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**Best wishes Ms Sillato and Mrs Tomalaris**

Both Ms Sillato (Assistant Principal & 1S teacher) and Mrs Tomalaris (School Chaplain) have needed to have urgent surgery due to health concerns. They will need to take leave for the rest of the year to assist with their recuperation. We extend our best wishes to them both for speedy recoveries.

**White Ribbon Day**

Congratulations to all the children who came dressed in white on Wednesday of this week for White Ribbon Day. Thank you also to the Dads who could come up and spend some time with their children promoting the cause. Our desire to promote respectful relationships was evident in the efforts of the students and staff of the school. The White Ribbon Garden looked wonderful emblazoned with the White Ribbons children had produced bearing some really insightful messages.

**Stage 1 Intensive Swimming**

The Swimming Scheme for Stage 1 students commenced this week. All children have embraced their swimming lessons enthusiastically. We look forward to seeing their progress over the next two weeks. Thank you to Mrs Thieson, Mrs Peterson and Mrs Erken for their supervision of the children attending.
Cooperative Learning

Has your child been sharing with you some of the language they have been using in the classroom such as talking about their ‘shoulder’ or ‘face’ partner? Maybe you have heard some terms such as ‘Rally Robin’ or ‘Rally Coach’? At BHPS this year we have been using a wonderful approach to teaching and learning called Cooperative Learning. Kagan Structures are highly interactive learning strategies that involve students working cooperatively in pairs and in teams to master academic curriculum. Cooperative Learning is scientifically research based instructional strategies that produce a wide range of positive outcomes including:

- Increased achievement for all groups of students
- Improved social skills and student relations
- Decreased discipline referrals
- Higher self-esteem among students
- Increased liking for school, class, teacher, and content

Cooperative learning results in many positive benefits because it creates a greater degree of active engagement by all students than traditional teaching. For example, instead of calling on one student at a time to respond to classroom questions, teachers will have students respond in pairs, each taking a turn to share. This way everyone participates much more. Everyone is more engaged and everyone learns more.

Partners have roles so everyone participates, everyone has a supportive coach, and everyone gets immediate feedback. By talking aloud with a partner, students develop deeper thinking on the topic, it becomes more memorable, and they can hear how their classmates think. By structuring learning to be cooperative, students develop cooperation skills, communication skills, and teamwork skills. This results in a safer learning environment, kinder and caring students, and less time off task with teachers dealing with discipline issues. Kagan’s highly structured strategies ensure every student is actively participating. Students love this approach because they are more active, get to move, talk, and work together. Keep an eye out for ‘Cooperative Corner’ in Connections.

Brooke Axam (Assistant Principal)

KidsMatter News

Dear Parents & Carers,

The KidsMatter Team has sent home a Parent Survey so we can find out your thoughts about our school student welfare programs. Thank you to the parents who completed this survey last year - we will be able to compare results and see in which areas we are excelling and in which areas we can improve. The survey is anonymous and was sent home with the eldest child in each family. Please complete this survey and hand it back to the front office by end of Week 8. If you would like the survey in another language, we have Arabic, Cantonese, Mandarin and Vietnamese - just ask Miss Beveridge on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. Thank you for your support this year, we look forward to another exciting year in 2016 with KidsMatter.

The KidsMatter Team

https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/other-resources/school-surveys/parent-survey

Kristy Beveridge
Beverly Hills Public School

Library stocktake, Cessation of Borrowing and Return of Library Books for 2015

Borrowing ceased in Week 7. All borrowed books were to be returned by the end of Week 7. Please return any outstanding books to the library as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support in this matter.
Sport and Special Groups Photos

Our Sports and Special Groups photos are now on display in the office area. If you wish to order please collect an order envelope from the office. Orders need to be returned by Friday 4 December.

Final Gold Assembly for 2015

Our final Gold Assembly for the year will be held in Week 9 on Monday 30 November at 2.00 p.m.

End of Day ‘Pick Up’

Students being picked up by parents in vehicles need to be sitting on the silver seats or under the shelter next to the silver seats near the car park, or in the case of rain in the hall. A number of children are playing unsupervised down on the basketball court, on the equipment or waiting elsewhere in the school. This rule is implemented to keep your children safe. We have two executive staff members supervising every afternoon, for this very reason. Please talk with your children, to ensure they are following this rule.

Thank you,
Claudia Campbell (Assistant Principal)

Home Reading

Home Reading will finish at the end of Week 9, 4th December. From Monday, 7th December there will be the returning of texts only. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the mums and dads who have regularly volunteered their time to assist in the smooth running of this most valuable scheme for your children.
Have a safe and Happy Christmas and family time together.

Many thanks
Sue McLachlan

Thank You Coaches

The final round of PSSA matches for Season 3 before Semi Finals and Finals is this Friday. Thank you to all our teachers who coached PSSA teams in Season 3. Your dedication is appreciated and the children benefited from your commitment and enthusiasm. Thank you Mr Berg, Miss Tucci, Mrs Thieson, Miss Koorey and Ms Sillato.

Gifts for Staff

We are approaching that time of year where parents and students want to express their gratitude to staff members for all their hard work during the year. Whilst the staff appreciates gifts there are strict DEC guidelines we must comply with when accepting gifts. Please ensure that no gifts are valued over $50. Please also remember that it is not necessary to give a gift. The greatest satisfaction we receive is the progress our students make during the year.

PSSA Sport Season 3

The draw for Round 9 on Friday (27/11/15):

- Girls Teeball/Softball v Peakhurst @ Olds Park 1
- Boys Cricket v Peakhurst @ Olds Park 1
- Girls Touch v Peakhurst West @ Peakhurst Park (Field 4)
- Mixed Hockey v Penshurst @ Evatt Park
- Boys Basketball v Penshurst @ Beverly Hills
Results from Round 8

All games were cancelled due to the extreme heat.

2016 Enrolment Numbers

If your child(ren) will not be returning in 2016 please speak to the ladies in the office or send a note into the office. This will assist us with our planning for 2016. Likewise if your child(ren) will be returning late, that is after the commencement of the school year please send a letter into the office to inform us.

School Banking is every Friday

Last day of School Banking for 2015 will be Week 9, Friday 4th December.
If you would like to receive your reward this year, please return the order form with your bankbook by next Friday, 27th November.
We will not be able to order any prizes after that date.
If you have any questions please contact the School Banking Team at BHPSbanking@gmail.com
Happy Banking!

Assemblies

TERM 4

Week 9 Gold Assembly
Week 10 No Assembly
Week 11 No Assembly

P & C News

P&C Annual General Meeting and General Meeting – Tuesday 1 December

The Beverly Hills Public School P&C Association has decided to change the timing of their Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is an essential meeting where the elections for all P&C positions are held.
**When?** The AGM will now be held on **Tuesday, 1st December, 2015** (instead of in Term 1, 2016)
**What time?** 6.30 to 7pm in the Staffroom.
**Why the change?** In Feb 2015, not all elected P&C positions were filled so the Association was not able to start planning fundraising and other school activities until late Term 1. By holding the AGM in late 2015, we hope to be able to get up and running faster so that we can do more for the school.

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
It’s Disco Season!............Friday 11 December

Ticket purchases are flowing in, donations are being dropped off and volunteers are being listed....BUT...
currently there are only enough volunteers for the Stage 1 disco.
No volunteers = No event. So we need Stage 2/3 volunteers!

*Volunteers Needed *
Please contact Anissa on 0408 473 125 to add your name to the helpers list.

The following spots need to be filled:

**On the Day**
Set up = 3:30pm-4:30pm = 4 people
Stage 1 Disco = 4:30pm-5:30pm = 4 people
Stage 2/3 Disco = 5:30pm-6:30pm =6 people

**Behind the scenes**
Pick up & deliver ice
Pick up & deliver bread
Provide an Esky for storage

Please help us make this event happen.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Wed, 9 December.

*Danny Squires*
Principal
26 November 2015