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Principal's Report

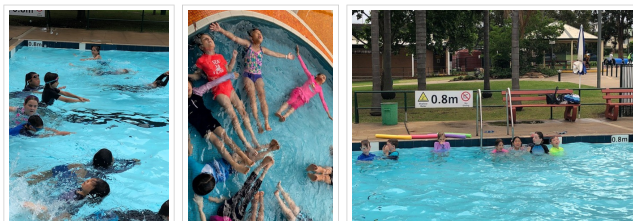
Thank you

A very big thank you to our wonderful P and C, representing our parent community, for providing our teachers with lunch last Friday to acknowledge World Teachers' Day. The teachers were humbled by this gesture of kindness which was very much appreciated. Working closely with our school community is something we value and is proven to have a positive effect on student learning and wellbeing.



Swimming School

Our students have just about reached the end of intensive swimming school. Mrs Armstrong reports that she can see lots of improvement. With some very hot days over the past two weeks I am sure that those children involved have enjoyed the opportunity.



PSSA Sport

Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending PSSA softball and T Ball to support our students playing. Towards the end of the games the temperature skyrocketed and with fierce competition from Samuel Gilbert PS our teams were certainly under considerable pressure. Despite defeats all round I was

extremely proud of our players who demonstrated outstanding teamwork, camaraderie and resilience throughout.

Pizza Day

Last Wednesday the SRC held a fundraising activity to support Stewart House. It was successful in raising funds that will be used to purchase resources to present to Stewart House to support the children who access their services. Stewart House is an integrated residential care, school and health screening facility located in an idyllic setting on Sydney's northern beaches. There is no other facility like Stewart House worldwide. As services are provided free-of-charge, Stewart House is one of NSW's oldest and most respected children's charities.

The delivery process took a very long time, and some children did not receive their pizzas until after lunch. The Year 6 students, last to be fed, were very patient. Unfortunately, the operation was not without its hiccups, and there were children who didn't get their pizza. We tried to ensure that no one missed out, and fed any child who believed they had ordered. Despite this, I am aware that a number of children went without the pizza that had been ordered for them. I understand that this would have caused some distress, and apologise wholeheartedly for this. If your child missed their pizza and you have not already contacted the office, please do so and we will arrange a refund.

Students not returning in 2019 or returning after 30 January 2019

To further assist with 2019 planning, two notes have been sent home to parents to seek information about students not returning to Beaumont Hills PS in 2019 and those that may be returning after 30 January 2019. These notes are also available in the links below. If either of these notes are relevant please complete them and return them to the school as soon as possible as they allow school planning and class creation to

be as accurate as possible. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Parent requests

Each year the school has requests from parents in regards to their child's class placement for the following year. These requests are important when there is specific information we need to know about your child that we may not already be aware of. There are very few of these requests, and we thank our parent community for trusting us to make these decisions knowing that we take a wide variety of factors into consideration when choosing teachers and classmates for our students. On the rare occasion where you feel there is additional information we need to know about your child please send an email to the school outlining the details. This may be in regards to their personality, their overall wellbeing or interactions with their peers. However, in these letters we ask that you do not request specific teachers. The information you provide us about your child will allow us to place them in a class with a teacher that will allow this information to be taken into consideration.

Cyber Safety

I have concerns that some of our students are accessing social media sites without the knowledge and supervision of their parents. Many social media platforms have a minimum age restriction of 13, recognising that children under this age do not have the maturity to ensure their online safety. Unfortunately the use of social media puts our young people at risk of communicating with people much older than them and in positions of gaining trust and power.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner provides specific content to help educate all Australians about online safety. I ask all parents to access the website through the link below and take some time to familiarise yourselves with the content.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

We have contacted Rob Paterson, our local Police Youth Liaison officer and he will provide an information session early next year.

The following quote gives parents very good advice. Dr Kristy Goodwin's website has some valuable information that can be useful for parents as you navigate supporting your children with technology issues.

'We need to be very careful not to prematurely introduce social media sites to our children. (It is illegal for a start: the required age limit in most instances is 13 years of age. This is because of privacy laws that prohibit the collection of online data from kids aged under 13 years and not based on fears about what they may access or encounter online).

Young children often don't have the necessary social and emotional skills to effectively use social media and it can have adverse consequences. If social media sites are not carefully managed, even when our children meet the required age limit, there's a risk they can promote narcissistic tendencies and

cause unnecessary social anxiety at an age when children are eager for external approval and validation.

We also need to be mindful that we're not over-inflating the importance of social media sites with our own children too. Children absorb our digital habits and if we're constantly posting images of our children on social media sites and telling them how many likes or shares or comments our posts received, we can convey very powerful messages to our children about their perceived value.

Technology's no substitute for real connection and a child's ability to form and sustain relationships is critical for their development. No app or social media site is anywhere near as rich and meaningful as what in-person connections offer.' Dr Kristy Goodwin.

<https://drkristygoodwin.com>

Congratulations

We are very proud of all of our students, but this week I would particularly like to acknowledge the efforts of a few students.

Congratulations to Claire (5RH) for achieving 'Highly commended' at the annual art awards organised by the Castle Hill Art Society. Claire entered a sculpture she made at school as part of our visual arts program.

Congratulations to Melody (playing Kate) and Joanne who were recently cast in the upcoming musical Annie Jr. They will be performing at The Pioneer Theatre in early November.

Congratulations to Talahn who recently competed in the NSW PSSA State Athletics Championships. Talahn competed in long jump where she achieved a personal best, high jump, 100m and 200m. She must have been exhausted by the end of the day! Thank you for representing BHPS with sportsmanship and effort.

Ms Welsh
Principal

Deputy Principal Report

Tell Them From Me Survey Results

Parent Survey

It is time to once again share some summary information from the results of the Tell Them From Me Survey. As you may have come to know each year the school asks parents, students and teachers to complete the Tell Them From Me Survey. The results from these surveys assist the executive, staff and school community to forward plan and make strategic decisions based on the feedback of the whole community. Each year we have a growing number of parents complete the survey and this allows us to have a wider range of community feedback allowing us to make changes based on a greater percentage of the parent body. This year 112 parents took part in the survey and we thank you for finding time to participate. Below is a summary diagram of the results of the school (blue line) compared to the NSW Govt Schools average result (grey line).

The results show growth in 5 of the 7 areas represented by the data. This is pleasing for our school community and demonstrates positive impact of the processes and initiatives we have put in place. We acknowledge that there is still work to be done as we would like to be comparable or higher than the state average more consistently. The two areas that have the greatest gap between school and state averages are Parents Feel Welcome and Parents are Informed. The staff of Beaumont Hills PS feel we have many processes in place to address these elements of our school operation, however, have heard parent feedback in regards to our payment and permission notes, the way our information is communicated and how to streamline this to make it clearer. Parents' interest in being more visible in our school for parent helper and volunteer roles will also be considered. These will be areas for further discussion and responsive planning.

The staff can celebrate many aspects of the feedback and results and the responses to the open ended questions provides many comments that acknowledge and thank teachers for their efforts and dedication to student's development.

Student Survey

Our students in Years 4-6 also participate in this survey and the school's results are higher than the state average for the majority of areas surveyed. The student survey focuses on Social and Emotional Outcomes and Drivers of student outcomes. It is important to note that students score our school lower than the state average on one very serious aspect and that is students who consider themselves victims of bullying. On this question our students average is 9% lower than the state average.

The students have provided the teachers and the school with positive feedback about much of the work we do on a daily basis. Below are some of these positive statements from our students.

Name one learning area you think you have improved in and describe what has helped you to achieve it.

- I improved in maths. My teacher has explained the tasks to me clearly and I have been given time to practise. I have been given work at my level. When I do not understand and I ask my teacher she explains the work again.
- I believe that I have improved in writing because my teacher strives to make me succeed by going over the Seven Steps of Writing. I have become more confident in my writing in all areas which include informative, persuasive and narrative writing.
- Reading: My teacher gets us to get into a circle and we have a book and we read in groups and that's helped me with my reading skills.
- All my learning has been better with my teacher.
- I have improved in writing because my teacher has guided me with specific criteria and adjusts my work depending on how much I have improved, she has given me motivation which inspires me to keep going

- I think that I have improved in writing sizzling starts. Our teacher has been doing sizzling starts a lot and we watch videos on the smart board to help us.

Staff Survey

Executive staff and our teachers are now taking some time to analyse the results that were collated from the staff survey. These results will guide the executive staff in mapping out plans for how to engage and interact with the wider community throughout 2020 and beyond. Once again the results from this survey were positive overall and this supports and acknowledges the processes that are in place to support teachers with their core business of teaching and learning and to create an engaging and successful teaching community.

Once again thank you to those parents that have participated in the survey. Ms Welsh, myself and staff look forward to working alongside our parent community to respond to the results.

Miss Tolsher
Deputy Principal

Grandparents Concert

Next Thursday 15 November the talented students of Beaumont Hills Public School will perform in our school hall for our grandparents at 9.15am. A variety of creative arts groups will showcase their performance skills including all dance groups, both choirs, band and drama. Morning tea will be provided at the conclusion of the concert. We encourage all grandparents of the Beaumont Hills PS community to attend this wonderful event. We look forward to seeing you there. If you haven't done so please fill out the RSVP on the form below to assist with catering.

Kidz Rule NRL Fundraiser

Our "Kidz Rule" fundraiser designed and organised by our SRC is to raise funds for NRL posts to be installed on our oval. It will be held on Wednesday 28 November and on the day students are encouraged to wear their favourite football teams jersey or mufti and bring in a gold coin. If the amount collected is an average of \$1 per student in the class 30 minutes of free choice activity will be awarded. More excitingly if an average of \$2 per student in the class is collected students will rule the class for an hour with their choice of an activity. The free choice activity will have links to our school curriculum, such as fitness or art. This fundraiser has been voted on by our School Representative Council and they are very excited to see the school support the cause. We appreciate any contribution that is made and thank you for your constant support in improving our school's facilities.

Platinum Awards - Presentation Assembly

The Presentation Assembly will be taking place on Monday 10 December, in Week 9. This will be a presentation to acknowledge students' achievements this year. One of the achievements presented at this assembly is the Platinum Award from our school BEAU Award system. If you are aware your child will be eligible for a Platinum Award this year as they have (or will have) the necessary Silver and Gold Award we ask that you email the school office to alert us to this achievement so we can prepare their award. This way names can be collated and awards can be engraved in a timely manner and be ready by our assembly in Week 9. We understand that you may not have the necessary awards at this point but you may be aware that they are to be presented to your child in the coming weeks.

Coming Events

Date	Event
29 OCT-9 NOV	Swim Scheme
9 NOV	SIS & Summer PSSA
12 NOV	Kindy 2019 Orientation Visit #1 P&C Meeting in staffroom at 7pm Stage 1 Turkeys Nest Reserve Excursion
13 NOV	Hills Library visit with Year 6
15 NOV	Grandparents Concert
16 NOV	SIS & Summer PSSA
19 NOV	Silver Morning Tea House Captain Applications due
20 NOV	Kindy 2019 Orientation Visit # 2 Hills Library visit with Year 6
22 NOV	Student Leadership speeches
23 NOV	SIS & Summer PSSA Semi Finals Gold Cut Off

P & C News

Fete Update

Tuesday Fair Frenzy's continue to be a great success and our school support of this initiative is greatly appreciated. There are only 2 more Tuesday Fair Frenzy's left for 2018.



Date	Item
Week 5 (13/11/18)	Zooper Doopers / freezable ice blocks (to be frozen closer to the date) / fruit juice poppas
Week 6 (20/11/18)	Toiletry Items (hand creams, shampoo, conditioner, soaps, gloves and small cosmetics)

From Week 8 (3/12/18) we will be invited parents to send in items for our White Elephant Stall.

White Elephant Stall

No Autumn Fair would be complete without a White Elephant Stall and of course this stall will be the centerpiece of our event. We will be inviting parents to send in White Elephant Stall items towards the end of this term. We are unable to collect items sooner due to a lack of storage space. We ask that items are in working condition and of a saleable quality. We will not be able to accept any large white goods or furniture items. Items must also be appropriate for sale at a school event. More information about the collection date will occur in future communication.

Invitation to Stall Holders

If you own a business and would like to apply to run a stall at our Autumn Fair please see the attached Autumn Fair Market Stall Application Form & T&C's document. This offer is being extended to our school community prior to contact with external stall holders as we would love to support those that support us. Please complete the form and return it to the email address below if you are interested in this opportunity.

schoolfair.bhps@gmail.com

School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) 2019 applications

School student applications for 2019 open from Monday 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply **if** they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification. Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

Canteen News

BEAUMONT HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL – CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 4

PLEASE NOTE : Canteen hours are from 8.30am – 2pm. If you are unable to attend your rostered day, please try to arrange your own replacement by swapping with someone else on the roster where possible. Please contact either **Liz Laird** on 0411140238 or **Melissa Khatziagelis** on 0411805235 as soon as you are aware of your need to change so we can help fill your space.

We thank you for volunteering for canteen duty, it is very much appreciated.

Canteen Roster

WEEK 5 LIZ		
Monday	12 November	Jenny Morgan
Tuesday	13 November	Melanie Sweep Kim McDonald
Wednesday	14 November	Heidi Odendaal Kylee Knubben
Thursday	15 November	Teresa Falkner
Friday	16 November	Emma Anthony Risma Ng
WEEK 6 MEL		
Monday	19 November	Lisa Dawes
Tuesday	20 November	Melanie Sweep
Wednesday	21 November	Kathryn C Renee Hughes
Thursday	22 November	Catherine Ellis Kim Howard
Friday	23 November	Victoria Edmead

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