Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our staff, students and families for what promises to be a fantastic year full of learning. Welcome also to all the new families who have joined our school community this year. We have a number of new teaching staff members this year so we would like to welcome them as well to our BHPS community. Mrs Frawley was appointed through merit to the permanent staff at the end of 2015. Congratulations are extended to Mrs Frawley on her success.

Our Kindergarten students commenced Best Start interviews today. These will continue into next week with the first day for all Kindergarten classes being Wednesday February 3.

We are currently organising classes for 2016. We will establish these classes during Week 2. Thank you for your patience as this process is complex as we endeavour to identify all students who are returning. This will help us establish our structure for 2016. Rest assured your children will be working hard during the time they are spending in their 2015 class.

Term 1 Calendar

The Term 1 Calendar will be sent home with Connections next week. In the meantime the dates for early Term 1 are listed. This calendar will also be accessible from the school website.

Canteen

Our canteen has commenced operation for 2016. The menu is attached to this week’s Connections. Slavica will continue to be our canteen supervisor. Please remember NO credit is provided by the canteen or the school. All transactions must be in cash and paid for when ordering.

Kindergarten 2016

Our Kindergarten students for 2016 will commence classes next Wednesday February 3. We have almost 80 new Kindergarten students and their parents will be very keen to see them into class on the first day and during the first week. This will place additional pressure on our car park. For the parents of children in Years 1-6 please assist us by dropping your children off and leaving straight away if you intend using the car park.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

PSSA Sport for 2016 and on

As indicated at the end of last year Georges River District PSSA has decided, in consultation with the affiliated Public Schools, to move PSSA Sport to Friday mornings. This will commence from Term 1, 2016. The PSSA feel this will be a positive change for a variety of reasons particularly given the need for careful consideration of Sun Safety in Seasons 1 and 3.
PSSA Season 1

Weather permitting, students will try out for Season 1 PSSA teams in Weeks 2 & 3. The sports offered this season will be:
- Boys and Girls AFL
- Boys Oztag
- Boys Tee Ball and Softball
- Girls Basketball
- Girls Cricket

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. (Bell time) 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 ‘entrance’ 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.

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.

Overhead Foot Bridges

We are very lucky to have two overhead footbridges that ensure students can cross Stoney Creek and King Georges Roads, safely. The school expects that all students will use the overhead bridges unless a parent accompanies them in which case they will use the pedestrian crossings of the traffic lights.

Alternative Locations to the 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.
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/ Connections can also be downloaded on the Home page of the school website.

Subscribe to the Skoolbag App

Our School has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name Beverly Hills Public School in either the Apple App Store, Windows Phone, and Windows Store or Google Play Store. I have attached more detailed instructions about the installation process.

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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Please Note: When classes have been allocated we will indicate the class running the assembly.
School Banking: Every Friday

Attached is an information sheet about School Banking. If you have any queries, please email the School Banking Coordinators at BHPSbanking@gmail.com. Happy banking!

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.

Danny Squires
Principal

29 January 2016