PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

As this is our last Bulletin for 2014, I’d like to wish children, staff, parents and the Beechwood community a happy and safe Christmas and relaxing vacation.

2014 has been a very challenging year yet it has been a rewarding year for our school highlighted by many interesting and enjoyable learning opportunities for our children. The Annual School Report, detailing our achievements for 2014, will be available electronically next year.

As the school year draws to an end, there are numerous people to thank for their sterling service to the school. Verna Wallace continued to volunteer her time each Wednesday doing many duties to assist the teachers and Mrs Reid in the office.

Our P&C has continued to work hard towards providing resources for our school thanks to its dedicated executive committee and members.

We thank our canteen supervisors, Leanne Roberts and Kelly Ostler and volunteers who have provided a very professional service in the canteen, providing our students and staff with great food and service. I sincerely thank these ladies for their dedicated service.

We also thank Alison Copelin for overseeing the Friday Fundraising Canteen, which has saved all families many dollars this year in excursion costs.

Thank you to the large number of classroom, canteen, reading, swimming, sporting and excursion helpers, in particular Leone Wardrop and Amanda Platts, community members who give up their time each week to assist with reading and art. These wonderful people have assisted the staff in developing a positive school environment for your children.

I’d like to thank each staff member for their dedication, enthusiastic approach and support given to students as they have strived for excellence in scholastic, cultural and sporting activities. Well done everybody!

School Parliament 2015

The election of 2015 School Parliament leaders was held in Week 8. The candidates from Year 5 were democratically voted on by their peers and staff alike. The Year 5 candidates campaigned prior to the election and we were all very impressed with the standard of each candidate’s speech. There were 16 candidates and voting was close, with the 8 highest voted students receiving a 2015 Parliament position. The remaining candidates will become Shadow Ministers to assist the School Parliament in 2015.

Congratulations are extended to the following Parliament members for 2015:-

Eva Lawrie: (Prime Minister)
Riley Farrington: (Leader of Opposition)
Zac Taylor: (Treasurer)

Mason Carney, Abby Costigan, Max Dobbyns, Grace Scott, Chloe Cooper: (Ministers)

The induction into Parliament and announcement of Ministerial Portfolios will be held early in 2015 at a Special Assembly with an invited guest speaker.

Have-A-Go-Show – Tuesday 16 December 2014 – 9.15am

It’s time to polish your dance, song or joke routine, ready for the schools Have-A-Go-Show on Tuesday 16 December commencing at 9.30am. All students may come out-of-uniform on this day.
**Reminder - End of Year Housekeeping**

Could all students please return any home readers and home sight word books currently on loan to your teacher or library books to the library.

**Back To School Supplies**

Parents may wish to consider the following items when purchasing class requisites for the new school year.

- Pens for Years 3, 4, 5, 6. (red & blue)
- Pencils (HB)
- Ruler (cm, mm)
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Erasers
- Coloured pencils or textas.

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**Giant Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Drawn on Tuesday 16 December

Tickets $1 each - Great Prizes!

Please bring in sold or unsold tickets & money ASAP!

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**FRIDAY FUNDRAISING**

*Chicken Sausages* on bread may be purchased at $2.00 each and Bulla Splits $1.50 each. *Half a sausage* in slice of bread available for $1.00. *Slushies* are available ($2 each) and *poppers/flavoured milk* ($1.50 each).

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**TERM 4, 2014 – FRIDAY FUNDRAISER ROSTER**

**WEEK 10:**

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

YEARS 2-6

Friday 12 December 2014

9.30 am – 2.00pm

At Wauchope Pool

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**SPECIAL SALE!**

School Sports Shirts

$10 each Sizes 6-16, M, L

Used computers $25 each

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Monday Canteen Roster:

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**BOOSH NEWS**

On behalf of the BOOSH staff we wish you a happy and safe Christmas break and look forward to seeing your smiling faces next year!

Thank you for choosing to use the BOOSH Service.

BOOSH aims to deliver a high quality and affordable after school service for all the families, and it operates as a not-for-profit service. Due to an increase in operating costs for 2014, the BOOSH committee has arrived at the difficult decision to raise the fees for BOOSH sessions, commencing from Term 1, 2015. These increases will ensure the ongoing, financial security of the service.

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**REVISED BOOSH FEES**

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YEARS 5 & 6 COMMENTS FROM MYUNA BAY

Abby C: The best thing about camp was the giant swing. It was very high and very fast. I am usually afraid of heights, but not anymore.

Tayla: I think the best thing about camp was spending time with my friends.

Chloe: The best part of camp was going on the giant swing because it was exciting!

Wayde: The best thing about camp was climbing to the top of the rock climbing wall as I faced my fears and achieved my personal goal!

Eli: The best thing about camp was meeting other people and sailing.

Tom: The giant swing was fun to go on and I also enjoyed sailing.

Lachie: I loved sailing. It was great fun!

TERM 4 - 2014
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 10: Friday 12 December 9.30am-2.00pm Years 2-6 Swimming Carnival
Week 11: Tuesday 16 December 9.30am Have-a-go show – (Out-of-uniform day)
            Wednesday 17 December Final Day for Students

END OF TERM 4 – Wednesday 17 December, 2014

TERM 1, 2015 COMMENCES FOR
– Staff - Tuesday 27 January, 2015
  Years 1 to 6 - Wednesday 28 January, 2015
  Kindergarten - 2 February, 2015

YEAR 6 PRESENTATION AWARDS

Dux of the School: Holly Auld
Mathematics Award: Gilbert Aquel
English Award: Brooke Rowley
Sport Awards: Joey McGrath & Zarn Durdevic
Beechwood School Awards: Colin Johnston and Matthew Gibbs

Congratulations and Well Done!
Molly: Eva and I kept falling off our sailing boat and we couldn't get back up. That was really funny!

Ben: Abe and I kept falling out of our sail boat and most of the time I couldn't get back on!

Riley: My favourite thing was going Mini Netting and sailing. I was excited to find a possum and rescue the injured duck!

Kristena: My favourite thing was the giant swing. It was scary but fun!

Jasper: This was the BEST camp I have been on yet! We got to do so many fun things and relax at the beach. The best part was sailing and netting.

Abe: I liked the giant swing and beating Mrs Arentsen and Sam in Archery. They thought they would win but I scored 108pts, Sam got 92pts and Mrs Arentsen only got 72pts.

Eva: I enjoyed sailing and watching all the other boats capsize 😊

Jordan: I was the first one to get the Yellow Bullseye in Archery!

Mason: The best part of camp was sailing and the food!

Kim: I enjoyed sailing the best because Anna, Kristena and I kept capsizing the boat.

Anna: I enjoyed the rock climbing, going all the way to the top, with Mrs Arentsen guiding me all the way.

Mrs Arentsen: I had such an enjoyable week away.

A big thank you to the students for their wonderful behaviour and courage, Mr Cook and Mrs Bromfield for all their organising and an extra big thanks so Sam for helping our group all week. My favourite moment was watching Chloe scream as if she was flying, but she was still sitting in the air as she forgot to pull the release rope! Very funny!!

Bree: My favourite part was when Ruby and I tipped the sailing boat.

Tanaria: At Myuna Bay it was really fun but tiring. My favourite thing at camp was sailing my least favourite was bushwalking!

Caitlin: Camp was really fun but my favourite parts were when we went sailing and when we were having chicken snitzel for dinner.

Holly: My favourite thing about camp was the giant swing. The funniest thing was probably Sam doing push-ups with Tanaria on his back. Thank you to all the teachers that came and helped with organising camp. It was great!

Brock: The funniest thing that happened at camp was when we kept flipping the canoe.

Maddy: I had so much fun. My favourite activity was the high ropes. I had a couple of tears. Also, Kristena talking in her sleep.

Brooke: It was heaps of fun to run across the top of the kayaks when we rafted up.

Brad: My favourite activity was the giant swing because it looked terrifying but it was fun.

Zarn: It was great fun! New experiences every day. A very special thank you to Mr Cook, Mrs B, Mrs Arentsen and Sam Cass.

Nirikai: My favourite activity was the giant swing and the kayaking.
Leilani: I loved it, it was so much fun. I will never forget that giant swing or the desserts!

Rosie: This was by far the best camp that I've been on for school. The best part was the first day at the night show with a dance off and Bree won it and the giant swing was so fun as well as archery. I loved Myuna Bay!

Tarj: The best part was the giant swing because when you go to the top it gives you a shiver down your spine when you pull the rope.

Colin: Myuna Bay was fun and all the activities were great!

Matt: At Myuna the food was great! Sailing was the best because we capsized a lot.
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