PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Parent/Teacher Interviews
A note was given out this week regarding our 2016 parent/teacher interviews which will be conducted during Week 7 this term, (Monday 7 March for Years K, 1, 2-3 and Tuesday 8 March for Years 4-5 and 5-6).

This year we have decided to stage the interviews much earlier so that communication between teachers and parents can be strengthened. This will allow parents to have input into the new academic year, as well as providing educational goals for students who require the development of a Personal Learning Plan (PLP).

Also, this year phone interviews will be available on the day if more convenient for some parents.

Please nominate a time frame that best suits you; teachers will send home a slip with your specific time so please enquire if your child has not brought the time slip home. Interviews are usually of 10-15 minutes duration. Feel free to indicate any areas you wish to discuss on the note.

Afternoon Bus 53
The following information has been provided by Busways in relation to afternoon Bus 53.

“Commencing Monday 22nd February 2016 there will be a change to the service of the afternoon School Bus 53 to Crosslands then continuing onto Wauchope and Mortons Creek. Bus 53 will no longer operate via Riverbreeze Drive and Yippenvale Circuit (Crosslands) due to nil patronage. There are no other changes to the service of School Bus 53.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887. Alternatively, visit our website at www.busways.com.au”

Easter Raffle
This year the P&C are again running an Easter Raffle and would like to ask for donations of Easter Eggs or Easter themed items. These can be left at the school office. Raffle tickets will be sent out shortly for families to sell for $1 each. The Easter egg raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade/Peddler’s Day on Thursday 24 March.

District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations and well done to all our swimming competitors at last week’s District Swimming Carnival!
Little Athletics Regional Championships Success for Beechwood PS Students

Last weekend, 2 Beechwood students competed at the Little Athletics Regional Championships at the Hunter Sports Stadium in Newcastle. Both students achieved outstanding results and have qualified to compete at the State Athletics Championships to be held at Sydney Olympic Park in Homebush next month.

Ruby McAndrew is now the holder of the regional record in the under 12 girls 100m after running a time of 13.79 seconds. She also won gold medals in the 200m and 60m hurdles and achieved a 4th place in the discus.

Cooper Farrington competed in the 800m and 400m events and achieved a gold medal in the boys under 10 1100m racewalk securing his spot at the State champs.

Congratulations Ruby & Cooper - Beechwood PS is very proud of you both!

“Tell Them From Me “ – Student Survey for Years 4, 5 and 6

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students in Years 4, 5 and 6 this week. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the non-consent form to school by Monday 7 March 2016. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Winter Uniforms

At recent P&C meetings, discussions around the winter uniform have resulted in a modernised sports jacket and pants being sought for our school winter uniform. The introduction of this new style will eventually replace our present trackpants, sloppy joe and jacket.

The P&C are currently negotiating with suppliers and once style and cost is finalised, an order form will be sent out for parents to complete. A sample will then be put on display in the office. In the meantime, the current sloppy joes, trackpants and jackets will remain as school uniform until eventually replaced. We have a small number in stock of varying sizes which we are selling at a discounted price so first in, first served. Sloppy joes $20; trackpants $15 and Jackets $15.
Road Safety
The safety of our students in and around our school is paramount. The car park is an area of major concern. It has been brought to my attention that numerous near misses involving students and cars have occurred. Children are often not paying attention around the traffic and greater awareness is needed by all parties.

Part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Plan involves the explicit teaching of safety in and around the school. Students who are left unattended, particularly in that after school session, are at risk of serious injury. Please ensure that your children are in your direct supervision at all times. The safety of students is of utmost importance.

I ask all drivers who use the car park and road area in front of the school to demonstrate extreme caution.

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 ($2.00 each).

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

TERM 1, 2016 – FRIDAY FUNDRAISER ROSTER

| WEEK 5: Friday 26 February | 11.30 – 1.30pm | Kelsie RAMSAY |
| WEEK 6: Friday 4 March | 11.30 – 1.30pm | Alison COPELIN |
| WEEK 7: Friday 11 March | 11.30 – 1.30pm | Leanne FARRINGTON |
| WEEK 8: Friday 18 March | 11.30 – 1.30pm | Judith STYLES |
| WEEK 9: Friday 25 March | 11.30 – 1.30pm | GOOD FRIDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| WEEK 10: Friday 1 April | 11.30 – 1.30pm | Patricia CRAIG |
| WEEK 11: Friday 8 April | 11.30 – 1.30pm | Amanda ROBERTS |

TERM 1 - 2016
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 5: Thursday 25 February
Friday 26 February 10.00am LNC PSSA Cricket – BPS vs Westport PS
Year 5-6 Assembly – Induction of School Parliament 2016 members.

Week 6: Tuesday 1 March
Friday 4 March Library Van
Clean Up Australia Day

Week 7: Monday 7 March
Tuesday 8 March Parent/Teacher Interviews – Years K, 1, 2-3
Parent/Teacher Interviews – Years 4-5 and 5-6
Friday 11 March 10.00am School Parliament Assembly

Week 8: Tuesday 15 March 6.00pm P&C Meeting – School Library
Wednesday 16 March 6.00-8.00pm Rugby League 7’s – Port Macquarie
2 Way FM Radio Show

Week 9: Monday 21 March
Tuesday 22 March LNC Rugby League
Library Van
PSSA Soccer Trials

Wednesday 23 March Netball Gala Day
Thursday 24 March Hat Parade/Peddlers Box
Friday 25 to Monday 28 March EASTER PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Week 10: Wednesday 30 March
Friday 1 April 10.00am Girls Cricket 8-a-side- Wayne Richards Park
Year 4-5 Assembly

Week 11: Thursday 7 April 10.00am Grandparents/Senior Citizens Assembly
Friday 8 April 10.00am ANZAC Service

END OF TERM 1 – Friday 8 April 2016
TERM 2 – STUDENTS RETURN – Wednesday 27 April 2016
This Thursday 25th February, we are having another Theme Day. “Sunnies for Sight Day” is a fun campaign which aims to increase public awareness around the global impact of vision impairment and avoidable blindness.

It is a well-known fact that healthy eyes and vision are a critical part of children’s development. Children are asked to bring along some sunnies and we will discuss the importance of their vision and eye care and we will be doing some fun activities relating to this topic.

If your children would like to attend this day you can contact me. I am in the BOOSH office from 2pm daily or you can call me on 0400 915 844.

Sharon Palmer
BOOSH Coordinator.
Canteen Roster Term 1- 2016

Week 6: Tuesday 1 March
Cathy Hall
Amanda Roberts
Supervisor: Suzie Collins

Week 7: Tuesday 8 March
Susie Cooper
Helper Needed!
Supervisor: Suzie Collins

Week 8: Tuesday 15 March
Rebecca Wall
Helper Needed!
Supervisor: Suzie Collins

Week 9: Tuesday 22 March
Bec Buchanan
Helper Needed!
Supervisor: Suzie Collins

Week 10: 29 March
Kelsie Ramsay
Helper Needed!
Supervisor: Suzie Collins

Week 11: 5 April
Kylie Moores
Helper Needed!
Supervisor: Suzie Collins

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 me on 0427 283 199.

Thank you for your support this year.

Suzie Collins
Canteen Supervisor
Beechwood Public School invites you to their Senior Citizens and Grandparents Day on Thursday, 7 April, 2016.

Assembly 10 am
The children & staff look forward to seeing you!

Morning Tea 11 am