

# Beaumont Hills Public School

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### THURSDAY, 16 March 2023 Term 1 Week 8 2023.

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### **Principal Report**

### Student achievement

Congratulations to Zoe and Mia who represented BHPS and Castle Hill Zone last week in touch football. Both girls were selected in the Sydney West team to compete at NSW State Championships later in the year. We are very proud of you.

Four of our students excelled at CHPSSA Swimming Carnival and will go on to represent both BHPS and CHPSSA at Sydney West carnival next Friday. Congratulations to Ava, Cooper, Ethan and Riley. Good luck next week!

### **School Projects**

We have lots going on here at the moment:

Painting is continuing. The team seems to have been reduced so progress is slow but the school certainly looks much better externally.

We are getting a wifi network upgrade. Work has begun but is taking place after school hours. It will not be complete until May, but the upgrade should make a considerable difference to our connectivity.

Three of our unused demountables are being handed back to the Department of Education. This will happen over the next couple of weeks. Stumps will be removed and turf will be laid to restore the ground. This will be a big benefit to students with increased playground space once the grass is established.

The remaining library furniture has arrived. The library team is in the process of putting it all together, arranging it and filling it with our substantial book collection.

Playground installation is coming along and is looking good! Photos of progress up to last week are below.







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## **Principal Report**

#### **School Song**

We are about to release our new school song. The concept was the idea of Ms Hirsch last year, and Miss Walshe and Mrs Stennett have seen it through to completion. Last week a small group of students had the opportunity to go to a recording studio and record the song. It is fabulous and I am looking forward to being able to release the song to our school community. The students are now beginning to learn the song. It is very catchy and true to the values and important messages of our school. A very big thank you to Miss Walshe for sharing her creativity and expertise enabling this project to have such a wonderful outcome.

#### **State Election**

The NSW State Government election is being held on Saturday 25 March. BHPS P&C will be holding a barbeque and cake stall. They are asking for helpers, donations etc. Hopefully many of our school community will take advantage of the democracy sausages available on the day.

#### **BEAU Awards**

Bronze, Silver and Gold BEAU awards will be presented at assemblies on Tuesday 28 March. K-2 assembly will begin at 9.15am. Years 3-6 will be presented with their awards at 9.45am. Parents are most welcome!

Príncípal Ms Lyn Welsh

# **Assistant Principal Report**

#### Parent questionnaire - homework survey results

Our school recently conducted a parent survey about the delivery of homework, the results of which are summarised below. We are hoping to complete our review by the end of Term 1 and have a draft summary prepared for ratification during Term 2.

#### From 159 parent or carer responses ...

88% of respondents value homework

94% of respondents expected homework to be assigned

More than half of the respondents preferred weekly homework (not on weekends)

71% of respondents preferred homework in a physical format

79% of respondents stated that their child requires assistance with homework

87% of respondents stated that their family could commit to completing homework

Top reasons for completing homework included:

- Revising/consolidating in-class learning
- Developing work ethic or study habits, especially leading up to high school
- Parents knowing what their children are learning in school

Top aspects that parents value include:

- Home reading
- Mathletics
- Spelling activities

'Other comments' top responses include:

- Using paper and pencil, not devices
- Stage 3 students completing assignments to develop time management and in preparation for high school
- Receiving feedback from teachers

'Other comments' other high-value responses include:

- Improving communication between home and school
- Dislike for online learning platforms
- Moving away from grid-style homework (too reminiscent of lockdowns)

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to contribute their thoughts about homework, and to the ongoing improvement of our school.

Andy Copeman Assístant Príncípal Leader, Strategíc Improvement: Parents as partners ín learníng and wellbeing

#### **Diary Dates** NAPLAN Thursday 16 March 2023 • NAPLAN Friday 17 March 2023 • NAPLAN • Monday 20 March 2023 Harmony Day • NAPLAN . Tuesday 21 March 2023 Year 6 Leadership training with Mr Brown -NAPLAN • Wednesday 22 March 2023 Student Eye Care Program NAPLAN Thursday 23 March 2023 Student Eye Care Program • NAPLAN Friday 24 March 2023 Sydney West Swimming Saturday 25 March 2023 P & C State Election BBQ • Monday 27 March 2023 NAPLAN • Tuesday 21 March 2023 BEAU Awards cut off for assembly on the 28 March • Tuesday 28 March 2023 • **BEAU Award Assembly** Friday 31 March 2023 K - 6 Cross Country • Easter Hat Parade • ANZAC Assembly Thursday 6 April 2023 • Last Day of Term 1 (Students Return Wednesday 26 April) • Monday 24 April 2023 Pupil Free Day • Tuesday 25 April 2023 ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)

### **BHPS Award Structure**

4 BLUE Awards	=	1 GREEN Award
3 GREEN Awards	=	1 BRONZE Award
3 BRONZE Awards	=	1 SILVER Award
2 SILVER Awards	=	1 GOLD Award
1 SILVER + 1 GOLD Award	=	1 PLATINUM Award

\* Please note if your child brings home an award that has been **DATE** or **ENTERED** stamped on the back this means they have already traded to receive their next award.

### **Office News**

#### Expression Of Interest Year 6 to 7

This year The Department of Education has digitised the Year 6 to 7 transition process. In 2023 parents and carers can go online to complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) or Placement not Required (PNR) documents. These forms will be available on the school website <u>https://beaumonthip.schools.nsw.gov.au/</u> from 06/03/2023.

Please click on the enrolment tab and then scroll down to the 'Moving to Highschool' option. Click on the link and follow the step-by-step instructions.

If you are unable to complete the Expression of Interest online, please email the school at <u>beaumonthip.School@det.nsw.edu.au</u> with your child's name and class.

If your child is not attending a government high school, please complete the Placement Not Required section.

Please be advised that all forms need to be submitted by 31.03.2023

#### Mrs Maxíne Rossíter & Mrs Hannah Lawton School Administration Officers

### **P&C** News

Thank you to everyone who attended our March meeting on Monday night. It was lovely to see some more new faces. Welcome and we hope you found the meeting interesting and useful. Following the announcement by Kim McDonald that she will be stepping down from the position as President of the P&C, we would like to thank her for her dedication, enthusiasm, skills and leadership over the past 6 years during which she has undertaken several committee roles with the P&C, culminating as President this year. We look forward to welcoming her back to meetings in a supporting role moving forwards. In the meantime, our two Vice Presidents will fulfil the duties of President ensuring that our P&C and its activities are not affected.

**ELECTION BBQ** - It's nearly election time again, and what is an election without a Democracy Sausage? BHPS P&C will be providing the local community with a BBQ on **Saturday 25 March**, serving sausage sizzles and bacon and egg rolls, cold drinks and a cake stall from 8am - 2pm. Please consider volunteering to help as this is a great service to our local community as well as a fantastic fundraising opportunity and a chance to meet new friends. We will be sending out a Sign Up sheet via email and on our Facebook page. Thank you in advance for your support.

As part of the Election BBQ, we will be running a **Cake Stall**. We were completely overwhelmed by your response last year when we asked for cake donations. Please can we ask all of our bakers to get your aprons on again to help us offer our local community the most delicious cakes, cookies and other sweet treats around. Donations may be handed in at the school on Friday afternoon at pick up time or on Saturday morning. Please look out for more information by email and on our Facebook page. All funds raised as part of the day will go towards the cost of the playground upgrades which are happening at the moment. Again, please accept our thanks in advance.

**PSSA shirts** - the Term 1 PSSA season was short but sweet. Please ensure shirts are handed back to the office if they have not been returned already. Shirts will be reissued, without any further cost, at the beginning of Term 4 to complete the Summer PSSA season.

**NEXT MEETING** - will be on **Monday 3 April at 7pm**. This is a week earlier than usual due to the school holidays. The meeting will be held in the newly refurbished library. The focus of the meeting will be the Easter Raffle, which will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 6 April and the **Mother's Day Stall.** All welcome!

BHPS P&C Executive

### **Beaumont Bites - Canteen News**

### CANTEEN LINE-UP

We are happy to see most of the students follow the lineup rule at the canteen after we have put this in practice for the past two weeks.

It would be great if you could remind your child to consider others when they line up in the queue. Students who would like to purchase items from the canteen need to line up in 2 lines and they must wait behind the red line until it is their turn. Kindergarten to Year 2 Right Window / Year 3 to Year 6 Left Window when you are facing the canteen.

Please see the attached photo. Thank you for your support.

### **NO SHARING OF MONEY**

Sharing is caring. But on school grounds we would strongly enforce no money sharing. We will do our best to guard at our end. Please explain this to your child/ren.

\*\*To minimize the money sharing issue, we suggest parents only give your child/children A \$5 Note MAXIMUM. \*\*

### **GYOZA TUESDAY**

It is great to see a nice response to our newly introduced weekly meal.

PORK GYOZA TUESDAY!!!

Order yours now to avoid disappointment.

### **CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS**

Great News!!!! We are NOW allowed to have volunteers in the canteen.

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have devoted their time helping in the canteen. If you have a spare 1-2 hours a day, feel free to contact office

or canteen about being as a canteen volunteer. We, especially your kids, love to see you around in the school. All volunteers need to be physically well and healthy and no pre-schoolers are allowed.

You are required to complete the following three steps:

- 1: A Working with Children Check Declaration for Volunteers and Non-Child-Related Contractors, (Click <u>here</u> for the form.)
- 2: One government-issued photo identity document with full name, date of birth and current residential address.

Contact School Canteen for more information.









### **Beaumont Bites - Canteen News**

#### LOOSE COINS ITEM

We believe students deserve a treat. No matter if you have notes, gold coins or silver coins in hand. Hence, we have created some "Loose Coins Items" for everyone to enjoy. (i.e., Frozen Fruit Piece's, Smiley Face Pancake, Cinnamon Bread Sticks, Muffins, Cookies and much more)



### EASTER MEAL DEAL



There will be an exciting 'Easter Meal Deal' arriving the last week of Term 1. Stay tune for more information.

We continue to practice good hygiene in the canteen and provide healthy snacks and meals. If there is any questions or feedback, feel free to let us know.

Yukíko & Judy Beaumont Bítes

### **Sponsors and Community News**



The HILLS BULLS are introducing their first ever ALL ABILITIES RUGBY LEAGUE program for young people with intellectual disabilities including Sensory Impairment and Autism

TEAM COACH ANDREW ODELL ANDREWODELL@LIVE.COM.AU 0416 714 383

TEAM MANAGER KEIRILEE ODELL KEIRILEE@HOTMAIL.COM 0408 465 581 The All Ability initiative will provide a safe (non contact), enjoyable and inclusive team environment with Rugby League skills that will be run by our accelled coaching staff.
ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE All players will receive Hills Bulls training/game day kit which includes jersey, shorts, socks and training shirt and will have a weekly training

session or game.



#### SESSIONS INCLUDE





Are you aged 5-15 years? Do you have a passion for animals? Want to make some new furry friends?

Then join the RSPCA NSW Education Team for the upcoming School Holiday Program!

rspcansw.org.au



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