Principal’s Notes

Congratulations to our students who entered the Moorfield Girls High School art competition. The winner was Megan with Grace being Highly Commended. The School’s Public Speaking competition has concluded with the following students achieving places. K—1st Lily, 2nd Veronica 3rd Giulia
St 1—1st Adam, 2nd Luc, 3rd Moussa
St 2—1st Ava, 2nd Faith, 3rd Hamish
St 3—1st Billy, 2nd Christian, 3rd Christos

NAPLAN Results
All students in Years 3 and 5 were given their NAPLAN results to take home last week. Our school results were again outstanding, well above the State average in all areas in Year 3 and 5 except Year 5 Reading where we are just above the State average. This has been an ongoing area for development and the staff have all begun intensive specialised training to address our specific concerns in the area of comprehension. Individual children’s results may vary as this is only a one day test of a child’s learning over 4 or 5 years. If you have any questions about your child’s individual performance, please make an appointment with your child’s teacher.

Musical Theatre
After months of practice, hours of rehearsals and run throughs, The Brighton-Le-Sands Public School’s World Premier of Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates is only two days away. With over 400 students showcasing a multitude of talents, Mr Campbell and his team are to be congratulated on their energy and enthusiasm which will provide an incredibly exciting experience for the students and their families. There are a limited number of tickets left over which you can reserve by contacting the office on 9567 5449. You will be amazed by the talents of the staff and students of our school.

Special BBQ Lunch Friday
The P&C has organised a BBQ for lunch for this Friday. Children must pre-order these on the notes sent home. Please note that no other lunches will be provided on Friday.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2015
The successful learning and extra curricula programs offered by our school have again attracted many non-local applications. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept all of them. The non-local placement panel has met and considered all applications received. All applicants will be sent a letter this week indicating if their child’s application was accepted or not. All local and successful non-local applicants will also have information posted out to them concerning the Kindergarten Orientation Program.
The Orientation Mornings for children are Thursday 6 November and Thursday 13 November with a parents only session in the evening of Thursday 20 November.

Uniform Room
Tomorrow is the final day for the uniform room this term. Next term, during week one, the P&C will open the uniform room every morning. For the rest of the term it will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Operating hours are 8.30-9.15am.

Parking
I have had a resident complain, quite rightly, about parents from our school parking across their driveway, thus denying access to their house. I have contacted police and Rockdale Council who will be making regular patrols of the streets near our school and issuing infringement notices to those drivers who are doing the wrong thing. Please be considerate of all the local residents and the other road users by following the correct road rules and parking restrictions. They are in place to help keep the traffic flowing and the children safe.

Term 4 Dates
All students return Tuesday 7 October. The Term ends for students on Wednesday 17 December. 2015 Term 1—Students return Wednesday 28 January with Kindergarten starting Thursday 29 January.

Child Safety
Please remember that no supervision is provided for students before school until 8:30

Ian Power
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

School Development Days
The State Govt. has declared the first school day of the first three terms and the last two days of Term 4 as School Development Days. The school is open for students of parents and caregivers unable to make other arrangements, but normal classes do not take place. Teachers engage in professional activities on a school or DEC priority.

Director Public Schools NSW
The Director Public Schools NSW role is to support the Principal in the implementation of educational and welfare programs in all Georges River Area schools and implement the policies of the DEC.

Security
The school has an electronic surveillance system connected to a 24-hour security control room. Activation of the alarm results in a response by the security firm who will in turn notify police if necessary. Unauthorised entry to the school buildings or grounds is an offence under the Inclosed Land Act and is punishable by law. Reports of trespassers, suspicious or illegal activity in school grounds after hours can be made to 1300 880 021.

Selective High Schools
Selective high schools enrol students of high academic ability. Students are selected on the basis of academic merit determined by school assessments in English and Mathematics and the results of the selective high schools test in English, Mathematics and general ability. Applications are due in Y5 in Term 4. The selective high school test is held in Y6 in Term 1 of each year.

BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ABORIGINAL GARDEN

This year the Aboriginal Education Team at Brighton-Le-Sands Public School has been focused on extending the school’s Aboriginal garden. The team has worked hard to raise funds for this project as they work alongside community Aboriginal Liaison Officers in developing a learning space for students. The beginning stages of the garden are now complete with the foundations being laid, ready for the planting of traditional Aboriginal plants and trees. Thank you to ‘Kingsford Timber Mitre 10’ who has generously provided timber for this project.

Miss Bodnar
Aboriginal Education Team Leader

BLSPS P&C NEWS

Uniform Room

Uniform room will be open every day for the first week of Term 4 / 8.30am - 9.15am.

Uniform room will be closed this Friday the 19 September for stocktake, last day of trading this term will be this Wednesday the 17 September.

Following the last P&C meeting there have been uniform price changes, new price on the website or collect one from the front office.

Canteen

The canteen will be closed this Thursday 18 September for Musical Theatre Performances & also Friday 19 September (last day of term) for End of Term BBQ.

There is also price changes for the canteen, new price list attached.

The next P&C Meeting will be held Wednesday the 12 November at 7pm in the Staff Room, all welcome.
EXPLANATION WRITING

During Term 3, Stage 3 has been writing Explanations on a variety of topics. We have researched simple machines such as the bicycle and natural and man-made phenomenon such as the Greenhouse Effect. Students have presented their work in Word documents and created Flow Charts.

How A Bicycle Works
Have you ever wondered how bicycles work? There are many parts of a bicycle. Many people use bicycles to go from place to place but do they know how bicycles work?
The parts on a bicycle work together for it to move. The parts on a bicycle are the frame, wheels, handlebar, brakes, chain, tyres, pedals, gears and a seat. For all the parts to work a person has to provide energy.
A bicycle pedals and gears are important because when a person powers it up by pushing on the pedals this moves the chain. The chain is attached to the back free wheel. The pedalling motion causes the wheel to spin therefore propelling the bike forward. To change the gears a bike has front and back derail leurs connected to it. The chain needs to be rotating, the gear lever on the handlebars needs to be activated which pulls on the gear cable which in turn pulls the derailleur. The derailleur moves the chain from one gear to another.
Everyone knows that a bicycle has brakes to stop it, but how do they work. Brakes are a safety feature on a bicycle. There are a variety of brakes including cantilever brakes, calliper brakes, long arm brakes, short arm brakes and disc brakes. The brakes start working when the levers are pushed down and a message gets sent down the brake cable and pushes on the tyre rim to stop it.
Nearly all automobiles have tyres and wheels and they spin to make it move, even bikes have wheels. The wheel at the front is attached to the handlebar which provides traction so the bike doesn’t slip. For a smooth and comfortable ride the tubes inside the tyre is filled with air.
Finally, the design of the frame spreads the weight of the rider evenly. The frame holds all of the parts together and everything is built upon it to make the bicycle work. The frame supports the weight of the driver on the front and back wheel. Frames come in many different sizes, shapes, colour or design of the rider’s choice.
To conclude, bicycles are very useful and maybe a machine that will always be used. It is cheap, you don’t harm the environment and you don’t keep buying petrol. They have been used for many years from the first bike the Penny Farthing to new modern bikes.
By Imran – 5/6J

3/4R CLASS NEWS

In Mathematics we have been making and naming 3D objects and their nets. Here you can see we employed our artistic skills to decorate nets before creating 3D objects from them.

During art we have been using felt to create abstract images to reflect the four seasons of the year. Inspired by the work of Australian artist John Coburn, we have learnt how colour and shape can be used to represent aspects of nature. We will complement our art with Haiku poems for a classroom display.

We are learning figurative language during grammar lessons and have been applying these new skills to make short pieces of creative writing. Here are a few examples of personification.

Students wrote about a non-human thing and gave it human qualities under the title of “A day in the life of …”

A summer day is when I get used the most. I love these days because the warm furry heads touch me like a comfortable bed.
(A day in the life of a HAT, by Zore)

One day a sharpener was brought home. The first time Adam used his sharpener it said, “mmm delicious”, as it ate the pencil shavings, “Yummy!”
(A day in the life of a SHARPENER, by Adam)

I stare at the students doing work because I am interested in what they are working on. When everyone leaves I get lonely and just hang there.
(A day in the life of a DOOR, by Anton)

I always see the whiteboard smirking at me. I have a face and feelings. I have two eyes, my right eye being the two and my left eye being the ten. My mouth creeps up from eight to four.
(A day in the life of a CLOCK, by Ava)

Miss Blunden
KINDER RED NEWS

Kinder Red have had a very busy but very productive Term 3. They have learnt to write information reports and descriptions about animals, had a trip to Taronga Zoo, participated in the Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Competition and worked hard to complete both the Premier’s Reading and Sporting Challenges. One of the highlights for Kinder Red was ‘Pirate Week’. During this week they focused on the letter X and participated in activities around the theme ‘X marks the sport’. Students had the opportunity to mark out treasure map routes using patterns, dress up as pirates, play pirate themed number games and even have a treasure hunt. Kinder Red thoroughly enjoyed participating in these activities and look forward to an exciting term ahead!

Miss Bodnar
Class Teacher

KINDERGARTEN SWIMMING

In Term 4, Kindergarten students will take part in swimming lessons at Sutherland Leisure Centre. Swimming has been an integral part of the Kindergarten sports program for over 15 years at our school. Lessons will take place each Monday from Weeks 2-9. Students have been issued with detailed information regarding this program. Payment is due by Week 5 in Term 4. The Kindergarten staff look forward to their students participating in this fantastic program.

Mrs Hornigold
Assistant Principal

THANKS from Melanie

Thank you to all the staff of Brighton Le Sands PS, all the families and local businesses who helped make my night a wonderful success and a night I will never forget.

The night was just amazing and fun was had by all (especially by the teachers!!). An excellent job was done by 6 truly amazing people - Nicole, Anna, Nicki, Jo, Cameron and Debby.

My appreciation goes deep, to all those involved, from the local businesses and families who donated prizes and their time to help me and my family at this very difficult time.

I am deeply humbled and sincerely appreciative for everything. Your kind donations and inspirational support goes beyond anything we could have imagined.

Wishing you and your families happiness and health always.

Love Melanie and family
Did you know the gases in our atmosphere trap and control the Earth’s temperature? The greenhouse effect is naturally occurring and is necessary as it keeps the Earth warm enough to live on and stops the warm air escaping into space.

The sun beams reach our Earth’s atmosphere. Some of this is reflected back into space.

The rest of the sun’s energy is absorbed by the existing greenhouse gases heating the Earth up.

Methane is a greenhouse gas; it is produced by cattle, waste and power plants.

Carbon Dioxide is the most common Greenhouse gas and the one that is believed to be causing the most problems. Every time we use cars, electricity or make a product it produces carbon dioxide and this ends up in our atmosphere.

Humans are contributing to the natural greenhouse effect due to the amount of carbon dioxide we produce. The result of having these gases in our atmosphere is that more heat is being trapped and the earth is becoming warmer than necessary.

Therefore, the excess pollution is causing our Earth’s heat to rise. This is a problem because it is slowly melting ice caps and sea levels will rise.
DANCESPORT CHALLENGE 2014

Thursday, 4 September marked one of the most exciting events in some of our Year Five students’ lives to date. The event that 30 students have been training so hard for, DanceSport Challenge, a ballroom dancing competition for year five students across the region. Approximately 28 schools participated at the State Sports Centre, Homebush (which made the dance floor considerably squashy at times!) The atmosphere was amazing with exquisite sparkling costumes in every direction, dramatic dance moves and the loud cheering felt as if it made the Sports Centre shake. The creative and extremely clever Mrs Tsalikis made the superb costumes. The boys looked incredibly charming and slick, while the girls were simply elegant. All of the boys and girls danced the night away and gave it their all. The intensity rose when it came to the finals. Representing BLS for the cha-cha were Michael and Natasha. Representing BLS for the tango were Marcus and Dunja. Representing BLS for the salsa were Sebastian and Briana. Representing BLS for the jive were James M and Giana. All finalists should be extremely proud of their efforts. A great deal of pressure was on them to dance like they’ve never danced before, in attempt to make it to the next round of elimination. Our school’s number (24) was called out for Marcus and Dunja to dance the tango and James and Giana to dance the jive in the top 14. Then Marcus and Dunja were called up again to Dance the Tango in the top 6. They were awarded 5th overall. The crowd was very supportive, so much so, it was difficult to hear our number being called!

I would like to thank the students for their efforts in the lead up to the Gala evening. I trust their involvement in the Dancesport Challenge has been a worthwhile, memorable experience. I also hope they had as much fun as I did, both in the lessons and the performances. Well done, DanceSport Challenge Team!

Miss Smith
YEAR 6 MEGA FETE 2014

Our annual Mega Fete was held last Tuesday. It was an exciting day for all students, teachers and many parents! The Year Six students have been busy all term preparing for this event. Weekly meetings were held whereby the students would discuss the organisation of their stalls. The students should be extremely proud of their committed approach, team effort and work ethic demonstrated on the day. Some students simply did not stop working! It was clear to see the outstanding efforts that went into presentation of the stalls. The day was a great success, from the perfect weather conditions, to the amount of money raised! We managed to raise $11 362. What an astounding amount! The Stage 3 team of teachers were instrumental in the lead-up to the Fete. Many Y6 parents and grandparents attended and supported their child’s stalls and this help was greatly appreciated. Thank you also, to the families who donated trash and treasure items and other resources for the Fete. All funds will be used for our Y6 Farewell, a gift to the school and subsidies for our Y6 t-shirts.

Miss Smith
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SPARE CLOTHING

If your child has borrowed clothing or underwear from the school office this term, could you kindly return it washed together with replacement new underwear before the end of term.

ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL

Rockdale City Council is holding three free school holiday activities with an environmental theme for kids aged 4 to 8. Parents can either ring me on the number below for more information and to book or visit Councils website www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au

In the Octopuses’ Garden your kids will learn about and be able to hold some of our friendlier marine animals. After the show and tell they will create some of their own original marine creatures to take home with them.

Ages four to eight. Booking essential When: Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th September 2014 1:00 – 3:00pm Where: Ramsgate Life Saving Club on the beach opposite 277 The Grand Parade Ramsgate

Cost: free

Little Sails Vacation Care September/October

Little Sails Vacation Care is available for all children aged 5-12 years of age from any school in the area.

The program of activities runs from: Monday 22nd September until Friday 3rd October 2014

The cost is discounted through CCB and CCR rebates – please enquire

Some of the activities planned for these holidays are: Prehistoric dinosaur day, Taronga Zoo-mobile, cake pops, jumping castle, “Frozen” day and and Outer Space day!

Please Phone 9567 7380 for an enrolment form and program