Stan Walker

We had the pleasure of enjoying the company of Australian Idol winner and talented recording artist Stan Walker last Monday when he visited the school. Stan spent some time initially with our choir talking about his experiences and his aspirations and how he has and continues to achieve them. He even sang a song for the choir and was amazed by George when he sang for him. He then attended the whole school assembly and spoke about ‘following your dreams’, ‘exploring your talents’ and ‘not letting others impact negatively on what you want to achieve in life’. The message he delivered was a highlight as was the song he sang. It was indeed a very special assembly. Thank you to Mrs Mapleton who did an amazing job organising Stan’s visit and of course thanks to Stan who was an inspiration to many of the children and some of the adults in the hall.

Parent Information Evening

The Parent Information Evening will be held tonight Thursday February 21. There will be two sessions:

- **5.00-6.00 p.m.** Stage 1 classes
  Stage 1 classes
  1C, 1F, 1B, 1LU, 1/2N, 2G, 2/3M (Year 2 students)
  Parents of students from Stage 1 classes will meet in 1C classroom at 5.00 p.m.

- **6.00-7.00 p.m.** Stage 2 and 3 classes
  Stage 2 classes
  2/3M (Year 3 students), 3R, 3B, 3/4P, 4B, 4/5W (Year 4 students)
  Parents of students from Stage 2 classes will meet in 3R classroom at 6.00 p.m.

  Stage 3 classes
  4/5W (Year 5 students), 5D, 5/6AT, 6F, 6L
  Parents of students from Stage 3 classes will meet in 5/6AT classroom at 6.00 p.m.

Please Note: As Kindergarten Best Start interviews are occurring in Week 5 there will be no Kindergarten session.

There will be no supervision for children available during the evening.

Dance Auditions

Over the years, the number of students who want to be part of the dance group, has grown immensely and this is wonderful to see. With this, however, comes disappointment from more worthy children who do not make it into the team. A HUGE thank you, however, goes out to all 189 students who auditioned for dance 2013. They should be very proud of themselves as the efforts were outstanding. They were so outstanding in fact, second auditions had to be held as it was just way to difficult to decide.

A HUGE congratulations, of course, goes out the students who made into the Dance Team 2013. THE DANCE TEAM

Second Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a second hand uniform sale next Friday March 1 from 8.30 a.m. All items sold are clean and of good quality. Proceeds raised go to the Beverly Hills P & C.
PSSA News

We begin PSSA this week. Good luck to all, especially those in a PSSA team for the first time. Thank you to staff members who have volunteered to coach teams.

The draw for Round 1 on Friday (22/2/13);
- Boys Oz Tag v TBA @ Peakhurst Park
- Girls Cricket v Penshurst West @ Gannons Park (Pitch 1)
- Mixed Newcombe Ball v Penshurst @ Beverly Hills
- Girls Basketball v Penshurst West @ Penshurst West

School Uniform

The standard of school uniform at Beverly Hills Public School has generally been high because parents have supported the school uniform policy.

The wearing of school uniform has several advantages for both students and parents:
- School uniform contributes to a child’s feeling of belonging to our school community. The need to feel a sense of belonging to a group or community is a very basic human need. It is therefore important to encourage this sense of belonging as it assists in keeping the overall tone or feeling of the school positive and caring. **We all belong to this community and we all care about it.**
- For children who walk to and from school, the wearing of a uniform offers them a degree of safety as they are recognisable to other parents and community members in the local area.
- School uniform is a social equaliser. Children who are unable to wear the most popular brand names and symbols do not feel ‘left out’.
- School uniforms provide good quality clothing at a reasonable cost.

Having a school hat and wearing it is an important aspect of our school uniform. Many children in our school do not wear school hats. This is an issue I would like to address with your support. To go to the trouble of having a school uniform and then ‘spoil’ it with a colourful hat is beyond my comprehension.

Sad News

It is with much sadness I inform our school community that Mr Magic (Gary Jackel) recently passed away. Mr Magic has been a highlight each year at our end of year Scripture Assembly. His performances were amazing and he delighted the children. He will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with his family at this very difficult time.

Chaplaincy at BHPS

Our school received a Federal Government grant as part of the National School Chaplaincy and Welfare Program. Kylie Tomalalis has been working as our School Chaplain here at Beverly Hills for the last four years.

**What services does our Chaplain provide?**

- Learning support to facilitate student wellbeing.
- Pastoral care available for students, staff and the wider community.
- Facilitating small groups such as “The Good Friends Group” and “Skills Club”. These groups help promote self esteem and a sense of belonging.
- Facilitating the “Kindy Connect Program” for Kindy parents to connect and form friendships. Kindy Connect meets every Wednesday at 9.30 a.m. at Lu Lu’s café near the post office.
- Build mentoring relationships and assists students with goal setting.

Subscribe to Chalkboard

The school’s newsletter, Chalkboard, is published each Thursday and is a valuable part of our home/school communication. The newsletter includes important dates and information about activities and events at the school. **Please always check the newsletter before phoning the school.**

To receive the newsletter by email each Thursday, you will need to go to the school’s website at [http://www.beverlyhi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.beverlyhi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/) Chalkboard can also be downloaded on the Home page of the school website.

P & C News

Congratulations to Mr Geha who was voted in as our P&C President for 2013 this week.

Mr Geha will be ably supported by Mrs Kwan as his Vice President, Mrs Gibson, a Kindergarten parent, as Secretary and Mrs Burnard as Treasurer. It was also great to have another Kindergarten parent take on the role of Assistant Treasurer. Thank you Mrs Moollan. Congratulations to our new executive.

A huge thank you to the outgoing P & C Executive who did such a great job in their support of our school during 2012. Mr Geha, Mrs Andreades, Mrs Singh and Mrs Burnard the school is indebted to you for your dedication. Mrs Knapp, our Fundraising Coordinator has also been a dedicated worker for the P & C throughout 2012 and will continue in that role throughout 2013.
It was truly wonderful to see the number of Kindergarten parents at the meeting. It would be tremendous if numbers of parents attending P & C meetings could not just be maintained but enhanced during 2013.

The P & C is a great way to contribute to the decision-making at school. It is also a great way to meet other parents. Meetings are generally very enjoyable.

I look forward to more parents joining us at our next meeting. Minutes of Tuesday night’s meeting are posted on the community noticeboard for your perusal.

**Interrelate**

Interrelate’s high quality sexuality and relationship education program is coming to **BEVERLY HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL**! With more than 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today over 35,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate school and family programs each year.

**Attendance**

Below are the attendance statistics for Week 4. In addition 46 students were late to school or left early.

Congratulations to 2/3M and 2G for their excellent attendance.

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Danny Squires
Principal
21 February 2013