Principal’s Notes

Congratulations
To the winners and runners up of our school’s Premier’s Spelling Bee Challenge—Stage 2 Jacqueline and Vivian and Stage 3 Jessica and Ashleigh.
To our school Athletics Team who again returned the Zone Champion School trophy to Brighton, along with the Percentage Point Score trophy. There were 3 records set on the day, 2 by Brighton Students—Evie in the 11yrs High Jump and the Senior Girl’s Relay Team who broke a 40 year record. We also had 3 Age group Champions, Britney, Eva and Alex with Eva also receiving the Champion of the Meet trophy.
The following students will head off to Homebush to represent the school this week at the Sydney East PSSA Athletics Championship. We wish them good luck:
Eva, Britney, Alyssa, Madeline, Voula, Ulia, Sophia, Dimi, Lataysia, Izabel, Ariadne, Ellen, Helena, Mariam, Archie, Alex, Kobe, Luca, James, Kyron, Monique, Jason and Elyssa.

Dance Sport Challenge
This Thursday Night, our school’s Dance Sport Challenge Team will compete at Homebush. The year 5 students have been practising all year for this competition. Good Luck to Miss Smith and the following students: Russell, Dean, Phoebe, Ayla, Jessica, Damian, James, Nik, Michael, Mark, Maysia, Sophia, Leah, Monique, Harry, Natasha, Charlie, Marcus, Melina, Nicole, Kyron, Dunja, James, Claudette, Giana, Jacob, Sebastian, Briana and Celina.

Father’s Day Stall
This Thursday all students will have the opportunity to purchase presents at the P&C Father’s Day stall. There will be a variety of great gifts available on the day. Please let your child have the chance to buy something special for their Dad.

Summer PSSA
Summer PSSA recommends this week for all teams. Please make sure that your child arrives on time and is in full uniform, including a school hat.

Curriculum Excellence
Next week ACARA—the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority will be videoing some of our exceptional Performing Arts programs. These videos will be used as part of the teacher training packages across Australia as every school implements the new Australian Curriculum.

Considering that ACARA could have selected any school in Australia to use as examples of great teaching, it shows that the quality of education that your children receive here is among the highest available nation wide.

Musical Theatre
Please remember that no tickets will be available on the evening of the performance of Robison Crusoe and the Pirates — Thursday 18 September. You must purchase your tickets online.

Playground Supervision
A reminder to all parents that the school hours are 8:55am to 3:00pm. Supervision for students is provided from 8:30am. No student is to arrive at school prior to this time and all students are to leave as soon as possible at the conclusion of the school day.

Parking
A gentle reminder that there are parking restrictions in place around most of the school. This includes Sybil Lane. We have had visits from Council Rangers who are issuing fines for parking illegally.

While avoiding these fines is an important consideration, the restrictions are in place to make the streets around our school safer for all students. Please, do your bit by parking legally, even if this means the inconvenience of parking a little further away.

Year 6 Mega Fete
Next Tuesday is the conclusion of the school fundraising activities, the Year 6 Mega Fete. The senior students have arranged a wide selection of activities and games that will have all the other children having a fantastic time.

Enrolments 2015
If you or a neighbour has a child who is starting school next year, please ensure that the office has received the enrolment form. In the next few weeks the non-local enrolments committee will be meeting to decide on which applications we can accept.

Ian Power
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

Reading Recovery
Reading Recovery is an intensive program for students in Year 1. Students who participate in the program are those most in need of literacy support. Specialist staff implement this program which involves each student having intensive literacy instruction for 30 mins every day.

Release From Face To Face
Each staff member is entitled to 2 hours per week release from face to face (RFF). Instruction for this class time is taken by specialist teachers. RFF provides time for each teacher to work on classroom programs and planning, as well as an opportunity to complete professional development in-services or activities.

Religious Education
General religious education is covered within the Human Society and its Environment KLA. Special Religious Education involves authorised representatives of approved religious groups providing instruction to students of that group within school time. Parents nominate their child’s religious denomination at enrolment and they may withdraw them from or change SRE classes by notifying the Principal.

School Award System
The positive reinforcement program is cumulative and progressive. The base item is a “token” which children earn for a variety of reasons. These awards accumulate and the children progress through Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels and finally to Book Awards.

10 tokens = 1 white certificate
5 white certificates = 1 Bronze Award
10 white certificates = 1 Silver
15 white certificates = 1 Gold
20 white certificates = 1 Platinum

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has finished for 2014.

321 students independently completed this year’s PRC. This means we’ve beaten last year’s figure of 308 – well done everyone!!

Thanks to the enthusiasm of our K-2 teachers for sharing their love of books and reading, all K-2 students have now ‘completed’ the 2014 challenge.

All finishers will receive a certificate of completion from the NSW Premier in December.

Our last round of 2014 PRC “Star” readers are:
Kindy – Cyarra, Lily Z
Year 1 – Rishi, Theea, Maya, Larissa, Tayla, Jackson, Samin, Arkie
Year 2 – Aaliya, Thomas, Vedaa
Year 3 – William, Jack, Swoi, Isabella, Terry, Eleanna, Alexander, Ella, Nasos
Year 4 – Phoebe, Amber, Jaedon, Alisa, Tiana, Gabriel, Bineeta, Kosta, Michael K., Mohammad, Kevin, Mariam
Year 5 – Mike, Peter, Lauren, Aaron, Viktor, Thien
Year 6 – Teli, Cassandra, Adam, Julian, Madeline, AJ, Eden, Izel, Michael P., Matthew, Yovan

Congratulations!

Students who complete the challenge receive recognition at school as soon as they finish. Students receive a merit certificate and their name on the library windows.

Mrs Dellagiacoma
Teacher Librarian

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.

Fundraising
Just a reminder that the Fathers Day Stall will be held this Thursday 4th September, and there will be a viewing for the children this Wednesday the 3rd September so that they can get an idea of what there is on offer. Prices will range from $2 - $10.

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

Canteen
As of next term all hot recess snacks will be increasing to 60 cents, ie mini drummies/pizzas etc.

Canteen will be closed for the Year 6 Mega Fete next Tuesday the 9th September and will also be closed on the 18th September for the Musical Theatre Performances.

The next P&C Meeting will be held next Wednesday the 10th September at 7pm in the Staff Room, all welcome.
This term I have been working on the Schoolyard Safari Science unit and enjoying learning many new facts about Bugs. This unit involves observing and finding out about different types of bugs. We have read fictional and factual texts about Ladybirds, Snails, Worms, Ants and Spiders. We have also written Information Reports about these creatures. Here are some of the interesting facts about bugs that we have found out.

**Snails live in damp, dark environments. If they get too hot they burrow into the cool soil.**

By Darren

**A worm has no eyes.**

By Emilie

**A worm’s body is covered with bristles.**

By Natalia

Female and male body parts are on the same worm. By Zac

**Worms move by stretching out and shrinking back.**

By Beatrix

A worm is an Invertebrate, it does not have a back bone. By Anna

**An Ant’s abdomen is sometimes seen through.**

By Harry

The Queen ant lays the eggs. They make a cocoon around the eggs. The strong worker ants open the cocoon and help the baby ants hatch. By Christian.

**Worker ants spray their enemies with acid.**

By Jessica

Ants eat seeds and sometimes they eat each other. By Maya

**Two long, sharp fangs are on a spider’s face.**

By Beatrix

Spiders have either six or eight round eyes. By Finn

**Art work by Santiago, Beatrix, Paris and Christian**

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**RUBEN MEERMAN – THE SURFING SCIENTIST**

Stage 3 had a great time last Wednesday watching and listening to Ruben Meerman. He showed how to blow up a balloon inside a balloon and pop the inside one only. He did tricks with liquid nitrogen. He talked to us about safe uses for lasers. He told us all that if we are good at Maths and like to solve problems we have a gold mine in our head. He also told us that an Australian man, Dr John O’Sullivan invented wi-fi.

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**BOOK WEEK PERFORMANCE**

On Wednesday 13/8/14 Stage 2 went to see the Descendants of the Dragon. It was an ancient Chinese legend about dragons who loved to help/save people. There were 4 dragons. The first is named Yellow Dragon. His name comes from the colour of his body, his girlfriend; Pearl is the only girl in the group. She is always kind, helpful and friendly. There is also Blue Dragon which was the weirdest dragon of all. He is black and outlined with cyan. And last but not least the leader which is called Long dragon, he is the longest dragon in the group and leads the group through all their journeys in China.

We also learned some Chinese words like hello, look and the numbers 1 to 10. Finally, we heard some Chinese music with different types of stringed and wind instruments.

By Catherine & Claudia 3/4S
This term Kindergarten is learning about animals. Our visit to the zoo in week 4 inspired us to write descriptions and information reports about many of our favourite animals. We have also been writing speeches about animals to present in front of the class for news. Congratulations to Nikkala and Benny who were our class finalists. In week 6, we celebrated Children’s Book Week and enjoyed a performance in the Library titled “Ugly Snowrella”.

Take a look at some samples of writing by Kinder Orange.

**Wombats live in Australia.**
Wombats dig holes.
Wombats have little ears.
Wombats have little noses.
*By Sophy*

**Giraffes have long necks.**
They live in Africa. Giraffes have yellow and brown fur. Giraffes have long tails. A baby giraffe is called a calf.
*By Mariah*

**Penguins have webbed feet and flippers for swimming.**
They have black and white feathers. Penguins have pointy beaks.
*By Gabrielle*
The Botany Bay Zone Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday August 12 and after a false start on August 18 due to extreme weather conditions, we managed a beautiful sunny day on August 25 to get the carnival completed. Brighton Le Sands had a large team of approximately 70 students competing over both days of the carnival. Our team achieved great success winning the overall Champion School Trophy and the Aggregate Champion School Trophy. Our school also achieved many individual and team successes. Eva K jumped 1.37m breaking the 11 Years High Jump Record. She was the 11 Years Girls Champion and the Overall Champion of the Meet. Alex T was the joint Senior Boys Champion and Britney L was the Senior Girls Champion. Our Senior Girls Relay team also broke a record that had stood since 1972, an amazing achievement!!!

The Sydney East Regional Carnival is being held on Wednesday September 3. Brighton Le Sands has 3 relay teams competing at the carnival along with our many individual competitors. We wish the following students every success: Eva, Britney, Alyssa, Madeline, Voula, Ula, Sophia, Dimi, Lataysia, Izabel, Ariadne, Helena, Alyssa, Monique, Ellen, Mariam, Archie, Alex, Kobe, Luca, James, Kyron and Jason.

Are you “Trapped in Minecraft”?  

Who is the winner of this Minecraft novel?  
The first correct answer drawn was from – Tiago.  
Congratulations!!  
The answer to this question, “What should you wear to protect yourself from the Endermen?”  
According to the COMBAT Handbook – You should wear diamond armour and a pumpkin on your head.

Mrs Dellagiacoma  
Teacher Librarian

HYDE PARK BARRACKS STAGE 2 EXCURSION REPORT

In Term 3 Stage 2 went to Hyde Park Barracks. How did we get there? We went by bus. When we got there, 3/4S and 4B/O went to Hyde Park while 3/4L and 3/4M went inside the Barracks. We did some art during the 100th anniversary service at the war memorial in the Park. We were mentioned in the Sydney Morning Herald the next day! Next 3/4S and 4B/O went in the barracks. We drew and described a real convict. Then we went for a walkabout in and out of the barracks. We were lucky enough to sit in the hammocks and learn facts in the history of convict life. We got to touch the cat with 9 tails. We went back to school and we were exhausted.

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SRC News

In recognition of Tree Day, the SRC held a competition whereby each class had to write a list on the benefits of trees. During our last meeting, the members of the SRC judged the entries and the winning classes’ are: **Infants winner – 1A, highly commended – 1W. Primary winner – 3/4R, highly commended – 5/6L.** Congratulations and well done to these clever, creative classes!

Members of the SRC have also been learning about how to plant a tree during their meetings. Here are the K-2 SRC reps helping Mr Nat plant our new tree that will be providing a shady spot near the Greek Room. **Miss Smith and Miss Scott**

### SRC Competition - Benefits of Trees Lists

#### Infants 1st Place 1A

- It gives you pencils
- Trees can be good for parks when it is sunny... you can still play in the park.
- You can look at a tree and paint it
- You can make tree houses
- Trees are strong
- You can make things from tree sticks like cars
- Air
- Gives you oxygen
- Gives you fruit, sometimes they are fruit trees’
- Gives us paper
- They give us wood so we can build houses
- They can give you seeds to plant more trees
- Gives you shade
- Trees suck in bad air
- Trees give you shelter
- Trees are good for farms
- You can play under it when its really sunny
- You can place things on trees like pine cone bird feeders

#### Infants Highly Commended 1W

- Helps us to breathe (Kobi)
- We can grow fruit on trees, like apples (Anna)
- They are a part of nature (George)
- We can get paper from trees (Adam)
- Trees can give animals food and water (Ashareya)
- Trees can give animals and us some shade (Kobi)
- Some trees have beautiful flowers (Huzaima)
- Trees give animals their homes (Arkie)
- Trees help the environment and they make the parks look better (George)
- Trees give birds somewhere to make their nests (Huzaima)
Infants Highly Commended

1W...continued...

Trees are fun to climb (Arkie)
We can build a treehouse (Sani)
We can use the leaves to make things in art (Ashareya)
We can decorate trees with lights (Jonathan)
There are different kinds of trees (George)
We can get wood from trees to make things we need, like furniture, and make fires (Ben and George)
We can make tyre swings on trees (Kobi)
We can hang ropes from big trees to swing on (Ashareya)
We can use trees to make a shelter (Athan)
We can use them for Christmas trees (Ben)
Trees let us see lots of different insects that live in them (Ashareya)

Primary 1st Place 3/4R

Believing in the value of nature
Enjoyment during childhood, climbing trees
New trees mean more resources
Every tree provides a habitat for wildlife / insects
From trees, comes medicine, fruits and nuts
Indigenous trees are part of our history
Turns carbon dioxide into oxygen for us to breathe
Shade and shelters are provided

Primary Highly Commended 5/6L

Trees are good for the environment because they get rid of carbon dioxide and provides oxygen.
They provide food and shelter for animals. For example: birds make their nests in trees.
Trees help us breathe in fresh air.
Trees provide a feeling of freedom in nature.
Trees make cities look beautiful. They beautify streets and prevent concrete jungles.
Trees provide shade for hot sunny days.
Trees provide paper, natural fibres, maps, building supplies, cardboard, books, toothpicks, chopsticks, bongos, drumsticks, boomerangs and many other wooden items.
You can climb trees and spend time with friends up in trees in treehouses. They are good hiding spots.
Artists use trees for inspiration when painting.
Trees provide fruits for us to eat. Natural medicines come from some trees!
You can create fire to keep warm using dead tree branches.
When trees drop their leaves, the leaves decompose and slowly make the soil healthier.
NATURE AND HUMANS NEED TREES!