Welcome Back

I trust that all families had a relaxing and enjoyable vacation. It is wonderful to be back at school and see the enthusiasm of the children. Term 2 promises to be another term with much learning and many exciting events to embrace. We look forward with anticipation to all the exciting events that will occur.

ICAS Competitions

Beverly Hills P.S. has been involved in the Science, Spelling, English and Mathematics ICAS competitions for a number of years. Students can enter an individual competition or all competitions. Only children who pay for the competition will be participating. The deadline for payment is Friday 2 May, 2014.

The cost of each competition is as follows:
Science: $8.00
Spelling: $11.00
English: $8.00
Mathematics: $8.00

Term 2 Canteen Menu

The Term 2 Canteen Menu is attached to this edition of Connections. It will also be available on the school website for future reference.

Mothers Day Portraits

A favourite annual event, The Mother’s Day Portraits will be held in the Hall on Thursday 8 May. Starting at 2.00pm, all students will have drawn, painted or artistically represented their mother, aunty, grandmother or special carer and placed the artwork on display for all to see.

Please mark the date on your calendar to come to school and see the fantastic creativity of our students.

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NAPLAN 2014

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school
program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2014

Over many years Beverly Hills P.S. has supported Stewart House in a variety of ways. Please consider making a donation to the Stewart House Donation Drive for 2014. Please return the Stewart House envelopes with donations to school by 16 May, 2014. Thank you in anticipation of your support for a very worthwhile cause.

Stewart House is a charity that supports families in crisis, providing much needed care and support to families and children experiencing difficulties.

Each fortnight, 90 children from across NSW and the ACT arrive at Stewart House. Children participate in a 12-day program and attend the Department of Education and Training school that is within the grounds of Stewart House.

During the program children:

- Receive free eye, dental and health screening and treatment.
- Develop self-care and conflict resolutions skills.
- Learn to relax and overcome anxiety.
- Participate in excursions and activities to develop a broader outlook on life.
- Establish friendships and routines in a safe community.
- Increase their self-esteem.

Annual School Report

The 2013 Annual School Report is available on the school website for download. Any families that do not have internet access can request a copy from the office.

Google Translate

The School Website Service has provided a translation facility through Google Translate. You can now select a language version of the School Website that best suits you. Unfortunately this doesn’t extend to Connections at this point in time. Please take the time to utilise this facility.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

What is Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)?

PBL is a proactive school-wide system of support for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviours to create positive school environments.

PBL establishes the link between research-validated behavioural practices and the environments in which teaching and learning occurs. It improves outcomes for all learners by putting in place sustainable school-wide, classroom and individual systems of support.

PBL also assists teachers to create effective teaching/learning environments where students make the positive behaviour choices that support academic success.

How PBL helps our school?

PBL establishes systems, practices and a data-aware culture that can maximise benefits of PBL for students, teachers and the community.

PBL promotes positive student behaviour by building the school’s leadership capacity and teachers’ knowledge, understanding and skills in applying effective school-wide behaviour systems.

PBL boosts student engagement in learning by increasing attendance, improving student behaviour and learning as well as broadening student leadership opportunities.

PBL helps school deliver the highest quality learning programs to improve student academic and behavioural learning outcomes.

Our three school rules are;

Be safe

Be respectful

Be a learner

Being Excited About Reading

Being Excited About Reading (BEAR) is a Stage 1 Reading Intervention Program in 2013 will be continuing in 2014 pending Parent assistance. Attached to this edition of Connections is an information note explaining the program and how you can assist. Please consider providing your support for a very worthwhile program.
**P & C News**

**BHPS P&C Mothers Day Stall 2014.**

*Date: 7th, 8th, 9th May 2014.*  
*Time: 8.30am – 9.15am*  
*Location: Outside the School Library*

Special thanks go out to all who has kindly donated to this Fundraising Event. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will contribute to funds raised. All funds raised help our Fantastic School in purchasing much needed items.

If you can spare some time to help on one of these stalls the dates and times are noted. While it is understood that not everyone can help I would love to hear from you if you can. These stall dates require 3 volunteers plus myself to operate successfully each date. Also needed are raffle ticket sellers to go out into the Cola area and sell Raffle Tickets for the Mother’s Day Raffle. There will be a few prizes on offer.

Please call on the number below if you have time to volunteer. I will then list you on the Mothers Day stall roster.

Thank you

Karen Knapp  
M: 0418 406 088

**P & C Email Address**  
If you need to contact the P & C Executive for any reason please address your email to:  
beverlyhillspublicp.and.c@gmail.com

**Visitor Policy**  
A reminder to all volunteers that they must sign on in the ‘Visitors Sign On’ book when they enter the school and sign off when they leave the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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**PSSA Sport**

**Round 8 results:**

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The draw for Round 9 on Friday 2/5/14;  
- Boys Oz Tag v Oatley @ Peakhurst Park 3  
- Girls Cricket v Peakhurst South @ Gannons 2  
- Mixed Newcombe Ball v BYE  
- Girls Basketball v Peakhurst @ Beverly Hills  
- Boys T-Ball and Softball v Oatley West @ Gannons 4

**Attendance**

Below are the attendance statistics for Week 11.

Congratulations to 1/2T and 2G for excellent attendance.  
*Danny Squires*  
Principal  
1 May 2014

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