BEECHWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL
Bulletin
4 February 2015

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT
Welcome to all our families and students for the 2015 school year. We hope this year is full of wonderful challenges for your child and a rewarding year educationally, socially and culturally.

Enrolment
Our enrolment stands at 120 students with the following school structure in place at this stage.
Year K - Mrs Leanne Clayworth
Year 1-2 - Mr Bill Newell
Year 2-3 - Ms Megan Jungblut
Year 4-5 - Mrs Lauren Arentsen
Year 5-6 - Mrs Tracey Bromfield – Assistant Principal

School Administrative Manager – Rose Reid
School Administrative Officers – Cheryl Carpenter, Verna Wallace (Volunteer), General Assistant – Daryl Cox,
Cleaner – Lil Underwood

The library and technology program will be undertaken by Mrs Bianco at this stage who is awaiting a staffing placement in the Port Macquarie district. The teacher release for all classes will be undertaken by Mrs Fiona McCormack. Mrs McCormack will provide Science programs for all classes.

Mr Cork will maintain our computer system on a casual basis.
Mr Robert Hirst will be our school Counsellor in 2015. Mr Hirst is in a relief capacity only.

New Enrolments
I would like to welcome our new Kindergarten students, other new enrolments and their parents into the Beechwood School community. I hope the children and parents enjoy their schooling and find it rewarding, stimulating and educationally sound.

Kinder Enrolments: (Pictured on right)
(Back Row): Beau Grigg, Nathan Wall, Nicholas Purdy, Jack Halliday, Tyler Kneebone, Chayse Madeley, Ronan Merrill
(Front Row): Amber Coombes, Benjamin Hall, Hamish Rus, Jace Davis, Avishai Thompson, Ebony Faint, Eliette Turnewitsch, Kasey Clebsch.

Other Enrolments: Samuel Milner (Yr 3), Maxwell Moores (Yr 6), Abby Moores (Yr 5).

P & C Family “Welcome” – Friday 13 February 2015
The P&C would like to extend an invitation to all families of Beechwood Public School to attend a barbeque to welcome families to the new 2015 school year on Friday 13 February from 6pm to 8.30pm. There will be a FREE sausage sizzle. Canteen items will be available for purchase including drinks and general canteen items.

We would like to ask for donations of cakes, slices etc. that can be sold for 50 cents and for volunteers to help in the canteen for 30 minute sessions. This is a family event. Children are NOT to be dropped off and left. It is for the whole family to attend together and is for all existing Beechwood families to welcome the new families and the start of the year.
Years 5 and 6 Girls
In the next week or so, girls from Years 5 and 6 will engage in a discussion with Mrs Bromfield regarding “girls” personal issues that may arise at school, now that they are maturing. Mrs Bromfield or Mrs Reid in the office are always available should your daughter need assistance at school.

Term 1 Swimming 2015
Commencing Week 4, Friday 20 February 2015, students in Years 3-6 only will be involved in weekly swimming for sport at the Wauchope pool. Students will leave school at 11.00am and arrive back at school at 1.00pm. A permission note will be sent home shortly. Please complete and return to your child’s class teacher. Payments to be made on a weekly basis.

- Cost – $5.00 ($2.00 bus + $3.00 pool entry).
- Volunteers – Required!
- Duration – 7 weeks weather permitting.
- Essential Items – sun screen, sun shirts (rashies) or t-shirt.

(NO: Children in Kinder to Year 2 will swim in Term 4 only).

School Attendance Information For Parents
Regular attendance at school allows children to progress both academically and socially. It is a pre-requisite for future success and ensures students the widest possible choice when deciding on future careers and lifestyles.

The Education Reform Act, 1990, states that caregivers are required by law to ensure that children in their care, aged 6 to 15 years, attend school regularly and that they provide the school with an explanation for the absence within 7 days.

Schools are for children. Regular attendance ensures that carers and students get the most out of school. By working together we will be able to make sure that school is a safe, happy and enjoyable place for all and that student’s future success is maximised.

(NO: 3 blank absence notes (yellow) are attached to the Bulletin for your convenience of use when necessary).

Sick Bay Monitor
For the information of new parents/carers to Beechwood Public School we have a close circuit camera installed in our sick bay room attached to a monitor in the office to enable observation of sick students. This will greatly assist in keeping our students safe and secure whilst they are unwell at school.

Changes to Normal Travel Routines
Much confusion, anxiety and concern can be placed on students and staff if changes to normal travel routines are not received in the written form.

If for some reason a child has to vary their normal travel mode, parents are requested to inform the school of these changes in writing.

Staff have been advised that all children are to travel via their normal methods UNLESS written notification from the parents is received.

All previous on-going changes of routine for 2014 have been discarded. If you wish your child to have a regular change of routine each week on a particular day or days, you will need to inform us again in writing. Also, if you wish to give permission for another person to pick your child/ren up from school at any time, please advise in writing.

(NO: 2 blue proforma Change of Routine notes are attached to the Bulletin for your convenience of use when necessary).

Maurice Cook
Principal

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).

Thank you to those parents in 2014 who helped out cooking sausages and serving yoghurt icecreams and drinks. We hope we can count on your support again and hopefully many new parents in 2015. Remember ALL profits from the Friday Fundraising Canteen go towards bus costs for every class for excursions. Over $3,000 was raised in 2014! A great effort!

If your rostered date is not suitable or if you no longer can do the Friday Fundraising Canteen, please indicate on the note below.
New parents or carers who are able to help out as a volunteer for just 2 hours on any Friday, could you please place the dates of any Friday/s you prefer and return to Mrs Reid or alternatively phone the office on 6585 6136.

If we get a few helpers it may mean only having to come in once a term. There is a detailed instruction sheet available outlining what to do so if you would like to have a copy before deciding, just ask at the office. Your help is very much needed and appreciated!

FRIDAY FUNDRAISING CANTEEN

Name: ______________________ Date/s of Friday/s Available: ______________________

Contact Phone Number: __________________________ __________________________

Sorry, I can no longer help on Friday Fundraising Canteen - Name: ______________________

TERM 1, 2015 – FRIDAY FUNDRAISER ROSTER

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If your rostered date is not suitable, please contact Mrs Reid in the office.

P&C NEWS

Welcome to 2015 BBQ – Friday 13 February – 6pm to 8.30pm

We are asking for donations of cakes and goodies that can be sold in the canteen for 50 cents. These can be dropped off to the canteen any time on the Friday. We will also need a few volunteers to man the canteen on Friday night - no experience necessary just drop into the canteen throughout the night and offer your help 😉. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase in the canteen throughout the night and a free sausage sizzle will be provided by the P&C. Thanks.

LEANNE ROBERTS
Canteen Supervisor

BOOSH NEWS

I would firstly like to introduce myself. My name is Sharon Palmer and I am very happy to take on the role of the BOOSH Coordinator. I have a Certificate III in Children’s Services and extensive experience with OOSH Care. Jesse and Jodie will still be here to help me settle in and show me the ropes. Secondly I would like to welcome all our families back for the 2015 school year.

BOOSH is an after school hours care and recreation facility where a rich environment for children to play, socialize with friends, have fun and relax, is available.

BOOSH aims to deliver a high quality and affordable after school service for all our families and it operates on a not-for-profit service. Due to an increase in operating costs, the BOOSH committee arrived at the difficult decision to raise the fees slightly for 2015. This increase will ensure the ongoing financial security of the service.

We have a number of vacancies, permanent or casual, available. Please feel free to come and see me in the BOOSH office or call me on 0400 915844.

Sharon Palmer – BOOSH Coordinator
The canteen operates every Monday with the generous help of volunteers from the school community, so once again we are asking for your help. Volunteers are generally rostered to work one or two days per term from approximately 9am to 1.30pm. We are also hoping to have a phone list of available volunteers to call if someone is unable to attend on a rostered day. If you are able to help out and volunteer for one Monday shift this term, please fill out the slip below and return it to Mrs Reid in the office, or drop it in to the canteen on Monday morning.

The canteen is run by the P&C through a canteen sub-committee. All funds raised go back into the P&C to be used for the benefit of the school community. If you would like to be a part of the canteen committee and have a say about how the canteen operates, please come along to the P&C AGM on Tuesday 17 February at 6pm in the school library or return the slip below.

A canteen roster and an updated summer menu will be distributed in the Bulletin as soon as possible.

TERM 1 - Monday Canteen Roster:

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If your rostered day is not suitable, please try to find a replacement or swap with someone else on the roster and let the canteen know otherwise, contact Mrs. Reid at the school on 6585 6136. Thank you for your support this year.

LEE-ANN ROBERTS – Canteen Supervisor

2015 CANTEEN ROSTER VOLUNTEER SLIP

YES, I am able to help in the canteen on:- Name: ___________________ Contact Number: ___________

Dates/s of Monday/s available: _____________________________________________

Specific Dates I am/am not available: _______________________________________

Please call me if a rostered volunteer is unable to attend YES / NO

I would like to be a member of the canteen subcommittee YES / NO

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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