Principal’s Notes

Congratulations to Miss Wright and Miss Maddern and the 2014 Film Group on their very creative and well-produced short films which had their premier last Thursday. The children and their families appreciated the opportunity that they were given to be part of our school’s Gifted and Talented programs. The films will be shown to the rest of the school over a series of Friday assemblies.

School Disco
Last Friday’s P&C Disco was a great chance for the community to get together. Thank you to the P&C Executive and all of the parents who pitched in to make the night such a success despite the rain.

P&C Meeting
The next meeting of the P&C is to be held tomorrow night commencing at 7:00pm in the staffroom. I will be providing all members with an opportunity to have input into the school’s strategic directions for the next 3 years.

Debating Workshop
Yesterday Brighton was the venue for a Bayside Learning Community Debating Workshop. Students from Brighton, Carlton South, Rockdale and Ramsgate were tutored by the Debating Teams from James Cook and Moorefield. The children had a great time and learned some valuable tips about being a successful debater.

Book Fair
The Stage 2 and Stage 3 Book Fair will be held this week. This is a chance for parents to purchase low cost, quality books that are appropriate for your child. Please take advantage of this opportunity to support your child’s reading.

Regional Swimming
Good luck to our representatives who are heading off to Homebush to Swim in the Sydney East PSSA Regional Carnival tomorrow evening.

Jenny Lynne Visit
The senior members of our SRC, lead by Miss Smith, visited the Jenny Lynn nursing home last Thursday. The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

In previous years we have only visited in Term 4, however, this year we are planning a visit by SRC members each term as part of increasing the school’s involvement in the local community.

Stage 2 Excursion
Next week all Stage Two children will head off to Kamay Botany Bay National Park on their first excursion for the year. The excursion will support the class program “First Contacts”.

Stage 3 Incursion
Stage 3 will be participating in a “Forensic Science” incursion on Thursday 26 March to be held in the school hall.

Police Celebrations
Next Tuesday (24/03/15) our Year 6 students will be involved in the local celebrations of 100 years of women in Policing.

James Cook Harmony Day
Our Year 5 boys have been invited to join the Harmony Day activities at James Cook this Friday. Our school holds its Harmony Day activities later in the school year.

Voluntary contributions
All families have received a note requesting the payment of a voluntary contribution to help the school maintain it’s fantastic programs and to continue to provide some of the outstanding opportunities for the children.

It would be appreciated if each family could make this contribution to help maintain the excellent programs that enhance your child’s learning experiences.

Ian Power
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

Dangerous Items
Students are not to bring any items to school which may cause injury or damage to other students or property. Any item which may be construed as a weapon will be confiscated and the child’s parents notified. The possession of a weapon is a suspendable offence.

Discipline
The school Discipline Code is based on the assertive discipline model which is designed to allow children the opportunity to learn from their mistakes and make them realise that sometimes their behaviour is wrong but they are essentially good. All children are required to follow the school rules and show respect for adults and other children at all times. Breaches of the discipline code are dealt with according to the circumstances.

Drug Education
An essential element of the PD/H/PE key learning area, drug education is presented by classroom teachers as part of their regular timetable. Drug Education aims to provide students with the relevant information and skills necessary to make informed lifestyle choices relating to drug use.

Duty of Care
All members of staff have a legal obligation to provide a duty of care to students. This duty includes the classroom, playground, after school duty such as bus and crossing and while on official excursions or sporting trips and after hour’s activities. The staff of Brighton-Le-Sands PS is very conscious of its responsibilities and carries out their duty with due professionalism and commitment for the welfare of our students.

Early Contact
If parents have a concern or question about their child’s progress or behaviour they need to make an appointment to see the classroom teacher, sooner rather than later. Early and appropriate contact with the school is vital and works best.

Early Departure
From time to time it is necessary for students to leave school early for a legitimate purpose eg medical appointment. In such cases, parents must report initially to the admin office to obtain an Early Departure slip which is taken to the child’s class and handed to the teacher. Under no circumstances should parents go directly to the class to withdraw children.

Early Intervention
It is a conscious and determined policy of this school to provide high level support to the early years of schooling. This is done through provision of specialist human and physical resources, development of specific literacy and numeracy programs, reduced class sizes and involvement of health and counsellor services to identify specific issues that may impact on the children’s

BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS ABORIGINAL GARDEN
Progress has continued on the Aboriginal garden as new custom made benches have been installed. These were manufactured by Endeavour High School Construction students who also installed them. We would like to thank these students for their hard work. The benches are a fantastic addition to this learning space which will benefit all of our students.

Miss Bodnar

BOOK FAIR YEARS 3-6
Our first Scholastics Book Fair is this week. This fair is for our students in years 3-6 and I know they are very excited about it. There is always a fantastic range of books from which to choose. Parents are welcome to visit the book fair too on Wednesday or Thursday, either with your child’s class or at 9.00. Class teachers can tell you when their class is visiting.

A reminder that students who received a Scholastic Book Certificate last year on Presentation Day are able to ‘spend’ this at the Book Fair.

Happy reading
Mrs Dellagiacoma
5/6S NOVEL STUDY

To kick-start our reading program, students in 5/6S are in the process of reading ‘Ratburger’ by David Walliams. It is a highly entertaining story about a little girl who faces many of life’s battles, head on. Good readers try to make connections when they read and we are currently linking the character’s experiences in the story to our school’s five core values, Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Personal Best and Cooperation.

Meet the characters of ‘Ratburger’.

- Zoe - an only child who gets bullied at school and neglected at home
- Dad - an unemployed man who has extremely low self esteem
- Sheila - an uneducated, self-absorbed woman
- Tina Trotts - the over-sized, loud school bully
- Raj - the not-so-intelligent local newsagent, with a heart of gold
- Miss Midge - a vertically challenged History teacher
- Mr Grave - the spooky, socially awkward school principal
- Armitage – a live rat
- Gingernut – a dead hamster

We are thoroughly enjoying reading Ratburger. Whilst being entertained, we are also practising important reading skills such as discussing the author’s purpose, asking questions, making inferences and making connections to our own experiences and other books we have read. We have found this book identifies underlying themes of bullying, hardship and the importance of strong values and an education.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY IN 3/4P

Rubbish was everywhere!

3/4P put our gloves on and we were ready to eliminate the pollution. We started picking up the rubbish. There was rubbish everywhere, so we got to work straight away.

We walked to our area which was outside the ESL rooms. We found chicken strip packages, lunch order bags, paddle pop sticks and straws. The most surprising object we found where deadly snakes!! Luckily they were delicious.

As an important part of our HSIE program we took on the role of explorer and ventured into our Aboriginal Garden to explore this new environment. The class was divided into three groups and different observations were recorded by each Team Leader who then reported back to the class. We enjoyed our visit to the garden and we produced some vibrant works of art using mixed media.
Top of the morning to you all on St Patrick’s Day! Here is the news from Le P&C. We’ve kept it short and sweet so you can get on with more pressing matters:

**DISCO:** Well, rain very nearly stopped play on Friday night but those who attended proved that we’re not all made of paper! A massive thank you to all who attended!

Special thanks goes to the blokes on the barbie, the ladies on the lollystand, and all the volunteers and stall holders who refused to leave their posts unless it was to attend to their children, make a mad dash to the bathroom, or hunt down silly string guns! Much much appreciated!

Particular mention needs to be given to Begin Bright for an incredibly generous donation they have made to the P&C. I think parents found the stand informative and the kids were loving the balloons!

**JELLYBEANJAM!** We have a Jelly Bean Guessing Competition winner! Theo Fedele guessed the exact amount to take out the competition. Theo won with a guess of 301...so many of you came a very near second (as Maxwell Smart would say “missed by THAT much!”)

**FUNDRAISING:** We have a few fundraising events coming up before end-of-term. We will be running an election day sausage sizzle (and possible cake drive) so please let us know if you can help. That will be Saturday 28 March. Voting will take place in the North Hall.

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**TUESDAY 17 MARCH**

**EASTER:** We are very keen to do an Easter Raffle by way of a chocolate drive. So we are looking for donations from the entire school for Easter egg and general chocolate product donations which we will raffle off. Donations can be dropped into the canteen. Depending on donations we may do a prize for each stage. Winners announced at end of term.

**MOTHER’S DAY:** I know it’s coming up in Term 3 but we would like early expressions of interest from volunteers to help select stock for sale and to assist on Stall day.

**UNIFORM ROOM:** Please be reminded that the Uniform Room is open on Tuesdays and Fridays at the moment. This room is run solely by volunteers and as such we need to open on days when we have the most help. If you can’t make it on those days please drop an order in the letterbox on the Uniform Room door, or to the Office and we will deliver the uniform to your child’s classroom.

**NEXT MEETING:** Our next meeting will be held Wednesday March 18 (yes, tomorrow night!) in the Staffroom from 7pm. All welcome. We love to see new faces so please come along!

**THANKYOU,**

**FATIMA, MELISSA, NOELLE**

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JENNY LYNN NURSING HOME VISIT

On the 12th of March, Brighton Le Sands Public School Stage 3 Student Representative Team visited the Jenny Lynn Nursing Home. When we arrived, Miss Smith was introduced to a lady named Michelle who guided us around the place. She had kindly been to the grocery store to buy us treats for when we arrived. All of the elderly ladies were delighted to see us as they told us stories about their past.

We gave the ladies a copy of our school’s film production, Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates. They were very happy to receive this and were excited to watch it. It was a pleasure to meet all the residents and we hope to see them soon.

Andrea and Ross 5/6G

On Thursday, the Stage Three SRC and prefects walked from school to Jenny Lynn’s nursing home. We went to greet the residents and say hello to brighten their day.

We had a lot of fun there, especially when we were rewarded with ice cream and chocolate! The elderly people were really nice and also were very friendly. It was a lovely experience.

We gave them a DVD of last year’s musical theatre performance. We hope they enjoyed our visit and we would love to go there again.

Sebastian and Joseph 5/6G

Although it was a little upsetting, we got a lot out of the visit. Seeing the old ladies with dementia and knowing that many of them may not have family to support or visit them, was very overwhelming. I think it is important to respect the elderly and take the time to show care towards them because we will all be old one day too. We can only hope that when we are their age, we will have caring family around us, and if not, kind people to come visit us.

Marysia 5/6S

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Brighton students performed as a strong team to successfully defend their Botany Bay Zone Swimming carnival championship that they first won in 2011 – this is now 5 consecutive years! Whilst there were many outstanding performances on the day the most pleasing aspect was the high participation level that allowed our school to gain maximum points across many events—a great team effort. Thirty three students in total represented our school with all students gaining points in events swum that contributed towards our

**CHAMPION SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT**

Highlights included:

*1st Junior Boys Relay (Liam, Billy, Adam and Jordan)*
*2nd Senior Boys Relay (Evan, Luca, Matija and Dean)*
*3rd Senior Girls relay (Lauren, Mikayla, Tara and Lili)*

*Evan – 2nd 100 freestyle; 2nd 11 years 50 freestyle; 2nd 11 years Backstroke; 3rd 11 years 50 Butterfly; 2nd Senior Medley*
*Adam – 1st 9 years 50 freestyle; 1st Junior Medley*
*Lauren - 3rd 9 years 50 freestyle;*
*Liam – 2nd 10 years 50 freestyle; 3rd Junior Breaststroke; 3rd Junior Medley*
*Matija – 3rd 11 years 50 freestyle; 1st 11 years Breaststroke; 2nd 11 years Backstroke; 2nd 11 years Butterfly; 3rd Senior Medley*
*Lili – 2nd 11 years 50 freestyle;*
*Mikayla – 3rd 11 years 50 freestyle; 1st 11 years Butterfly*
*Dean – 1st 12 years 50 freestyle;*
*Mariam – 2nd Junior Breaststroke; 3rd Junior Butterfly*
*Damian – qualified for 50 freestyle

*Liam and Adam placed 2nd & 3rd respectively in the Junior Boys Championship.*
*Mattja & Evan placed 2nd & 3rd in the 11 years Boys Championship.*
*Lili placed 2nd in the 11 years Girls Championship.*

Students marked (*) qualified to represent the school at Homebush Aquatic at the Sydney East Carnival.

Thanks to all parents in attendance for your help and support.

**School Team**
Sofia, Finn and Harry (1/2H); Billy, Mischa, Reka, Marni and Mariam (3/4G); Mariah (3/4J); Peter and Adam (3/4L); Aaliya and Liam (3/4M); Timothy (3/4P); Jordan and Lauren (3/4S); Lauren; Deanna and Kloe (5/6B); Johann and Dean (5/6C), Evan, Kyron, Matija and Ava (5/6G); Tara (5/6H); Luca, Aaron, Damian and Bianca (5/6J); Lili (5/6P); Mikayla and Keanu (5/6S).
**Save The Date**

Dates for Cross Country and Athletics

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**Table Tennis**
The school sport unit will be selecting a representative Table Tennis team as part of the Pacific School Games Championships this year. Any child aged between 10 and 12 years of age who plays competition Table Tennis should contact Mrs McKinniery before next Tuesday 24 March if you are interested in trialling for selection.

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