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.

Farewell Mrs Posker-Hill

On the final day of last term Mrs Posker-Hill was informed that she was successful in gaining a permanent teaching position at Abbotsford P.S. It is with sadness that we farewell her as she begins her permanent teaching career. She has been a wonderful temporary teacher at Beverly Hills P.S. over the past six years and she will be missed greatly by her students and her colleagues. We wish her the best for the future.

Easter Events

We ended Term 1 with a wonderful Easter Hat Parade. Thank you to staff members, students and parents for the support of this special event. A special thank you to Mrs Austin, Miss Flanagan and Miss Martino who organized the event.

Thank you to the P & C Fundraising Committee who organised the Easter Raffle in a very tight time frame. Thank you also to the families who supported the raffle by buying or selling tickets.

Welcome Ms Koorey & Ms Sillato

Two new Assistant Principals were selected through merit at the end of Term 1. I would like to congratulate and welcome Ms Helen Koorey who will be teaching 5K and Ms Mandy Sillato who will be teaching 1S. Both Helen and Mandy bring a wealth of experience and talent to our school that our students, staff and school community will benefit from.

St George Family Services Outreach

We have a great new opportunity for parents. Our school has partnered with St George Family Support Services to make it easier for you to find out information about raising healthy, happy children. On Wednesday 29th April, Sharon, a Family Support Worker will be available at our school from 9.30-11.30am. During this time you can make an appointment to have a chat with her about issues that are affecting your family. This talk is confidential.

ICAS Competitions

The deadline for entry for the ICAS competitions was the final day of term 1. Entries have been submitted to the University of NSW.

Musica Viva

Next week, as part of our music education program, all the children will be attending a concert performed by the group The Sousaphonics. We are looking forward to the performance presented through the Musica Viva program. Please ensure permission notes and payment are returned as soon as possible.
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.

Mothers Day Portraits
A favourite annual event, The Mother’s Day Portraits will be held in the Hall on Tuesday 5 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.

Please remember: The catered afternoon tea is for the mums and grandmothers not toddlers or children.

NAPLAN 2015
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 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, students will take the 2015 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.

P & C News

Can you spare 40-mins to volunteer at our Mother’s Day Stall?
Without your support we cannot run these great events for your children. We rely on our wonderful school community to get involved and volunteer a small amount of their time to make them happen. We are currently looking for parents to help out at our Mother’s Day Stall. If you can volunteer 40-mins of your time at one of the shifts below, we would love to hear from you!

Wed, 6 May – 8.30am-9.10am OR
Thu, 7 May – 8.30am-9.10am.

To volunteer, please call Vassi Miliotis (Fundraising Coordinator) on 0407 211 991 by Fri, 1 May.

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

PSSA Sport
Due to the heavy rain PSSA sport has been cancelled for this week.

Danny Squires
Principal
23 April 2015