Head Lice
It’s the time of the year when the community is reminded of one of the most unpleasant aspects of life: Head lice! Head lice are bloodsuckers and live exclusively on humans, it has nothing to do with personal hygiene or socio economics. In some schools, a certain percentage of the children can be affected at any given time.

There have been reported cases of head lice occurring across classes. To break the cycle of head lice it is important for parents to identify the outbreak by doing regular inspections, maintaining ongoing vigilance and treating with a recognised head lice treatment if necessary.

A critical step in stopping the cycle of head lice is to thoroughly remove all traces of eggs (nits). It takes patience and care to slide and remove them with your finger nails and it is important to use a fine tooth steel comb as well. (N.B. A battery operated Nab Comb is available on loan from the school office). If ALL nits are not removed and some eggs survive the treatment, the result will be reinfection.

Also, lice may be resistant to a particular medication so you may need to try different brands of head lice treatment. It is important to wash all bed linen and hats to prevent reinfection and treat the hair of all family members.

Academic Competitions
An order form is on Page 4 of this Bulletin, for students in Years 3 to 6 only, for entry into the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) that are held by the University of New South Wales and take place at Beechwood School each year. Please return your order and money to the office by Thursday 19 March.

Reminder – Wauchope High School’s Year 6 Twilight Tour
All parents and carers of Year 6 and the current Year 7 students are invited to Wauchope High School on Tuesday 17 March from 4pm to 6pm, to attend the combined Year 6 Twilight Tour and Meet the Parents night.

This night is an opportunity to tour the school’s facilities, view student work samples and meet the staff, including the newly appointed Year 7 Advisor for 2016. Afternoon tea will be provided in the library.

Expression of Interest
High School
For enrolment in Year 7, 2016
Year 6 Students are asked to return their forms by Friday 20 March 2015

Next School Parliament
Assembly
Friday 6 March, 2015
at 10.00am.
All welcome!

Schools Out Radio Program – Wednesday 11 March 2015
Year 6 will host the popular “Schools Out” Radio program on 2 Way FM 103.9 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. I’m sure our presenters will provide plenty of information and entertainment for all the listeners.

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).

TERM 1, 2015 – FRIDAY FUNDRAISER ROSTER

| WEEK 6: | Friday 6 March 11.30 – 1.30pm | Amanda ROBERTS |
| WEEK 7: | Friday 13 March 11.30 – 1.30pm | Scott BATTLE |
| WEEK 8: | Friday 20 March 11.30 – 1.30pm | Judith STYLES |
| WEEK 9: | Friday 27 March 11.30 – 1.30pm | Jodie HUTCHINSON |

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

WINTER UNIFORM ORDERS

The order has been placed with our suppliers now and I will inform you via the Bulletin when the uniforms have arrived for pickup at office or take home by your child. There will be no further supplies of winter uniforms this year.

Thank you.

ROSE REID
School Administrative Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

Please note that the Finger Ice blocks are no longer available in the canteen.

Lee-Ann Roberts – Canteen Supervisor

Monday Canteen Roster:

| WEEK 7: | Monday 09.03.15 | Bek BUCHANAN
| Supervisor: | | Rebecca WALL |
| | | Leanne FARRINGTON |
| WEEK 8: | Monday 16.03.15 | Darren ROWLEY
| Supervisor: | | Scott BATTLE |
| | | Lee-Ann ROBERTS |

P&C NEWS

Planning for the Beechwood P&C Easter Fete is well under way. Each class will be planning a stall for the fete and we are asking for donations of Easter Eggs for the raffle. Please drop these in to the office over the next week.

As part of the Easter Fete the Beechwood School Garden Club will be running a plant stall. We are asking for donations of plants, pots and garden equipment that you no longer need or would be willing to donate. We will take all flowering plants, fruit trees, vegetable plants and seedlings, bromeliads, old pot plants, bulbs, excess seeds, indoor plants, natives, stag horns or elk horns, ferns, cactus or any other plants you no longer want or need and we will find them a new home. You can drop them off any time at the school garden and we will care for them or you can drop them off the day before the fete.

Are you a baker? Or crafter? Or have a specific or interesting skill? Maybe you do face painting or wood turning, grow produce or have an interest that you think others might like to see? We’d love to see your hobby or interest the Easter Fete. Maybe you can run a stall to sell your wares or even set up a display or demonstration. Maybe you know someone that might be interested in doing this? Please contact us via email at beechwoodpandc@gmail.com. We welcome all ideas.

Did you, or anyone you know attend the Beechwood PS Spring Fair in 1997? We are looking for any items or photos from this event.

If anyone is looking for more information or would like to be part of the planning process there will be an informal meeting at the Beechwood General Store this Friday at 9am.

LEANNE FARRINGTON – P&C President
**BOOSH NEWS**

The past couple of weeks we have been running through our lockdown and evacuation drills so that our new children and staff know exactly what we need to do if put in these situations. All children have done exceptionally well each time. Well done guys.

There has been a big interest shown in scrapbooking and craft so we are going through quite a lot of supplies. At BOOSH we love to use recycled/pre-loved materials so if anyone has any coloured paper or scrapbooking/craft supplies that you no longer need at home please feel free to bring them into BOOSH and we will make very good use of them. Thank you in advance.

Sharon Palmer – BOOSH Coordinator

**BOOKCLUB 2015**

The first Bookclub order forms for the year (Issue 2/2015), were given out today. There are 3 methods of payment – **Credit Card** by phone to Scholastic, *(record the receipt number on the order voucher)*; by **cheque** *(made payable to Scholastic Australia Bookclub)* or by cash to the office. All orders must be received at the school office **by Friday 13 March 2015** in order to meet the company’s deadline.

CHERYL CARPENTER – School Administrative Officer

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**LOST**: One right-hand, leather/material, small child’s gardening glove at last Friday’s Clean-up Australia Day. Glove was loaned to another child but not returned. Owner would please like to have back. If you have it or know of its whereabouts, please see Mrs Reid in the office.

**Talent Quest**
The Hastings Country Music Association invites all interested under 18 year olds to perform in their Rising Young Stars Open Concert to be held in Bransdon Street, Wauchope, in the open area behind the Star Hotel. The concert will take place on 14 March 2015 from 9.45am. For more information please phone Cheryl Hall on 6587 5222 or Julia Slater on 6585 1783.

**TERM 1 - 2015**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**END OF TERM 1 – Thursday 2 April 2015**

**TERM 2 – STUDENTS RETURN – Tuesday 21 April 2015**
Dear Parents,

Years 3 to 6 students from Beechwood Public School are invited to take part in the various competitions held by the University of New South Wales.

The competitions are designed to be accessible to all students while also providing a challenge for the most able. The emphasis is on testing the knowledge, skills and cognitive processes associated with each subject within and beyond the curriculum. Questions are novel, interesting and challenging at all levels, however they are not aligned to the NSW Primary School Curriculum.

Parents, students and teachers receive comprehensive feedback on the student’s achievements. This information is presented to schools and participating students in ways to assist parents and teachers in identifying the potential strengths and weaknesses of students. In this way the competition benefits all students, not just the very best.

The certificates are awarded for each school Year as follows:
High Distinction - top 1% in the state
Distinction - next 10% in the state
Credit - next 20% in the state
Achievement - to students who are placed in the top 20% of their school but who have not qualified for a state award
Participation - to all Primary Schools students who do not qualify for one of the certificates above.

The best student in each Year in each state will receive a prize. The school receives valuable data comparing students as a group to others across the state. The question booklets are retained after the Competition and serve as a valuable resource for students and teachers.

Special care is taken to make the Competition questions equally fair for boys and girls and for students from all backgrounds. Competition results are released to the schools, who can be contacted for further information.

The test dates for 2015 are:
1. Digital Technologies - Wednesday 22 April
2. Science - Wednesday 6 May
3. Writing - Monday 18 May
4. English - Tuesday 30 June
5. Mathematics - Tuesday 14 July

This year again, the UNSW has requested a minimum of 3 entries per subject or costs will triple so if we do not get at least 3 students enter in each subject category then it will not be viable to participate in that particular subject competition.

If you wish your child to participate, please complete and forward the blue order form and enclose $8 per Computer, Science, English & Math’s tests and $17 per Writing test, to the school by Thursday 19 March, 2015. If a subject does not go ahead, the school will refund the amount you have paid.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITIONS

My child/ren ______________________, in class/es __________________, wishes to participate in the following NSW University Competition /s:-

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Signature of Parent/Carer: __________________________ Date: __________________________