Connections
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Weekly Bulletin of Beverly Hills Public School

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Term 1 Week 2

Classes for 2015

Yesterday we entered our classes for 2015. As a school we have 511 students. We have formed 20 classes. A great deal of careful consideration has gone into the classes and we are confident this structure will serve the education of our students particularly well. I have attached a school map to the Connections so you can identify where your child’s class will be located this year.

Kindergarten/Early Stage 1
KC Miss Flanagan/Mrs Deacon HB 7
KD Miss Martino HB 8
KM Miss Marshall HB 9
KS Mrs Austin HB 10

Stage 1
1M Mrs Malkki HB 11
1G Mrs Giasli HB 12
1P Mrs Posker-Hill HB 13
1T Mrs Thieson HB 14
2C Miss Axam HB 15
2G Mrs Peterson HB 16
2E Mrs Erken HB 21

Stage 2
2/3BH Miss Wood HB 17
3/4AM Mrs Atkins/Mrs Moran HB 18
3/4B Mr Berg HB 6
3/4GC Miss Gordon/Mrs Caldwell HB 20
3/4W Miss Wood HB 5

Stage 3
5X Casual HB 4
5/6L Miss Lonergan HB 3
5/6F Mrs Frawley HB 2
5/6P Miss Palinic HB 1

Assistant Principals for each stage are;
Kindergarten/Early Stage 1
Miss Marshall
Stage 1
Miss Axam
Stage 2
Miss Campbell/Miss Wood
Stage 3
Miss Lonergan

Dates to remember

TERM 1
5/2/15 Scripture Teachers’ Orientation
9.30-10.15 a.m.
9/2/15 3-6 Assembly
10/2/15 Swimming Carnival (Revesby Pool)
10/2/15 Year 6 2014 return
3.30 p.m.
12/2/15 ‘Kindy Connections’ Morning Tea
9.15 a.m.
16/2/15 K-2 Assembly
19/2/15 Scripture commences
20/2/15 PSSA commences: Season 1
20/2/15 P & C Second Hand Uniform Sale
23/2/15 K-6 Assembly
26/2/15 District Swimming Carnival
2/3/15 3-6 Assembly
2/3/15 Home Reading begins
3/3/15 Class Photos
4/3/15 Parent Home Reading Workshop
5/3/15 Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion

Support Staff
EALD Mrs Mapleson
Mrs McLachlan
Mrs Parker-Smith
LaST Mrs D’Ambra
Mrs Parker-Smith
Mrs Chappelow
RFF Mrs Hatziergatis
Miss Carratt
Miss Gordon

Librarian Mrs Boadon
Library Assistant Mrs Canceri
General Assistant Mr Plowman
Mr Burgoyne
Mr Havisto

Chaplain Mrs Tomalaris
Office Staff
SAM (Relieving) Mrs Solano
SAO Mrs Berry
Mrs Teale

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**Congratulations Kindergarten 2015**

Congratulations Kindergarten on a wonderful start to 2015. Thank you to our fabulous Kindergarten team of teachers who have ensured the transition to school has been very smooth for the Kindergarten students.

**Morning Assembly & Weekly Assembly**

We have made some decisions as a staff about the structure of our assemblies both morning and weekly. We believe the structure we will introduce from the beginning of Week 3 will allow a smoother and quicker transition at the beginning of the day to enhance learning.

**Morning Assembly**

K-2 students will place their bags in line from their arrival. 3-6 students will take their bags to their classrooms and leave them outside before moving to the COLA area. At the ringing of the 9.10 a.m. bell K-2 students will line up in the COLA area while 3-6 students will walk to their classes and line up outside their classroom. There will be no morning assembly messages. They will be delivered at 9.30 a.m. in classrooms via the intercom system.

**Weekly Assembly**

This will still occur each Monday afternoon at 2.10 p.m. With our continued growth as a school to fit all children into the assembly and to give parents the opportunity to see their children perform from the audience we will separate the school into a K-2 and a 3-6 assembly. These will occur on alternate weeks. Weeks 5 and 10 will be K-6 assemblies with the Week 10 assembly continuing to be the Gold Assembly. This will provide us with the opportunity to make assemblies enjoyable, celebratory occasions and more age specific. In the past our assemblies have become primarily focussed on presenting awards. While we acknowledge the importance of this aspect of the assembly it can be very challenging for our younger children to sit through an assembly that is just about awards.

**Fridge Calendar**

The Term 1 Fridge Calendar is included with the Connections for this week. This is subject to change at times during the term. It does however give you an overview of the term.

**Kindy Connections Morning Tea**

Every year Beverly Hills Primary School puts on a morning tea to welcome our new kindergarten parents and carers. It is a great opportunity to meet people that you may be spending the next 7 years with. Making friendships is a wonderful way of feeling connected to your school. So join us in the hall next Thursday morning at 9.15 a.m.

Kylie Tomalaris  
School Chaplain

**Dance 2015**

This year the dance teachers have decided to form two dance groups. The ‘Senior’ dance group will be comprised of students from years 4, 5 and 6. While the ‘Junior’ dance group will include students from years 2 and 3. Both dance groups will be required to attend weekly rehearsals and will be invited to perform at special events throughout the year.

Teachers will be commencing tryouts for students towards the middle of Term 1. Students will be selected based on their enthusiasm and effort during tryouts, their commitment to other areas of school, and their behaviour. Unfortunately not all children trying out will be successful in making it into a dance group. There are several fees involved when becoming a member of dance including, costumes, transport to performances and purchasing a Performing Arts shirt. Costs will be outlined to parents of those students, later in the year. We look forward to an exciting year in dance – good luck during tryouts!

The Dance Team

**P & C News**

We would like to extend a welcome to all the new families at our school. The P&C at Beverly Hills Public School provides a link between the school and the community, provides a forum for discussion and organises fundraising opportunities with the funds going back to support our school. Our AGM is being held in the Staffroom (located inside the school office) from 6.30pm on Tuesday the 17th of February that will include the voting in of a new P&C Executive. The AGM will be followed by the regular P&C meeting from 7pm. Regular meetings are held from 7pm on Tuesday nights in Weeks 4 and 8 of each term. Members of our school community are welcome to attend as many or as little meetings a year as they like, and everyone is welcome – new and existing school community members.

Thank you,

Belinda Kwan  
P&C President

**Student Pick Ups**

Our school bell rings at 2.55pm. At this time all parents are required to pick up their children. Waiting in the COLA area is a great way of being ready for your child. Regardless of what they may be doing with their class, they will have a meeting place for you to pick them up.

I would request that parents not wait outside the classroom. It can be very distracting for both the children and the teacher who is trying to finish lessons and pack away. Please use the COLA area.
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.

Car Park Rules

I have included a copy of our Car Park Rules so our parents are aware of school expectations when using the car park. Please understand that if these rules are adhered to issues arising in the car park that could impact on the safety of students, staff and parents will be greatly reduced.

The flow of traffic through the car park is essential. If you arrive prior to 2.55 p.m. and there are no available parking spaces you **must** drive around the block or park in a nearby street. No vehicles should be stopped at the corner of the hall prior to the bell ringing. This creates traffic congestion down King Georges and Stoney Creek roads. Parents **MUST NOT** double park in the car park as it creates additional safety issues. This is about creating the safest environment for students, staff and parents. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Staff Car Park

The staff car park is located to the left of the ‘in’ gate. Due to its size, layout and closeness to areas used by students, it is **not for parent use**. Your cooperation with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Chaplaincy at BHPS

Our school received a Federal Government grant as part of the National School Chaplaincy and Welfare Program. Kylie Tomalaris has been working as our School Chaplain here at Beverly Hills for the last five 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”, “Skills Club” and “Kindy Skills”. These groups help promote self-esteem and a sense of belonging.
- Facilitating the “Kindy Connections Program” for Kindy parents to connect and form friendships. Kindy Connect meets every Wednesday at 9.30 a.m. at Lulu’s café.
- Build mentoring relationships and assists students with goal setting.

Alternative Locations to Parent Car Park

- The car park next to the Rising Sun Restaurant on the corner of King Georges and Stoney Creek Roads. Students can walk to this car park over the footbridge. This car park has approximately 25 car spaces.
- Doyle Gardens on Thomas Street. Students walk out of the school to Stoney Creek Road, along Edmund Street, down the access path to the area around Doyle Gardens.
- Warwick Street. Students walk out of the school exit gate to Warwick St.
- Cambridge Street and Young Street. Both these streets can be used as pick up places. Students walk across the footbridges to these streets without crossing roads.

School Website

A reminder to all our parents and community, especially our new families, that our school website is a fantastic resource for up to date information about events and policies. Notes from all excursions and major events are also placed on the website. The address is:


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Subscribe to Connections

The school’s newsletter, Connections, 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.

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

Once again, welcome back to a new school year. All staff members are looking forward to sharing in the learning journey of your child. If you have any concerns and would like to see the class teacher, an Assistant Principal or myself, please make an appointment with the school office.

Have a great week.

Danny Squires
Principal
5 February 2015