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# **Principals Report**

#### Silver Awards

Congratulations to our Silver Award recipients. It was gratifying to see so many students achieving this level.

A big thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who were able to partner with us and support the children through attendance at the Silver morning tea. Also thank you to P&C provided a lovely morning tea to help the children celebrate their achievement.



Silver Award Winners

## Election Day - Autumn Fair #2

Saturday 23 March was a much better day to run some of our Autumn Fair activities than the week before. It was an extremely busy day on the barbeque, lots of bacon and egg rolls and sausage sandwiches cooked and sold. When I managed to get to the oval it appeared that there was lots of fun being had on the rides. Many thanks to the parents and staff members who helped at either day, with double thanks to the many faces that I know were at both Fair #1 and 2.



Autumn Fair/Election Day

#### **ICAS** Testing

Please see information included regarding ICAS testing. Unfortunately we are unable to participate in ICAS testing this year.

### Term 1

Reflecting on Term 1, Beaumont Hills PS has had a busy and productive start to the year. Teachers have worked tirelessly getting to know their students, programming teaching and learning activities based on individual learning needs. Classes are all settled and learning is at the focus of each school day. Professional learning for staff has focused on Mathematics scope and sequences, learning and support team processes, writing learning plans with individualised learning goals and NSW syllabus documents. Our students have had their successes acknowledged with Bronze and Silver awards celebrations.

Our biggest extra-curricular focus has been Autumn Fair, with beautiful class artworks being produced for the art auction. We have had auditions for dance groups, choirs and drama group and rehearsals are now happening. Our bands are rehearsing and preparing for a busy performance schedule later in the year.

Harmony Day featured a range of performers giving students a cultural focus, The SRC and school leaders prepared class activities, skits and an assembly in support of National Day of Action Against Bullying. PSSA sporting teams have been selected and students have represented us well within our zone activities. Our school swimming carnival was combined with a water fun day at school. Some of our swimmers qualified for zone, regional and the upcoming state swimming carnival. Our cross country carnival will have been held today (hopefully - pending weather).

Still to come is Easter Hat Parade and Anzac Day Ceremony next week.

With such a busy first term I am certain our children and staff will look forward to some rest and relaxation during the upcoming break. I wish our families a happy Easter and a safe holiday. I look forward to Term 2 and the adventures we will undertake in the next 2019 chapter.

## Mother's Day

Save the date! The staff of Beaumont Hills PS invite all of our mums to afternoon tea on Friday 10 May, 3.30-5.30pm. More information will follow through invitations.

## **Excellence in Learning**

Our Stage 3 students were given a homework project where they had to learn new skill. Today I had the pleasure of learning about the skills of Jayden in Aboriginal Art and Vishnu in photography. Both boys really enjoyed researching their chosen topic and are enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge. Well done Jayden and Vishnu and thank you for sharing with me.



Stage 3 Projects

Ms Welsh Principal

# **Deputy Principal Report**

## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This year NAPLAN will be completed online, with the exception of Year 3 writing which will continue to be a handwritten paper test. In order to prepare students to use the online platform all students in Years 3 and 5 have recently participated in a trial. This 45 minute session allowed students to familiarise themselves with test conditions and expectations in addition to the navigation of the new online format.

There are many benefits to NAPLAN online, one of which is adaptive questioning. The assessment will automatically adapt the questions based upon individual student responses, presenting questions of higher or lower complexity. NAPLAN online will also provide a faster turnaround of data, making it more purposeful and useful for teachers.

If you would like further information about this format, including an opportunity to access a public demonstration site, please see the parent information sheet below.

## **COLLABORATIVE TEAM PLANNING**

International education researchers agree that one of the most common features of high performing schooling systems is embedded collaborative practices amongst teachers. In countries such as Finland and Japan, teachers are encouraged to collaboratively plan lessons in order to share ideas and ultimately improve student outcomes *(Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation).* 

Each term we endeavour to provide time for our teachers to sit together as a team to evaluate their current teaching and learning programs, analyse data, plan ahead for the upcoming term and engage in valuable professional learning. Last week each stage was provided the opportunity to do just that. Collaborative team planning days are invaluable to our teachers. The dialogue that occurs is critical to genuine reflection and evaluation which is a fundamental component of the teaching and learning cycle. Collaborative team planning ensures that best practice is identified and shared across classrooms as we aspire to support, engage and provide the right amount of challenge for each of our students to be successful.

#### Mrs Adams Relieving Deputy Principal

# Harmony Day Celebrations

On Tuesday 19 March, BHPS was fortunate to have a group of students from Rouse Hill High School, come to perform a Chinese Lion Dance, to kick-start Harmony Week Celebrations. Then on Thursday 21 March, the Students and Staff celebrated Harmony Day by watching and taking part in performances run by Cultural Infusion. Students took part in activities such as African Dancing and Drumming, Chinese Lion Dancing , Bollywood style dancing, Caribbean music and dancing, as well as watching an Italian Theatre Production known as Commedia dell' Arte. It was a wonderful week where the students were immersed in a variety of cultures.



BHPS Celebrates Harmony Day

# Easter Hat Parade- Thursday 11 April 9.15am-11am

Beaumont Hills Public School's Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 11 April at 9.15am.

This is an 'eggs-citing' time of the year and we welcome all parents, grandparents and carers to the school to watch the parade. The Kindergarten students will be making their Easter Hats at school with their buddies, however, we ask for all the other children from grades 1-6, to make their Easter Hats at home. This is a fun activity to do at home with your children, allowing them to be creative and imaginative. Many shops such as the 'Reject Shop, Spotlight and Big W,' sell Easter craft supplies which are not expensive. The children will need to bring their hats to school <u>on the day</u>, for the parade. The children will sing Easter songs and the Kindergarten students will perform the Chicken dance and Bunny Hop. Classes will also take part in an Easter Egg Hunt.

We look forward to seeing you all at the parade!

# Winter PSSA Trials

Winter PSSA trials will continue on Friday 5 April for the following sports:

Newcombe Ball- Juniors & Seniors, AFL, Netball- Juniors & Seniors and Junior Rugby League.

# **Coming Events**

Date	Event	
5 APR	Winter PSSA Trials	
8 APR	P&C Meeting in staffroom 7pm	
9 APR	Sydney West Rugby League KHS Year 7 2020 GAT test KB Meet the Teacher 3:30-4pm	
10 APR	3-6 Protestant Scripture Easter 9:25-9:55am	
11 APR	Easter Hat Parade 9:15-11am	
11 APR-12 APR	NSW PSSA Swimming	
12 APR	Bronze cut off ANZAC Day Assembly 11:30am-12pm Last Day of Term 1	
Term 2:		
29 APR	School Development Day-Teachers return	
30 APR	Students return for Term 2	

# **Canteen News**

The last day of school is quickly approaching. Don't forget to get your order in for the Easter Meal Deal on Friday 12 April as there will be no other lunch orders for the day. There will however be normal counter service at recess and lunch.

The Big Vegie Crunch will still be held on 4 April but due to the amended date for the school cross country we will not be sending plates of vegies to each classroom as previously planned.

I will however have some plates available for students under the cola and at the canteen on the day. Don't forget to pack some cut vegies to your child's lunch box on the day.

A counter will be open for parents, students and visitors to have cold snacks, drinks and coffee & tea during the cross country.

## **Canteen Roster**

	Week 10	Week 11
Monday	1/4	8/4 Rajani
Tuesday	2/4	9/4 Kim McDonald
Wednesday	3/4 Marnie H	10/4 Kaz
Thursday	4/4 Lerren P	11/4 Di Mayer
Friday	5/4	12/4 Victoria E

Please note that Judy is away for all of week 11. If you cannot make your day please advise Melissa Khatziagelis 0411 805 235 ASAP so other arrangements can be made.

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