PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Half Yearly Reporting

On Thursday 25 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. I can tell you that the majority of students in the State will receive a sound.

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<td>Outstanding</td>
<td>The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.</td>
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<td>High</td>
<td>The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.</td>
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<td>Sound</td>
<td>The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.</td>
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<td>The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a basic level of competence in the processes and skills.</td>
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<td>Limited</td>
<td>The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.</td>
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Finally, I would like to thank the entire teaching staff for working extremely hard to prepare and complete the reports. Reports are a very time consuming task and are for the most part, completed of an evening or on weekends.

2Way FM ‘School’s Out’
Radio Program (103.9)
Hosted by Year 4-5
6.00 to 8.00pm
Tuesday 23 June 2015

YRS 5&6 CANBERRA
Deposit of $75 and permission note for Canberra Excursion is Due by Friday 26 June, 2015
Southern Network Dance Festival
Our three groups will perform at Melville High School on **Thursday 18 June 2015** in matinee and evening performances. Tickets to see the **7.00pm** evening performance are now available at our school office at a cost of **$7** each or **$25** for a family (i.e. parents and siblings only—not extended family).

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**.

Good luck to our 3 wonderful dance groups. I know our talented teachers: Mrs Arentsen, Mrs Clayworth and Mrs McCormack have given up countless hours to choreograph, rehearse, make and arrange costumes for this performance. A huge thankyou from me and I’m sure all the parents and students.

I would like to point out that our school only uses classroom teachers and high school students to create these fantastic dances. Some schools have professional dance teachers who charge parents for every lesson.

*Well done boys and girls – I’m sure your performances will be fantastic!*

Athletics Carnival Term 3 – Thursday 16 July
Our local Beechwood School Athletics Carnival for 2015 will be held in the school grounds on **Thursday 16 July 2015**. We plan to stage the carnival in tabloid style, so that the children are kept active throughout the day. The school canteen will operate on the day as planned. (*A menu is attached*).

Listed below are the house names (i.e. Aboriginal tree names we have chosen), type of tree, house colours and the staff designated to each house group.

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<th>Aboriginal Meaning</th>
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<td>Group 1</td>
<td>Wooli</td>
<td>Red Cedar</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Mrs Bromfield / Sam Cass</td>
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<td>Group 2</td>
<td>Pitonga</td>
<td>Mangrove</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Mrs Arentsen / Mr Newell</td>
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<td>Group 3</td>
<td>Groombunda</td>
<td>Bloodwood</td>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>Ms Jungblut / Mrs Clayworth</td>
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<td>Group 4</td>
<td>Wongahgah</td>
<td>Tallowwood</td>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Mr Cook / Mrs McCormack</td>
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Smartphone School to Parent Communication
The Skoolbag App is available **NOW** on iPhone and Android Smartphones. An instruction sheet on how to install Skoolbag on your Smartphone was sent home in week 6 along with a return slip to select your preferred option for communications. Please complete and return to the school office as soon as possible.

*Please be advised that from the beginning of Term 3 if you haven’t returned your communication preference, we will presume you are using the Skoolbag App or the School Website.*

P&C Spell-A-Thon
Please return your sponsorship cards & money ASAP. Remember **for every $10 of Sponsorship you collect you will receive 1 FREE ticket in the draw to win a $130 voucher from Innervision, a $70 Hogs Breath Package or a book pack.**

Next School Assembly
**Hosted by Kindergarten**
Friday 26 June, 2015
at 10.00am
All parents welcome!
**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**: Chloe Smallie, William Mullard, Denny Michael, Sienna Buchanan

**Gold**:

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**Multicultural Day Program**

**Monday 22 June, 2015 at 10.00am - All Welcome!**

- **10.00am** K-6 Assembly - Each Class will present an item.
- **11.30am** Guest Multicultural Speakers
- **“Around Asia in 60 Minutes.” Students complete passport of facts from each room and view displays**
- **1.00pm** Multicultural “Meal Deal” Lunch
- **2.00 pm** All Classes Visit other rooms, to peer teach something they have learnt or enjoyed.

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**Congratulations and well done!**
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 ($2.00 each).

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

TERM 2, 2015 – FRIDAY FUNDRAISER ROSTER

| WEEK 9: | Friday 19 June | 11.30 – 1.30pm | Steve DOBBYNS (Change on Roster) |
| WEEK 10: | Friday 26 June | 11.30 – 1.30pm | Amanda ROBERTS (Change on Roster) |

TERM 2 - 2015
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 9:
- Thursday 18 June 7.00pm: Living Safely With Dogs Presentation K-2
- Southern Network Dance Festival – BPS performance – Melville High School

Week 10:
- Monday 22 June: Multicultural Celebration Day
- Tuesday 23 June 6.00-8.00pm: Schools Out Radio Show Hosted by Yr 4-5
- Wednesday 24 June: Primary Play Day – Year 5-6
- Friday 26 June 10.00am: Kindergarten Assembly

Years 5&6 Canberra Deposit due ($75)

END OF TERM 2 – Friday 26 June 2015
TERM 3 – STUDENTS RETURN – Tuesday 14 July 2015

CANTEEN NEWS

WEEK 10: Monday 22.06.15
Bek BUCHANAN
Cathy HALLS
Supervisor: Lee-Ann ROBERTS

P&C NEWS

Spellathon
The P&C Spellathon took place last Monday, June 15. The students worked hard learning their lists of words. Every $10 raised gives you one chance to win one of three amazing prizes: A $130 voucher from Innervision Surf and Skate, a $70 gift pack from Hogs Breath Café or a selection of books from Bookface. Please return your sponsorship forms by end of term.

LEANNE FARRINGTON – P&C President
ATHLETICS DAY IN THE CANTEEN - Term 3 Thurs 16th July

The canteen will be operating for the Athletics Carnival, Thursday 16 July. Students, parents and siblings are all welcome to place an order for lunch time. Please order from the menu below and place in a paper bag with the correct money and drop into the canteen before the carnival.

As usual we are asking for donations of fruit and baking to be sold at the canteen for recess. Please drop off donations to the canteen on Thursday morning.

We would also love help in the canteen on the day. Any parents or family members that would like to help out, please leave your name at the office to add your name to the roster. Alternatively leave a message on the P & C Facebook or via email - beechwoodpandc@gmail.com

The canteen will have a number of hot items available for recess including pies, sausage rolls, chicken tender wraps, sandwiches, hash browns, party pies, mini spring rolls and yummy drummies. We will also have the donated baking and other treats available.

Tea and coffee will be available for parents and family members, as well as a selection of baking.

There will be a limited selection of hot food available for spectators at both lunch and recess.

**LUNCH MENU AVAILABLE TO ORDER:**

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<td>Chicken Tender Wrap</td>
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<td>Sandwiches</td>
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<td>Roadie Meat Pie</td>
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<td>Sausage Roll</td>
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<td>Hash Brown - (whole)</td>
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<td>Party Pie</td>
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<td>Yummy Drummie</td>
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Other regular items **WILL NOT** be available on this day.
Slush puppies and ice blocks will be available for purchase at LUNCH ONLY, not during recess.

CANTEEN Committee
Providing care for school aged children from Beechwood and surrounding schools.

FEES

BOOSH policy is that fees are settled by the end of each school term. If you are experiencing difficulties please speak to the staff to make alternate arrangements.

The children had a lot of fun creating some special things for Mother’s Day. We made bookmarks, cards, flowers and even a calendar.

Hours:
Monday-Friday
3pm – 6pm
(During School Terms)
Phone: 0400 915 844

The children have been keeping a watchful eye on the progress of the work going on around the school. The Kindy boys have especially enjoyed watching the men at work.

All the children and staff participated in Emergency Evacuation/ Lockdown drills again this term. It was great to see that all of the children had remembered our procedures from last term, this made it run very smoothly.

Our role at BOOSH is not only ensuring the children are in a safe environment at after school care, but also to help them develop into kind, caring and respectful children.

We role model behavior that will impact on their development and support parents to ensure their children’s time at BOOSH is happy and memorable.

THEME DAYS AT BOOSH

During Term 3 we will be having some theme days. Don’t miss out!!!