachers have worked hard on achieving the high standard required for the items to be accepted into this Festival. I thank all the children for their dedication, the parents for their support and the teachers for the countless extra hours that they put in.

Zone Athletics
The Botany Bay Zone Athletics Carnival is to be held next Tuesday and the following Monday. Many of the children and teachers have been giving up their own time to attend extra training so that our students will be better prepared to compete against the other local schools.

Musical Theatre
The ticket sales for ‘Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates’ have opened and can be purchased online from trybooking.com. At this stage there are only 100 tickets left. No tickets will be available on the night. Please visit the site and purchase your tickets as soon as you can.

Kinder Zoo Excursion
Our Kinders are off to the Zoo on Friday. I know that they will have a fabulous time and gain a lot from this activity which supports the class teaching programs. Parents, please note, that sometimes with the traffic from the Zoo the busses can be a little behind schedule. The teachers will ring the office and let us know if they are running a few minutes late. Please make sure that the bus bay area is clear of vehicles and that you keep the footpath clear when the buses arrive. The teachers will dismiss the students to you when they are all off the bus.

P&C
The next P&C Meeting will be held Wednesday 13th August commencing at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Participation in the P&C is not onerous and is a good way for you to be involved in your child’s school, find out what’s happening, what’s planned and make a difference to the children of Brighton-Le-Sands.

Why not get a couple of friends together and come along and join in?

Book Week
Our school will be celebrating Book Week over the next few weeks with performances at our school to highlight the wonderful world of literacy. Thank you Mrs Dellagiocoma for your organisation of these experiences.

PSSA Finals
This Friday several of our teams are involved in the Winter PSSA Finals. We wish them luck.

Crossing Supervision
Many parents have asked what’s happening while Litsa is on an extended holiday. The Roads and Maritime have provided trained crossing personnel to fill in for her. Unfortunately, there have been times when the staff filling in haven’t been able to attend and there has been no replacement.

Parking Monitoring
Last Week Rockdale Council monitored and issued fines to some parents who did not follow the signage that is around the school. The parking restrictions are in place to help keep all the children safe.

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Opportunity Classes
Specialist classes for academically gifted primary school students exist in schools throughout NSW. Brighton’s designated OC School is Hurstville Public in most cases. OC classes operate in Years 5 and 6 with students being assessed by means of a standardised test in Term 3 of Year 4. Places are offered during Term 4.

Outcomes Based Education
The school curriculum and the associated assessment and reporting procedures are organised according to a Standards Framework developed by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards. Children are grouped into Stages and within each stage in each KLA there are a number of outcomes which are the basis for all teaching/learning strategies. Children in each stage work towards achieving these outcomes by completing tasks developed by classroom teachers according to guidelines set by the Board of Studies. Not all children will achieve all outcomes for their particular stage as we recognise children learn at different rates. It normally takes children 18–24 months to move through a stage. More information on this topic is available at the Parent Information sessions held at the beginning of each year.

P&C Association
Our Parents and Citizens’ Association is an organisation that brings parents, citizens and teachers into close cooperation. It is an efficient and effective body of parents that makes significant contributions to the school not only in financial terms but also through physical and moral support. The P&C is responsible for running the following:
- Canteen
- Fundraising
- Uniform shop
- Working bees
- Community events
The P&C meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the staff room. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

4/5B DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

Last term, our class learnt about how to improve our descriptive writing and use words to create vivid images in the reader’s mind. We imagined that we were one of the objects in our classroom that had been left there for the school holidays. Can you work out what objects these students are describing?

I’ve been left alone on the shelf cramped for two weeks. I can feel the cold winter air around me. I miss how they turned my pages while thinking deeply about me. I’m on the shelf and I can see colourful pictures and pages.
Ellen and Sara
I was still working through the holidays. I have three hands and I am round and small. I have twelve numbers on my face. One hand is red and the others are black. No one plays with me, only when I need to be fixed.
Izzie and Lilyah
The bell rings for the end of lunch. I get thrown into a bag. I wait so long with stinky sweat on me. I try to get out to breathe. Then the next day I get pulled out of the bag and get thrown into a washing machine.
Monte and James
I make your hands feel good. My head gets pushed down a lot. I keep running out. I come in different colours and I’m not edible. I’m gooey, runny and made up of different chemicals. Kids put their grubby hands on me. I have a plastic seal around me. After people take what they need from me, it gets washed down the drain.
Nicholas, Johann and Gabriel

BLSPS P&C NEWS

Uniform Room
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 and sport socks are now $12 as of the beginning of this term.

Fundraising
Just a reminder that the Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on Thursday 4 September, and there will be a viewing for the children on Wednesday 3 September so that they can get an idea of what there is on offer.

A special thank you to all those that have volunteered to help us in this process. Much appreciated.

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.

Also too, prices for some items have increased as of beginning of Term 3, an amended canteen price list was sent out late last term but for those of you who did not receive one we have reattached it here.

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

There are only TWO more weeks left!! This year’s PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE finishes on Friday August 22. All online entries need to be complete by the end of Week 6.

Our latest PRC “Champion” readers are:

Kindy – Christina, Anthony
Year 1 – Harper B, Beatrix, Lily, Alexander, Lucas, Ashareya, Finn Mc
Year 2 – Theo, Steven, Jamie
Year 3 – Jessie, Jai, Tiago, Matthew L, Anton, Sophie
Year 4 – Sarah, Izzie, Stefan, Mikayla I, Reyana, Mikayla C, Renee K, Dorian
Year 5 – Alannah, Leah, Sophia, Eddy, Isabelle, Dean, Sebastian, Luca, Melina, Alexia, Monique, Lilyah, Dion, Andrew, Alexander, Deanna, Andrea, Emily
Year 6 – Alex, Antony, Jaya, Orchhna, Kamil, Noah, Pia, Marnie, Ricky, Kent, Ashleigh

Congratulations!

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 Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian

STAGE 3 NEWS

Congratulations to Charlotte, Kloe, Megan and Alannah who participated last term in a Design and Technology enrichment program at Moorefield Girls’ High School. Over a four week period, the students developed skills in wood work as they designed and made a pencil box. They also worked with Year 5 girls from other local primary schools in our Bayside Learning Community. The program was culminated with a special presentation at the high school.

Here’s what the girls has to say about the Talent Acceleration Program (TAP):

“The best thing that happened in the TAP program was when we got to experience using a saw and I was happy I had some great friends who came along as well. It was a great opportunity and I was glad that I was chosen for it. I was happy with the finished product of my pencil holder. I am so proud of myself for accomplishing my very first woodwork art piece!” (Kloe 5/6L)

“The best thing about the TAP program, aside from being with some girls I knew well, was when we got to paint and decorate our project with ribbons, sequins and much more. We were allowed to use chalkboard paint on our wooden stationery holder. I used a baby blue coloured paint on the inside and chalkboard paint on the outside, with purple, orange and green flower jewels on the top rim. At the presentation I received a certificate. I am so proud of my stationery project!” (Charlotte 5/6M)

“The best thing that happened in the TAP program was when Kloe, Alannah, Charlotte and I got our awards on presentation day. I thought that day was the day I achieved something great and I am so proud of myself for that!” (Megan 5/6S)

“The thing I enjoyed the most about the TAP program was seeing mine and everybody else’s finished product. They all looked great and we all had very practical, creative, and useful ideas. I also liked being with Charlotte, Kloe and Megan. I feel really happy with my achievements.” (Alannah 5/6G)

These girls obviously had a great time and learnt a lot. They should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to the staff at Moorefield Girls’ High School and the Bayside Learning Community for facilitating such a wonderful opportunity.

Mrs Williams
Deputy Principal

ARE YOU “TRAPPED IN MINECRAFT”?

Would you like to win a copy of this Minecraft novel? To be in the lucky draw write your name, class and answer to this question on a piece of paper and drop it in the box in the library.

Q. What should you wear to protect yourself from the Endermen?

The winner will be drawn on Friday Week 6.

Good luck,
Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian
Please be diligent in checking your child’s hair on a regular basis. Nits are very prevalent at the moment and can easily spread from one child to another.

The easiest and most effective way to find head lice is to use the conditioner and comb treatment weekly. This includes:

- Step 1. Comb hair conditioner onto dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.
- Step 2. Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 3. Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 4. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.
- Step 5. If the person has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat them again, since the eggs could be from the old infection.
- Step 6. If lice or eggs are found, the person should be treated.

The two preferred treatment options available for initially treating head lice are the ‘conditioner and comb’ method and the use of an insecticide.