PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

School Attendance Policy
I would like to inform parents and carers that there has been a change to the Department of Education and Communities School Attendance Policy.

As part of the implementation of the National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.

Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, parents will need to complete an Application for Extended Leave – Travel, at the school office for the approval of the Principal.

If the application is approved, your child’s absence will be marked as Leave. If you have any questions regarding the new DEC procedures, please contact our school office. (See attached Compulsory School Attendance flyer).

Peddler’s Box Stalls
The P&C will be holding a Peddler’s Box fundraiser on the Easter Fete day Saturday 28 March at 10.00am.

What to do:
1. Decorate a small box (eg. shoe box) to use as your Peddler’s Box.
2. Gather or make some items for sale - about 6 items per child is plenty.
3. Decide a price for your items between 50 cents - $2 each.
4. Bring your Peddler’s Box to school on Saturday 28 March and sell your wares - remember to bring some money so you can purchase items too!!

What items can I sell?
The idea is that the children will get involved with making or finding items to sell. Ideas include:
- Craft items eg. pet rocks
- Baked goods eg. cupcakes (a list of ingredients must be supplied to cater for allergies etc)
- Toys that are no longer used eg. matchbox cars
- Bric-a-brac eg. hair clips, pencils, stickers

The possibilities are endless! Please note that 5 or 6 items per child is plenty and the box should be inexpensive for you to put together. Items will be sold for between 50c and $2 each and all proceeds will go to the P&C to help purchase additional resources for our school.


**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:

**BRONZE:** Avishai Thompson, Hamish Rus, Tarsha Matthews, Zavier Ryan, Nathaniel Lugg, Madalyn Scott, Emily Palmer-Battle, Molly Smallie, Wayde Coombes, Max Dobbyns.

**SILVER:** Dominic Norris, Ruby Smallie, Lucy Collins, Liliana Merrill, Jordan Relf, Molly Smallie, Max Dobbyns.

**GOLD:** Max Dobbyns.

**Quality Work Awards**
The recipients of the “Quality Work” award at last week’s assembly were:

- **Year K** - Beau Grigg, Ben Hall.
- **Year 1-2** - Charlie Hamerlok, Sophie Cooper, Regan Coombes, Dylan Taylor.
- **Year 2-3** - Ashley Wrightson, Noah Barter, Emily Palmer-Battle.
- **Year 4-5** - Jayde Attkins, Maddie Collins, William Hamerlok.
- **Year 5-6** - Jordan Relf, Eva Lawrie.

**BPS Awards**
Our BPS Awards celebrate and reward students from Kindergarten to Year 6 who consistently demonstrate the three main expectations that the students, staff and Beechwood School community believe to be important skills such as **Best Effort**, **Positive care and respect** and **Safety**.

The following students were recipients of the BPS Awards at last week’s assembly:

- **Year K** - Chayse Madeley.
- **Year 1-2** - Kiah Palmer-Johnson.
- **Year 2-3** - Sophie Aplin.
- **Year 4-5** - Abdy Moores.
- **Year 5-6** - Abby Costigan.

**Ministers Awards**
These awards are only handed out at Parliament Assemblies. Each Minister selects a student who displays qualities that enhance their particular portfolios.

The following students received Ministers Awards at the last Parliament assembly:

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**Congratulations and well done!**

**Hastings Camden Haven Sports Trials**
Expressions of interest have been forwarded to soccer and rugby league players who demonstrate exceptional abilities in these sports. These trials will occur at Port Macquarie and Lake Cathie respectively. Good luck to the students who attend.
PSSA Cricket Match
The match against Hastings Public School at Beechwood Oval in the second round of the Brian Taber State wide Knockout Competition, takes place today, Wednesday 11 March 2015. The following team represents Beechwood.
Ian Matthews, Zavier Ryan, Eli Ryan, Max Dobbyns, Wayde Coombes, Molly Smallie, Tom Purdy, Harry Dodd, Mason Carney, Josef Dowton, Tayla Attkins, Chloe Cooper. Good luck boys and girls!

Reminder – 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.

After School Pickup
Parents need to be aware that school supervision hours are from 8.30am until 3.00pm. Wherever possible, arrangements should be made with the Principal for earlier start or finish times. Teachers may have meetings or prior arrangements after school so there is no guarantee that a teacher will be available to supervise your child once school has finished for the day (Admin and Learning Support staff are not permitted to supervise students).

Our BOOSH (Beechwood Out-of-School-Hours) care service operates every school day and parents that are unable to pick up their child by 3.00pm should contact the service for their child to attend. Enrolment forms for BOOSH are available at the school office. For more information phone BOOSH on 0400 915 844.

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 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.

CAKES
Easter Meal Deal Fundraiser
Please see attached Easter Meal Deal note and order form.

Grandparents/Senior Citizens Day
This year, we are again asking for donations of baked goods (cakes, slices, finger food items etc) for our special grandparents and senior citizen’s guests who will attend a concert on Thursday 26 March 2015 at 10.00am where each class will perform an item, followed by morning tea. Please bring your donations to the canteen on the morning. You might also like help out with preparing the morning tea and/or cleaning up afterwards. Your help is very much needed and appreciated. Also, helpers are required to make up the many posies of flowers to give to our special visitors. So please feel free to come along to the staff room after you drop off your child.

Monday Canteen Roster:
WEEK 8: Monday 16.03.15 Darren ROWLEY
            Scott BATTLE
            Supervisor: Lee-Ann ROBERTS

            Irene DOWTON
            Rose TURNNEWITSCH
            Supervisor: Kelly RIDDLE
BOOKCLUB 2015
All orders for Issue 2/2015 will need to be received at the school office by Friday 13 March 2015. Thank you.

CHERYL CARPENTER – School Administrative Officer

COMMUNITY NEWS
Celebrate Jesus Community Fun Day
Bain Park in Wauchope will again be the venue on Saturday the 21st of March for the annual day of fun. The Celebrate Jesus Community Fun Day is a great family day out. There are events and activities for everyone and it will also be helping us to think about the Lord Jesus as we approach Easter.

Starting at 9am and concluding at 2pm, the program includes live music, a jumping castle, face painting, clowns, drama, puppets, school group presentations, balloon animals, games, stilt, children’s crafts and thought provokers etc. Many of the entertainers are local people, but the main acts are professional entertainers One Accord and Quiz Worx, travelling from Newcastle and Sydney respectively. The winners of the colouring competition will be announced at about 11 am. and receive their prizes.

The day is brought to you by the combined Churches of Wauchope and endorsed by the Ministers Association. Come and join in because everyone is welcome. For more information call Peter on 0427 813 496 or Will on 0412 847 026.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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LEANNE FARRINGTON – P&C President