Welcome to 2015
I welcome all of our families to another busy year at Brighton-Le-Sands. Whether you are joining our great school for the first time or have returned after the holidays, this is a very special place with dedicated, caring staff who want each child to achieve their personal best.

Congratulations
To all of the students who competed so willingly at the swimming carnival and to Mrs Bernhardt and all of the teachers for their efforts to make the day a success.

Classes 2015
Staff are in the process of completing class placements for 2015. As you can imagine this is long and involved process as we try to get the combinations of children right. We anticipate that the children will be placed in 2015 classes and classrooms on Wednesday afternoon.

In 2015 we will be continuing to apply current best practice and will be introducing Stage based classes in Stage 1. This follows on from the very successful introduction of Stage 3 classes 3 years ago and last year’s introduction of Stage 2 classes.

Well Done Kinder
Our newest students have settled in very well and are showing that they are really ready for school.

School Student Leaders
Congratulations to Alana and Keanu who are the 2015 School Captains. They will be very well supported by the Prefects - Shianne, Ross, Luca, Celina, Dion and Dunja.
The Sporting House Leaders are:
- Acacia: C - Nik, Brianna
- Banksia: C - Kyron, Leah
- Grevillia: C - Marcus, Claudette
- Waratah: C - Mike, Lauren
- VC - Andrew, Alisa
- VC - Andres, Renee
- VC - Theo, Ava

2015 Newsletter
This first Newsletter for 2015 will be sent home as a hard copy.
For all new families, we would prefer you to receive the fortnightly Newsletter via email as it saves the school printing costs and is far better for the environment.
You do not need to reregister. Please go to the school’s website at www.brightonle-sands.nsw.edu.au and follow the instructions on how to register. If you wish to continue to receive a hard copy, please complete the form below and return to your child’s class teacher.

Pedestrian Safety
We have around 770 students at our school. This means a lot of, at times, very excitable little people moving around. Please think of all of the children’s safety and:
Park according to the signage, use the pedestrian gates and paths, use the supervised crossing so that every child can stay safe and don’t walk through the carpark.
Please note that there has been a change to the parking restrictions in Sybil Lane.

P&C AGM
Next Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Staffroom, which will be followed by the February Meeting.
Please come along, join the P&C and be part of the decision making process at the school.

Executive 2015
Kinder - Mrs Williams
Stage 1 - Mrs Gazis
Stage 2 - Mr Sutton
Stage 3 - Mrs Hornigold
Welfare - Mrs McKinniery
RFF - Mrs Carroll

Meet the Teacher Nights
6pm North Hall
Mon 16 - Kinder
Tue 17 - Stage 1
Wed 18 - Stage 2
Thu 19 - Stage 3

Ian Power
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

Throughout 2014 the Student Welfare Team will regularly feature reminders pertaining to school expectations in relation to welfare and safety of students in the form of an A to Z guide.

Attendance
All children are required to attend school on each day that instruction is provided. Daily attendance is recorded by class teachers. A computer record is kept. This legal document can be used by Home School Liaison (Truant) Officers, DoCS and the law courts.

A written note to explain absences should immediately be provided to teachers following all absences from school.

On average, primary school students should aim to have an attendance percentage in excess of 90%. Remember 92-97% is average attendance allowing for some childhood illness.

OFFICE NEWS

Absence Notes
When your child is absent from school an absent note needs to be sent to the class teacher. Notes can be obtained from the front office and are also located on the school’s website. If your child is absent for more than 3 days, please contact the school to let us know.

Borrowed Clothing
If your child has an accident at school where they will need to borrow clothing from the office, please ensure you wash and return to the office as soon as possible for the next child. Any clothing borrowed in 2014 needs to be returned as our stocks are very low.

Extended Leave
If your child will be absent from for more than 15 days, an “Exemption from Attendance at School” form needs to be completed. A copy of travel arrangements needs to be attached.

Late Arrival/Early Departures
If your child is late coming to school they need to come to the office to collect a late pass to give to the teacher. If you need to collect your child before 3pm, you need to sign them out and collect a late pass from the office before collecting them from the classroom.

ALL children are required at school between 8:30 and 8:45am. Being here by 8:45am allows 10 minutes to place their bag, meet their friends and line-up. Our lessons start at 8:55am.

Late students are required to report to the office for a late pass (which actually makes them later!). A child that arrives at 9:05 is 20 minutes late (8:45-9:05) and this is very disruptive for the child.

Students who leave the school early during the day are required to be signed out at the office by the adult who is collecting them.

Access
Safety is our prime concern. Parents and recognised care-givers are able to enter school grounds during school hours to attend specific school functions or interviews. In any school, access to classrooms is restricted. At our school, all visitors to the school (including parents) must report to the office to receive a visitor’s badge.

Medical Action Plans
If your child has allergies, asthma or any condition which requires a Medical Action Plan, please obtain the form from your doctor and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Medications
Only prescribed medication will be administered by the school. If your child needs to take prescribed medications, please visit the office to complete a “Prescribed Medications Authority”. No medication is to be kept in your child’s school bag.

Money Collection
Payment envelopes can be obtained from the front office. All money must be handed to the class teacher by the due date. NO money will be taken at the office. No money is collected on Fridays.

Please try not to empty piggy banks of small change to pay for school activities. This is very time consuming to count & bag in such a large school. A weight restriction for each bag is also required by the banking courier.

Receipts will only be issued for payments over $15.00. You may request a receipt at time of payment by writing “RECEIPT REQUESTED” on the front of the payment envelope.

Notes/Newsletter
Notes are generally given to the eldest child at school. For some of you this is your first year at school so notes will be given to your child. Most notes are also on the school’s website.

Our fortnightly Newsletter is sent by email or you can access it on the school’s website. To receive the Newsletter by email, please go to the website and register your details.

Office Hours
The school office is open from 8.30am to 3.00pm. If you need to get a message to your child, please try to contact us before 2pm unless, of course, it’s an emergency—this way there is plenty of time to get the message to your child. If they are to go to After School Care, please contact Little Sails.

School Website
brightonle-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Visiting the School
All visitors must present at the office to obtain a visitor’s pass. However, it is not school policy to visit your child during class hours unless prearranged with the class teacher. If you are working in the uniform room or canteen you do not need to sign in at the office.

There is no parking access for parents in the school grounds at any time and for any reason between 8:30am to 3:30pm. The office is accessible during school hours and is open 8:30am to 3:30pm. The school has an answering machine. Messages can be left on 9567 5449 or 9567 4982.

Interviews with school staff can be made at any time. Remember it is unfair to access or doorstop a teacher while the class waits. This is particularly unfair in the mornings. Appointments should be made through the office.

Students should be at school on school days after 8:30am and before 8:45am in the morning and exit the school grounds immediately after school finishes at 3.00pm.

• CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8.30AM IN THE MORNING, AND
• NOT AFTER 3:10PM UNLESS AT PAID AFTER-SCHOOL CARE
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 7pm in the staffroom, followed by our first General Meeting of the year.

Please note, all executive positions will be declared vacant on the night. These are:

**President:** Provides leadership of the P&C acting as its representative and overseeing its accountability. They conduct meetings giving everyone the opportunity to have input into the P&C and ensure decisions are made and followed up. Attends P&C Executive meetings.

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**Uniform Room**

We have run out of some sizes in polo shirts as well as bomber jackets. These have been reordered but there will be a 2 week wait for them to arrive.

Our Uniform Room is open on Mondays 8.30-9.15am, Wednesdays 8.30-9.15am and Fridays 8.30-9.00am for the rest of term.

**Canteen**

School hats are also sold in the canteen.

Volunteers are needed, if you can assist please see Priscilla in the canteen. We encourage you to please order your lunches online through munch monitor. For more information please see Priscilla in the canteen.

*We would like to welcome you all back to school.*
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students who participated at the school swimming carnival last Friday. The carnival was a great success with some of our students achieving excellent times in their events. The students were well behaved and got into the spirit of the carnival dressing in house colours and cheering loudly for the competitors.

Swimming Ribbons will be awarded a little later in the term at a Friday assembly and the Zone Swimming Team will be published in our next newsletter. The house points for the swimming carnival were as follows:

- Grevillea – 217 points
- Banksia – 204 points
- Waratah – 158 points
- Acacia – 92 points

Congratulations to Grevillea. I look forward to seeing who wins the points at our next school carnivals.

Mrs Bernhardt
2015 SPECIAL EVENT DATES

SELCITIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST—March 13
YEAR 3-6 BOOK FAIR—March 16-19
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL—April 2
SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOS—April 23
YEARS 3 & 5 NAPLAN—May 12, 13, 14
ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY—May 19
KINDER-2 BOOK FAIR—May 25-28
WALKATHON—August 20
ICAS SCIENCE—June 3
ICAS WRITING & SPELLING—June 15 & 16
WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL—June 26
SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS—July 15
OC TEST DAY—July 22
EDUCATION WEEK—July 27-31
ICAS ENGLISH—July 28
ZONE ATHLETICS—August 10 & 18

ICAS MATHS—August 11
YEAR 6 MINI FETE—September 17
YEAR 6 CAMP—November 2-6
YEAR 5 CAMP—November 4-6
KINDER ORIENTATION—November 5 & 12
VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA—November 18
2015 NEW PARENT NIGHT—November 19
SRC JENNY LYN NURSING HOME—December 3
YEAR 6 FAREWELL—December 7
K-2 KINDER PRESENTATION DAY—December 9
YEAR 3-6 PRESENTATION DAY—December 11
WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC DAY—December 15

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George Panagopoulos
T 8558 7207 M 0414 454 000 E georgepana@mcgrath.com.au

School of Music and Arts Magic sounds
Offers ‘piano and singing’ lessons at Brighton Le Sands Public School for kids in group classes.
The classes are held each Friday, starting at 3:15 pm.
Taking enrolments for 2014
Secure your place for this year
All inquiries call at 0415 971 915 (Natalie)
E-mail: school@magicsounds.com.au
Info: www.magicounds.com.au
Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the P&C AGM and first General Meeting of the year to be held on **Wednesday 11 February 2015** in the Staff Room at **7pm**.

The P&C is your representative body for you to have your say, ask questions about school and get involved. We need more parents and caregivers to attend the P&C meetings so the needs of those children/parents are not missed. **All are welcome.**

The P&C meet on the second Wednesday of each month (during school terms). At these meetings we hear from Mr Power about what is happening at the school level, we plan and review social and fundraising events and discuss long term projects. The more people that are able to come, the better the discussions are and the more likely we are to take into consideration the varied views of the school community.

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM), a new executive team will be elected – The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President are required to step down.

To be elected to a position, or to vote at our meetings, a person must be financial, that is - having paid the annual $1 membership fee and filling out our membership form. If you haven’t paid $1 to join the P&C or filled out the form you may do so at this meeting, although you will be ineligible to vote until the next meeting.

Kind Regards

2014 P&C Committee

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**A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF P&C POSITIONS FOR 2015**

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*We hope to see you all there!*
MGA Entertainment
Academy of Performing Arts
Brighton Le Sands Public School

Brighton Le Sands Public School Hall - Acrobatic/Dance

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Kindergarten classes will commence on Tuesday the 3 February 2015. Enrol now to secure your child's place.

Performing Art Classes will help your child develop strength, flexibility, co-ordination, rhythm, rotation, interaction, posture, balance and are exciting, safe and full of fun.

Classes include: Modern jazz, funk, contemporary, hip hop, drama, cheerleading, improvisation, rhythmic gymnastics (ribbons, balls, hoops) obstacles, parachute, acrobatics, acro-balance and performances.

MGA Performing Arts Studio – Hip Hop/Contemporary/Acrobatics
181 Rocky Point Rd, Ramsgate

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Boys only Hip Hop/Break Dancing Classes

Preschool Dance/acrobatics (tiny tots fairies and pirates) come together to explore the world of dance/acrobatics in a fun and safe environment.

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Melissa has been teaching dance/drama & acrobatics at the Sans Souci, Ramsgate & Brighton Le Sands Public Schools for the past 12 years.

Please call Melissa Anthony on 0413 786 585 to secure a place in 2015.