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22 November 2018 - Term 4 Week 6

## Principal's Report

### Grandparents' Day

Thank you to all of the grandparents who joined us for our Grandparents' Day Concert last Thursday. I am sure you enjoyed the performances, those of you that I had the opportunity to speak to spoke highly of the concert. The staff here appreciate the efforts that our school community make to attend functions. A culture of community engagement builds the sense of belonging in children, which in turn has a positive impact on their learning.

A very big thank you to all the teachers involved in putting this day together, Mrs Jones and Mrs Adams for coordinating the concert and the morning tea, and all of our teachers who have trained performing arts groups. For many of these groups, Thursday was their final performance for the year. I would like to congratulate each of these groups individually for their performances.

### Kindy Dance Group

These children steal the show every time they perform. They win the cuteness factor, but also give a skilled performance of that combine dance and just a bit of theatre. Well done to all the children involved who have had to combine their first year at school and formal learning and developing performance skills to perform at several concerts. Congratulations to Mrs Simpson who has worked hard to bring this performance together.

### Junior Choir

I was so impressed with this group of singers. Trained by Ms George and Mrs Humphreys (a big thank you), they performed a new song at the Grandparents' Day concert. It was great to see a combination of beautiful singing and dance moves.

Congratulations to the Junior Choir, Mrs Humphreys and Ms George for your hard work.

### Stage 1 Dance Group

I never tire of watching this group perform. The concentration on the faces of these children demonstrates their commitment to their performance. The group looks great in their red overalls. A very striking dance, choreographed by Mrs Jones. Congratulations to the Stage 1 Dance Group and a big thank you to Mrs Jones.

### Stage 2 Dance Group

This group clearly loves to perform. The smiles on the faces of these children during the performance is priceless. The developing dance and performance skills are evident. Thank you Mrs Rowsell for training this dance group and bringing the best out of the performers.

### Boys Dance Group

A combination of Stage 2 and Stage 3 boys, this group defines the word 'cool'. This group was the first group I saw perform at BHPs. Before the performance one of the boys said 'Wait until you see us dance, you are going to be impressed.' So true, I was and continue to be. Congratulations to this talented group, and thank to Mrs Stennett for training them.

### Drama Ensemble

Mrs Stennett is also to be recognised for her leading of the Drama Ensemble. This group performed an original script, written by the students. It was an honest appraisal of parenting, and it is difficult to watch it without identifying myself as a parent. The performance was highly entertaining, congratulations!

## Senior Choir

I am not sure who enjoyed performing more, the students as they sang 'Africa', or Miss Walsh as she conducted. The students performed this difficult song beautifully, and are to be congratulated for their commitment to performing both as a school choir and part of a massed choir at the Hills Performing Arts Festival.

## Senior Dance Group

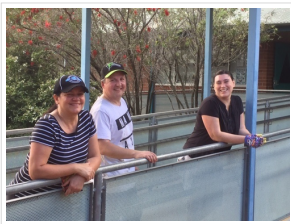
Once again, our dancers did not fail to impress. The group is beautifully trained and perform with poise, precision and pizzazz. Miss James has commanded perfection and has been rewarded through this performance. Well done to all involved!

## Band

Our school band improves with every performance. The students are being rewarded for all their hours of individual practise and group rehearsals. A highlight for the band was the MADD concert, where our band joined with local primary and secondary band students for a combined performance. I was very proud of our students' performances. Thank you to Mr Hurley for all his hard work and expertise.

## Working Bee

Thank you to the families who came and supported our working bee on Sunday. It was very productive, with visible signs of improvement in our gardens and grounds. If you get a chance, take a look at our new outdoor classroom in front of the kindergarten rooms. A special thanks to Mrs Adams for bringing her husband in to finish this area, ready for use.



## Silver Morning Tea

Congratulations to all the students who achieved their silver awards this week. Your behaviour, endeavour, achievement and understanding contribute immensely to our school culture. It was lovely to celebrate your success with your parents. Thank you to the P&C for organising the morning tea.



*Term 4 Silver Award Winners*

## Lost Property

At the working bee on Sunday I had some students help me sort lost property, and any named articles were distributed on Monday. However, there is a large tub of unnamed items. These will remain in lost property until Monday Week 7, then will be given to uniform shop as second hand sale items.

## Road Safety

I receive many concerns about unsafe driving practices of our school community in the dropping off and picking up of children before and after school. Our staff are very concerned about the safety of all of our children, and at times try to insist that parents follow road rules. Trying to drop or pick up children whilst double parked, or using bus zones and no stopping zones creates unsafe situations for children, and is illegal. I have requested that traffic control perform regular checks at peak times to help manage unsafe situations. When using the parking area at the rear of the school please exercise patience and do not call children to your car until you have safely parked.

## Staff News

Mrs Moore, our teacher-librarian, has announced that will be retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs Moore was the foundation teacher-librarian at BHPS and her contribution to our school and its students has been huge. We thank Mrs Moore for her time spent teaching at BHPS and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Mrs Thwaites has accepted a teaching role in Malaysia for 2019 and 2020 and so will take leave from BHPS during the next two years. I am sure Mrs Thwaites is looking forward to this exciting adventure. We wish her luck and will look forward to hearing about it upon her return.

## Sad News

It is with much sadness that I inform our school community of the passing of Salwa, one of our long serving scripture teachers. There will be prayers for Salwa tonight, 22 November from 8pm at Masjid Al Noor, South Granville.

**Ms Welsh**  
**Principal**

## Deputy Principal Report

### Professional Learning for the Staff of Beaumont Hills PS

The Department of Education provides a 'School Excellence Framework' that supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high quality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading. This framework guides the senior executive in the planning we undertake and allows us to have clear success criteria for improving our practices and processes. One of the elements within this framework is 'Learning and Development' which focuses on the professional development of staff and the evaluation of professional learning on student outcomes. Our school makes strategic decisions about professional learning for our staff and promotes and encourages teachers and support staff to engage in lifelong learning. While, at times, sending teachers to professional learning and employing a casual for the day may seem to our community as disruptive to the routines for classes the long term benefits of continued learning and growth for teachers on student achievement and school initiatives is well researched. Outlined below are some of the professional learning that staff have been involved with this term.

### Choice Theory / Reality Therapy / Lead Management

Six of the staff have attended or will be attending this 4 day intensive course that focuses on the understanding of Choice Theory, Reality Therapy and Lead Management. This course allows staff to engage with adults and students in an effective manner with the purpose of clearly identifying needs and wants and alternatives to achieving desired goals. The scaffolds provided allows students to develop responsibility for their behaviour and choices. By involving numerous staff members we aim to develop consistency within our approach to behaviour management and interpersonal relationships throughout the school community.

### Beginning Teacher Conference

Recently we provided teachers in the early stages of their career with an opportunity to attend a two day Beginning Teacher Conference. This conference allowed our staff to have time to reflect on their entry into their teaching career and evaluate and set goals for the next phase of their professional growth. The early years of any career is a time of learning and the

Department of Education values the support and mentoring of teachers entering the profession. On the second day of the conference each staff member was asked to invite a mentor to the day which allowed colleagues to engage in professional conversations, seek feedback and set goals for next year. The staff coming back from the course acknowledge the importance of reflecting on their achievements so far and making connections with like minded colleagues.

### Strategies and resources to support students with learning difficulties in classrooms

Our school continues to place a priority on building the capacity of staff that work with students with additional needs to allow them to have the highest impact possible. Our Learning and Support teachers recently attended a course run by Learning Links to explore additional strategies to work with students requiring adjustments or accommodations within teaching programs, specifically literacy and numeracy.

### Scope and Sequence Writing

This year we have continued to refine and cross check our process against our governing boards requirements for schools. The NSW Education Standards Authority provides the Department of Education with guidelines which we must adhere to. With the rollout of new syllabus documents and changes in executive and teachers over the last few years we have taken time to cross check our plan for the teaching of outcomes for the Key Learning Areas. This has seen numerous staff released from class to work on our whole school Scope and Sequence with the goal of creating consistency between stages and a systematic approach to units of work.

### Behaviour Management

Throughout the year our staff have engaged in professional learning opportunities to refine the behaviour management strategies they use in the classroom and with students. These days are worthwhile experiences for teachers as even our more experienced staff discover more powerful and effective tools that work in the classroom. This allows them to implement new processes and keep teaching and learning as the key focus.

This information covers just a small percentage of the the professional learning our staff have been involved in this year. I hope this provides some insight into the nature of teacher's time off class and our pursuit for continued professional growth and improvement in our knowledge and practise.

**Miss Tolsher**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Kidz Rule Fundraiser

Next week is our student designed fundraiser. Our SRC developed the idea of a Kidz Rule initiative where if they raise a designated amount of money they would be allowed to 'RULE' the classroom for a set period of time. This fundraiser benefits our school and enhances enjoyment for students at recess

and lunch. All funds raised will go towards the purchase and installation of NRL posts. This fundraiser asks students to bring in a gold coin donation. If an average of \$1 per student is raised for the class the class will rule the class for 30 minutes. If an average of \$2 per student in the class is raised the students will rule for an hour. Students are very excited about this event as it arose from student voice and student priorities. We look forward to sharing the excitement and chaos of 'kidz ruling' our school in the next newsletter.

## Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea

Hopefully our parents received their invitation to our upcoming Parent Helper Morning Tea which is being held on Monday 3 December from 9:15am - 10:15 am. This is an opportunity for the staff of Beaumont Hills PS to thank and show our appreciation to our parent community for the support and assistance provided throughout 2018. We ask that if you have a member of your family that has supported the school this year you also extend the invitation to them. The staff of Beaumont Hills PS look forward to seeing you at this very special thank you morning tea.



## Kindergarten Dance Group

Our amazing Kindergarten dance group are still rehearsing every Wednesday and had two performances at school last week. The first was during our first orientation day for Kindergarten 2019 and the second being at our Grandparents concert. Both days were great opportunities for our dancers to showcase their skills in front of very large audiences. I would like to thank the Year 6 buddies of our dancers for attending the first performance and helping out with costumes. Also a big thank you to Mrs Cramer for helping them with their Grandparents' Day performance.

Beaumont Hills PS is well known for their incredible dance groups each year, but it is the first year that we have had a kindergarten dance group. It has been a pleasure working with this dedicated group of dancers and I am sure that everyone involved would agree that it has been a big success.

**Mrs Leesa Simpson**  
**Kindergarten Dance Group Teacher**

## Stage 1 Turkeys Nest Excursion

This semester Stage 1 students have been busy learning about the history of our local area and heritage sites. We are lucky to be within walking distance of Turkeys Nest Recreation Park where parts of the past can still be seen today. The metal cows and milk containers at Turkeys Nest are a reminder of how the area used to be a part of a dairy farm.

Students enjoyed a leisurely walk with their peers and teachers up to the park and learnt about how the horse and carriage were used to deliver milk to the local houses. We were very excited to finally see some water in the dam!



## T-ball and Softball PSSA

What a fantastic season we have had this year! Our T-ball and Softballers have improved dramatically from the beginning of the year as they have learnt new skills and game strategies. Even though we have had many tough opponents, we have maintained a positive attitude and have had fun while playing. We would like to acknowledge and thank all our students who have represented our school and the parents who came and supported our team. We look forward to a new season in 2019!

**Miss Gigi & Miss Walshe**  
**T-ball and Softball Coaches**



## Summer PSSA

There is no Summer PSSA this week, 23 November, due to schools attending the School Spectacular Performances. The semi finals will be held on Friday, 30 November. More details regarding which teams have made it to the semi finals will be advised as soon as we are notified.

## Grandparents' Day Concert

The Grandparents' Day Concert was a huge triumph! The students performed spectacularly showcasing the exceptionally wide range of talent at Beaumont Hills PS. The day wouldn't have been a success without the hard work of all performing arts teachers who have rehearsed each week with their group. Thank you to the many grandparents and parents who attended and made the day that much more special.



## Library News

As the year begins to draw to an end our Library becomes a hub of activity. One of the sometimes difficult jobs for us, as the Teacher Librarians, is to ensure all books are returned to the library, in a timely manner, so that we are able to begin our yearly stocktake.

To that end we would ask that you begin to have a look through your child's books at home to see if there are any BHPS library books that have been accidentally placed on shelves (or under beds) and return them to the library.

The final week for borrowing is this week (Week 6) and all books are needed to be returned no later than Week 7. If your child receives a notification that they still have books outstanding please try to locate them and return them the next day.

In the case of them being lost or destroyed, there will be a monetary cost indicated on the notice that will need to be paid at the front office. The office staff will stamp the notice as paid and sign it. This then needs to be sent to the library so we can 'write off' the old book so it no longer appears against your child's name.

We thank you all in advance for your assistance.

The final Scholastic Book club catalogue (issue 8) for the year has been distributed to classes. The orders for this issue will need to be placed by 30/11/18. This ensures delivery before the end of the term.

Lastly Mrs Thwaites, Mrs West and I would like to thank the Beaumont Hills school community for your ongoing support this year. It means a lot to us knowing that you value the library and all it has to offer our students.

***Yours in reading,  
Mrs Flanagan, Mrs Thwaites & Mrs West***

## 2019 Scripture

In 2019 the following Scripture groups will be offered to students, given the teachers we have available at present time.

Protestant K-6  
Roman Catholic K-6  
Muslim K-6  
Bahai K-6

Students not enrolled in one of these Scripture groups will be attending non Scripture groups.

At the moment Ethics will not be running in 2019. If you are interested in becoming an Ethics teacher in 2019, please read the attached letter with relevant information.

## Coming Events

Date	Event
<b>23 NOV</b>	SIS - No PSSA (due to School Spec Performances) Gold Cut Off
<b>27 NOV</b>	Principal Tour 9:30 am
<b>28 NOV</b>	NRL posts 'Kidz Rule' fundraiser
<b>29 NOV</b>	Kindy 2019 Orientation Visit #3
<b>30 NOV</b>	SIS & Summer PSSA Semi Finals
<b>3 DEC</b>	Parent Helper Morning Tea 2019 House Captain Speeches
<b>4 DEC</b>	DoE High School Orientation Day Gold Breakfast
<b>5 DEC</b>	Last week of Scripture Scripture Teachers Thank You Breakfast
<b>7 DEC</b>	SIS & Summer PSSA Finals
<b>10 DEC</b>	Presentation Assembly P&C Meeting in staffroom 7pm
<b>13 DEC</b>	K-4 Movie Day
<b>14 DEC</b>	SIS - all students Reports go home
<b>17 DEC</b>	Year 6 Graduation (9:30am-11:00am) Year 6 Farewell at Castle Hill RSL (5:30-9pm)

Date	Event
18 DEC	Motiv8 - Stage 3
19 DEC	Students' last day of Term 4
20 DEC	Staff Development Day
21 DEC	Staff Development Day

as you are aware of your need to change so we can help fill your space.

## Canteen Roster

	Week 7	Week 8
<b>Monday</b>	26 Nov Johanna I	3 Dec Lerren P/ Lynda W
<b>Tuesday</b>	27 Nov Gloria H	4 Dec Melanie S
<b>Wednesday</b>	28 Nov Kylie S/Melissa L	5 Dec Hong P/ Rochelle C
<b>Thursday</b>	29 Nov Joanne L/ Catherine E	6 Dec Renee H/ Kathryn C
<b>Friday</b>	30 Nov Marge R/ Risma Ng	7 Dec Judy Lin

## P&C

**Next P&C Meeting:** Our next meeting will be Monday 10 December in the staff room at 7pm. It is free to attend, \$2 annual membership fee gives you voting rights. We'd love to see you there.

**Autumn Fair-** see attached Stall Holder Application form.

Once again thank you for the ongoing support provided during our Tuesday Fair Frenzy collections. The school and P&C thank you for your contributions as we prepare for the Autumn Fair on March 16 2019. Our final collection for the year will be for the White Elephant Stall. We ask that if you have any second hand items in working and sellable condition that are appropriate for a school fair you hold on to these items until Term 4 Week 10, 17 December when we will start accepting the donations at the school. The White Elephant Stall provides a great opportunity for a spring clean at home in preparation for the Autumn Fair.



## Canteen News

The canteen will be closed for food services on 19 December (last day of term) for cleaning. If it's a really hot day we may open for the sale of ice blocks only. Providing stock is available.

## 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