PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Half Yearly Reporting
On Thursday 26 June, you will receive your child’s half yearly report. Students in Years K-6 will receive half yearly reports in the Departmental format.

Students will be given a grade for their achievement and for their effort in class because it is important to acknowledge the amount of work each child puts into his or her class activities.

Teachers examine a large range of material in order to assess each child. As set out by the Department of Education and Training, grades of outstanding, high, sound, basic and limited are given on each Key Learning Area to describe how each child is performing against the expected outcomes for midyear. The grade of ‘sound’ means that the student is on track in that particular KLA for this time of year. A grade of ‘basic’ means there is work to do to bring the student up to year expectations. That is another reason that it is important to know what level of effort is put into work. If a child is doing his or her very best it is important to acknowledge this and give positive feedback for this effort.

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Rugby League
On Tuesday 24 June, our Under 10’s and Open Rugby League teams will participate in the Port Macquarie All Schools Rugby League Carnival at Stuarts Park. Permission notes will be sent home next week and we are in need of transport assistance. Can you help? Good luck boys!

Next School Assembly
Hosted by Year K-1
Friday 20 June, 2014
at 10.00am
All parents welcome!

NC Cross Country Results
Congratulations to Chloe Cooper placed 11th, Zavier Ryan 14th, Caitlin Hawke 18th, Ian Matthews 19th. Well done!
**Dance Festival – Reminder!**

Our 4 Beechwood School dance groups will perform at Camden Haven High School in matinee and evening performances on **Wednesday 18 June 2014**.

Tickets to see the 7.00pm evening performance are now available at our school office. Tickets will cost **$7** each and due to the overwhelming response in the district, we have been restricted to selling **only 2 tickets per family**. At this stage there will be **NO TICKETS ON SALE AT THE DOOR**.

As a possible alternative, the Dance Festival committee have opened up the matinee performance for parents, grandparents and community members. Cost will be **$3** per seat payable at the door. This is a fully costumed and staged performance with full lighting and effects. The matinee will commence at 12 noon and be over by approximately 2.45pm. If a child is being taken home from the matinee performance we will need **written advice**.

A permission note was sent home this week for bus travel to and from Camden Haven High School. Please return with your **$5** by this Friday.

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**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards**

These awards are given to students who have demonstrated exemplary behaviour reflecting Beechwood Public School’s Code of Conduct. The following students received awards at the last assembly or at a morning assembly:


- **SILVER**: Dylan Taylor, Abby Ostler.

**Merit Awards**

The recipients of the “Merit” award at the last assembly were:

- **Year K-1**: Tess McGahey, Jaccinta Gibbs.
- **Year 1-2**: Mikayla Hall, Samuel Rus, Sophie Smith.
- **Year 2-3**: Abbey Slater, Taylor Pead, Ruby Smallie.
- **Year 3-4**: Alex Purdy, William Hamerlok, Ryan Taylor.
- **Year 5**: Zac Taylor, Kimberly White.
- **Year 6**: Rose Smallie, Leilani Purdy, Brock Costigan.

**Quality Work Awards**

The recipients of the “Quality Work” award at the last assembly were:

- **Year K-1**: Sienna Buchanan, Dylan Taylor, Denny Michael, Kayden Cook.
- **Year 1-2**: Lucy Collins, Jackson Cooper, Cooper Farrington.
- **Year 2-3**: Harry Dodd, Dominic Norris, Sophie Aplin, Bastian Turnewitsch, Maggie Newton.
- **Year 3-4**: Laicy Costigan, Charlotte Ostler.
- **Year 5**: Molly Smallie, Mason Carney.
- **Year 6**: Ruby McDonald, Lachlan Cooper, Madison O’Shea.

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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).

Could volunteers rostered on for Friday Fundraiser please check the Friday Fundraiser checklist before ending their shift. The mix is kept in the fridge and is ready to pour straight into the machine. There is a copy of the checklist near the sign on book in the canteen and if there are any questions you can contact either Alison Copelin or Ms Jungblut.

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MAURICE COOK
Principal
TERM 2, 2014 – FRIDAY FUNDRAISER ROSTER

| WEEK 7:  | Friday 13 June | 11.30 – 1.30pm | Scott BATTLE |
| WEEK 8:  | Friday 20 June | 11.30 – 1.30pm | Judith STYLES |
| WEEK 9:  | Friday 27 June | 11.30 – 1.30pm | Patricia CRAIG - (Change to Roster) |

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Due to personal reasons, I am handing over the role of Canteen Convenor to Lee-Anne Roberts. Lee-Anne has been a great help in the canteen and I know she will do a great job. Thank you to everyone on the roster for your time and valuable assistance during my time as Convenor.

Anyone wishing to be included on the Canteen Roster can give details to either Mrs Reid in the office or Lee-Anne Roberts. If you are unable to make your shift please try to arrange a swap with someone, so as your shift is covered for the day. Thanks.

Rebekah Buchanan

**Monday Canteen Helpers**

| WEEK 8:  | Monday | 16.06.14 | Steve DOBBYNS |
|         |        |          | Sonja ROCK |
|         |        |          | Supervisor | Kelly OSTLER |
|         |        |          | Shopping   | Libby HAMERLOCK |

| WEEK 9:  | Monday | 23.06.14 | Suzie COOPER |
|         |        |          | Libby HAMERLOCK |
|         |        |          | Supervisor | Rebekah BUCHANAN |

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**BOOSH NEWS**

**What’s coming up at BOOSH for the rest of the Term.**

**Sports Day with a Twist – Thursday the 19th of June 2014**

Do you like to take risks and are a little afraid of the unknown? This day is just for you. BOOSH children are working with the Educators to make this a fun afternoon. There will be lots of surprises however we all intend to have a lot of fun. Come and join your mates for this afternoon of fun packed activities.

**End of Term Disco – Friday the 27th of June 2014**

It's time to let our hair down and put on our dancing shoes! It's the end of the term and it's time to party! Let’s see how low you can go as we do the limbo, how still you can freeze when the music stops and what dance moves you have learnt when we have a dance off. What a fantastic way to say goodbye to friends!

**Expression of Interest for Music Day Next Term at BOOSH**

Starting on Fridays next term, BOOSH will be holding a music day for the children who attend the service. The children will be learning how to play the ukulele with the help of a former student, who also attended BOOSH, Jared Hollis. Jared is taking time out from his schedule each Friday afternoon to come in with his guitar and teach us a few basic keys/notes while we use the ukulele's the centre has purchased. This will open up a whole lot of doors for other music lovers of the service and school to come and share their knowledge and passion for music and the instruments they play.

Spots are filling fast so if you would like your child to try something different that might bring out their creative side make sure you pick up an enrolment form and hand it back to the school office or to the staff at BOOSH so they don't miss out. PARENTS: Can you play an instrument? Maybe you have some free time for a few hours one afternoon? Or do you have some old instruments just sitting at home you would like to donate? The children at BOOSH would greatly appreciate and benefit from the time and donations you give. Come and see the BOOSH staff today!

Jardine Paine – BOOSH Coordinator

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Last Thursday our students were exposed to some fantastic science lessons. This was made possible through the generous donation of time and expertise from Dr Angela Frost, Dr Ken Aplin, Kelly Bensen and Kelly Miller (Science teacher from Camden Haven High School). We sincerely thank these scientists for providing these wonderful opportunities for our students and we will certainly invite them back in the future.

Eva - Last Thursday, Years 4, 5 and 6 went to the library to learn some things about science. There were four different scientists that each taught us something different about science. My favourite part was when we got to look at the small plants and flowers under the microscope. It was amazing!

Jasper - My favourite thing was the bugs. I got to see a real shrimp. It was the best thing ever! Thank you.

Grace - I found it very interesting, especially the dissecting of the rat, although it was also very disgusting.

Saraya - There were 4 different tables filled with different things. I think that the plants were the best because all of the things we could see under the microscope. One of the things that we saw under was a leaf. It was AMAZING! Then there was a mushroom. When you touch it, it would puff some things out of it.

Zac - My favourite part was the fossils and preserved animals. I learnt a lot about the three types of bats that they had.

Ben - There were 4 scientists. Each scientist had a table. One had a microscope and we looked at plants. Another let us look at fossils and preserved animals under the microscope. One dissected a rat and the last one had insects and bugs to look at under the microscope.

Jordan - On Thursday 5th June, some scientists from Pappinbarra came to show us some amazing science. We got to look at some fossils, bugs, plants and preserved animals under the microscope. We also got to look at the interesting body parts of a rat throughout a dissection. I really enjoyed the time that we spent doing science, it was wonderful!

Kristena - Thursday I was inspired! I now know why the owl wing is so soft. It is soft so when it sees its prey, it won’t hear the owl.

Abby - Some things were gross but cool. My favourite thing was the plants. It was sooo cool and not gross!

Mason - On Thursday 5th June, we all got to watch the scientists do lots of amazing things. The dissection was very cool. We saw its heart, its lungs and its liver. Thank you scientists!

(More comments and photos next week)