This week the assembly will be hosted by Yr 1/2K - Mrs Cook
Everyone is invited to attend - Friday 10am.
From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Families,

It is certainly gearing up to be a busy term. This week we have started some new social skills groups aimed at developing great friendship skills in our K-2 age group. We have had trials for the school netball and soccer teams and Mr Trotter has started a year 6 girls ukulele group. The dance group and girls softball team are continuing to practice during lunch times. The debating teams are also practicing weekly.

Last week representatives from Santos came to our school to start a project where the students from 5/6M and 5/6 T are able to loan money to people in over 70 countries so they can start businesses, go to school and change their lives. The money is made available to our school through the generosity of Santos employees who donate a percentage of their weekly wage towards this project. The project is a great example of an authentic task which develops 21st Century learning skills and has really engaged the students. I am sure you will be hearing more about it from our students.

Our year 6 group have also participated in a program run by Interrelate aimed at developing respectful relationships. The younger students have had visits from the local fire truck and are seeing a Bravehearts performance next week.

The Brunswick Heads Public School Cross Country Team successfully competed at the district carnival last week and all the students performed well. Congratulations to Michael Mc who came first and received an age champion trophy, Tiani who came 5th, Paton who came sixth and to Miyu who came 12th. Mick, Tiani and Payten will now go on to compete at the Zone Championships. Thank you to all the parents who provided transport.

Next Friday is Walk to School Day. There is more information in the body of the newsletter. I would encourage all families to join in not only on this day but generally walking or riding to school if it is geographically possible. It is an easy way to stay active and helps the environment if we are using less transport.

I hope everybody has a great time at the disco tonight!

Enjoy your week

Mel

PB4L FOCUS THIS WEEK IS

Wearing School Uniform

THIS WEEK’S WRAP UP

After the Brunswick Valley Cross Country we have 4 students who are eligible to compete at the next level of the Cross Country. Well done to all of our students who had a go last Friday. The FNC Cross Country is on next Friday 23rd. Congratulations to Mick M, Miyu I and Payten & Tiani H. Good luck!

Thanks to lots of help from all of you who sent in items, priced and manned the stall the Special Persons Day Stall was a big success.

Students get so much enjoyment from selecting a present for their special person. This fundraiser helps to fund our garden - purchasing plants and garden needs. The garden should be back in action after next week, when the dead tree will be removed.

WHAT’S COMING UP?

Next Thursday 22nd May

Our Kindergarten to Year 2 students will be attending a Bravehearts show in the hall at 9.30am. There is no cost as Byron Rotary is sponsoring schools in the area to participate in this program at $4.00 per student. Parents are welcome to come along.

Bravehearts provides children with the basic principles of personal safety and with the tools to stay safe. The show aims to help children recognise when they feel unsafe or unsure, recognise and identify what is private, realise its OK to say no if feeling unsafe or unsure, talk to a trusted adult even if it’s yucky and identify a safe network of people to talk to.

The teachers will be following up the show with child protection lessons. If you do not want your child to attend or wish to discuss this further, please contact the school on 6685 1204.

School Athletics Carnival - 11 June 2014

Notes have gone home for the Athletics Carnival which will be held at Stan Thompson oval. Just an early notice that the Canteen/P&C will be hoping for extra volunteers to run the canteen on the day and for donations of cakes, slices, biscuits to sell at the oval.

Please return notes to classroom teachers as soon as possible so students can practice athletics events (including high jump) at PE and Friday sports.

STAFF PROFILE

Jennifer Clowes

3/4JR and Reading Recovery

Miss Clowes has been teaching at BHPS for the past 8 years. She is a very proud mum to 3 gorgeous girls and spends much of out school time driving them to all their activities and helping them to become the best they can. She dreams of one day being able to travel anywhere and everywhere!
COMMUNITY NEWS

Can Breakfast Make Kids Smarter?

Last year the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing published findings from their research that says it does. The research found that children who regularly have breakfast on a near-daily basis had significantly higher full scale, verbal, and performance IQ test scores.

Why? After a whole night of fasting, breakfast serves as a means to supply “fuel” to the brain. Meanwhile, social interaction at breakfast time with others may promote brain development. Mealtime discussions may facilitate cognitive development by offering children the opportunity to expand their vocabulary, practice synthesizing and comprehending stories, and acquire general knowledge, noted the authors.

So the advice is eat breakfast – it may make you smarter.

http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/sia/Pages/Can-Breakfast-Make-Kids-Smarter.aspx

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual national event when children are encouraged to walk safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. It is on next Friday 23rd May. The objectives are:

→ to encourage parent and carers to walk to school and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour
→ to promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits
→ to ensure that children up to 10 hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road
→ to help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need
→ to reduce car dependency habits which are created at an early age
→ to reduce the level of air pollution and traffic congestion

We would love to see lots of students and parents walk to school next Friday.

Don’t forget classes start next week on Wednesday 21st May for FRENCH LESSONS for children 7 to 12 years old with Coco and Lulu. Phone Coco on 0449 206 509 or email cocohamel@mail.com