**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT**

Welcome to all our families and students for the 2016 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 123 students with the following school structure in place at this stage.

- Year K: Mrs Leanne Clayworth
- Year 1: Mr Bill Newell
- Year 2-3: Mrs Lauren Arentsen
- Year 4-5: Miss Tahlee Thomas
- Year 5-6: Mrs Tracey Bromfield – Assistant Principal

School Administrative Manager – Rose Reid (Term 1-Mon, Wed, Fri); Mrs Rachel Caller (Term 1-Tues, Wed, Thurs)


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.

Ms Kasia Hahn will be our school Counsellor in 2016.

**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.

**Back Row:** Courtney Ward, Lochlann Clement, Levi Bird, Cooper Parkes, Cooper Williams, Nick Milner.

**Middle Row:** Miller Farrington, Zara Smith, Melia Michael, Riley Smith, Jetson Moreta, Anushka Turnewitsch, Isabella Tape.

**Front Row:** Harrison Collins, Jeddah Bean, Addison Leyds, Miley Mudford, Dan Rowley, Jayden Bailey.

**Other Enrolments:**

Meika Cotter (Yr 1), Ned Cooper & Christall Lord (Yr 2-3), Dakota Cooper & Mackenzie Moreta (Yr 4-5).

**P & C Family “Welcome” – Friday 12 February 2016**

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 2016 school year on Friday 12 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 the office staff are always available should your daughter need assistance at school.

Term 1 Swimming 2016
Commencing Week 4, Friday 19 February 2016, 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.

(NOTE: 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.

(NOTE: eFORM absentee notes can be found on the SkoolBag app or via the SkoolBag App Tab on the school website. Alternatively you can send a note in with your child. Yellow absentee notes can be found in the office or with the class teacher.)

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 2015 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.

(NOTE: Blue Change of Routine proforma notes are available at the school office. You can also complete the eFORM that can be found on the SkoolBag App or under the SkoolBag App Tab on the school website.

SkoolBag App
The Beechwood Public School SkoolBag App was introduced last year allowing parents to access Bulletins, alerts and eForms on their Android or iPhones. The SkoolBag App can be found in PlayStore on Android phones or via iTunes on iPhones. Please see the office if you require assistance.

MAURICE COOK
Principal

FRIDAY FUNDRAISING
Chicken Sausages on bread may be purchased at $2.00 each and Bulla Splits $2.00 each. Half a sausage in slice of bread available for $1.00. Slushies are available ($2.00 each) and poppers/flavoured milk ($2.00 each).
Thank you to Leanne Merrill who has kindly offered to oversee the purchasing of supplies for the Friday Fundraising Canteen in 2016.

Thank you also to those parents in 2015 who helped out cooking sausages and serving yoghurt ice-creams and drinks. We hope we can count on your support again and hopefully many new parents in 2016. Remember **ALL** profits from the Friday Fundraising Canteen go towards bus costs for *every class* for excursions. Over $3,500 was raised in 2015! *A great effort!*

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!

If your rostered date is not suitable or if you no longer can do the Friday Fundraising Canteen, please indicate on the note below.

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**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, 2016 – FRIDAY FUNDRAISER ROSTER**

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**P&C NEWS**

*Welcome back for 2016*

The P&C will have some exciting things happening in Term 1.

We are thrilled to announce that Suzie Collins will be taking over the role of canteen supervisor in 2016. The canteen will operate **EVERY TUESDAY** beginning in week 2. Look out for the new canteen menu coming home this week.

The P&C will hold its **Annual Welcome BBQ on Friday February 12 from 6pm to 8.30pm**. We'd love to see all new and returning families come along to celebrate the beginning of the school year. If you have ideas for updating the welcome BBQ and making it even better for our families, we'd love to hear from you. Please PM us via facebook or email us at beechwoodpandc@gmail.com with ideas or suggestions.

The P&C AGM will be held on **Tuesday Feb 16 at 6pm** in the school library. Everyone is welcome, come along and have a say in how your school is run.

LEANNE FARRINGTON  
P&C President

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

*After School Tennis at Wauchope Tennis Club*

Come and try! The first lesson is FREE. Contact Greg Alchin on **0417 466 760** or email **pmtc@bestit.net.au**
Port City Hockey Club
Junior U/7s to U/16s women’s and men’s 2016 Registration Day will be on Saturday 6 February from 3-5pm at the Hockey field on Ocean Drive. Fees can be paid on the day via Credit or Visa Card (no cash). All abilities welcome. A BBQ and light refreshments will be provided just bring your stick! U7, 9 & 11 players will receive a voucher at Sportspower to purchase a starter pack. Next registration days will be held at the Hockey field on Saturday 13 February from 9am to 12noon or Tuesday 16 & 23 February from 5pm to 7pm. See www.portcityhockey.com

Canteen News
Welcome back for 2016
The canteen operates every Tuesday 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 Tuesday 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 Tuesday 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 16 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.

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.

Suzie Collins
Canteen Supervisor

2016 Canteen Roster Volunteer Slip
YES, I am able to help in the canteen on:— Name: ___________________ Contact Number: ______________
Dates/s of Tuesday/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

Term 1 - 2016
Important Dates to Remember

Week 2: Wednesday 3 February 9.00am to 3.00pm Kindergarten students commence
Week 3: Tuesday 9 February 12 Noon Library van Visit – Years K to 3
              Wednesday 10 February Scripture commences
              Friday 12 February 6.00pm to 8.30pm P&C Welcome BBQ
Week 4: Tuesday 16 February 6.00pm P&C – AGM
              Wednesday 17 February 8.30am – 3.00pm HCH Zone Swim Carnival – Wauchope
              Friday 19 Feb 11.00am – 1.00pm Primary Years 3-6 Weekly Swimming

End of Term 1 – Friday 8 April 2016

Term 2 – Students Return – Wednesday 27 April 2016