Dates to remember

| TERM 1 | 18/2/16 | Georges River District PSSA Basketball Trials |
|        | 19/2/16 | P & C Second Hand Uniform Sale |
| 11/2/16 | Dragons Visit |
| 16/2/16 | Swimming Carnival at Revesby Pool |
| 16/2/16 | Year 6 2015 returning |
| 16/2/16 | P & C Meeting 7.00 pm Staffroom |
| 24/2/16 | Parent Information Sessions |
| 25/2/16 | Georges River District PSSA Swimming Carnival |
| 15/3/16 | School Photographs |

2016 Parent Information Sessions

This year the Parent Information Sessions will be held on **Wednesday February 24 (Week 5)**. There will be three sessions:

- 3.15-3.45 p.m.  Stage 1 classes
- 3.45-4.15 p.m.  Stage 2 classes
- 4.15-5.15 p.m.  Stage 3 classes including a High School Information session for Year 6 parents.

Please Note: As Kindergarten Best Start interviews are occurring in Week 5 there will be no Kindergarten session. Kindergarten parents are invited into the library for afternoon refreshments from 3.10 pm. Parents from other stages are also invited to join staff members in the library after the Information Sessions.  

I hope all parents can join us for these informative sessions.

2016 Classroom Requirements

I have included Classroom Requirements for 2016 for all four stages. Stages 1, 2 and 3 received this sheet at the end of last year. Kindergarten has been included in this sheet. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

K-2 Morning Assembly

We are gradually adjusting to our morning structure. Years 3-6 have been outstanding with the way they have lined up at their classrooms when the morning bell rings. **Kindergarten** have been introduced to the K-2 lines and they are also doing extremely well.  

**A few points to remember.**

If you are a parent of children in K-2 please deliver your child to their lines and take a step back from the lines so they can move off to class safely without delay.  

Please do not stand around the covered areas where the classes exit the assembly to allow classes to move immediately.  

One observation from this week is that classes are getting to their classrooms much quicker so they can begin their day of learning straight away.  

Please Note: **Thursday morning** is a whole school assembly.

P & C Meeting

The first P & C Meeting for the year will be held on **Tuesday 16 February at 7.00 pm** in the staff room. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.
2016 Dance Groups

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. Students in 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 during Week 4 and students will be notified of the time during the morning messages. Unfortunately not all children trying out will be able to ‘make’ the team. Students will be selected based upon their enthusiasm and effort, their commitment to other areas of school and, their behaviour. 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

School Band

Band commenced this week and will continue every Tuesday this term. Students are to bring their instruments each Tuesday and place them in their classrooms. Students are to meet outside of the S/6P classroom with a snack and a drink, straight after the bell. Band finishes at 4:45pm, please be prompt in picking up your child from the car park pick up area. Parents should not be parking in the staff car park. A reminder to parents that younger brothers and sisters who are not in the band will need to be picked up after school. There is no supervision for siblings during band time.

Band finishes at 4:45 p.m. Please be prompt when picking up your children.

Mrs Popovic

Hurstville Boys High School Campus Open Night

Hurstville Boys High School Campus Open Night will be held on Wednesday 24th February from 6.30 to 8.30pm. All parents and caregivers and students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to attend.

Primary Links Program

This term, Stage 3 students are participating in the Primary Links program to experience the learning environment in high school. Teachers from Punchbowl Boys High School presented a talk to our Yr 5 and Yr 6 boys in the school hall on Monday 8th February. This allowed our students the opportunity to ask questions about high school and their expectations.

The Primary Links program is in conjunction with the Georges River Campuses at Hurstville Boys High School and Penshurst Girls High School. Participation in this program involves students attending high school every Tuesday this term from 9th February. The Year 6 girls are participating in the Primary Links program at Penshurst Girls High School and the Year 5 boys are participating in the Primary Links program at Hurstville Boys High School. We look forward to continuing the partnership with our local high schools.

Helen Koorey (Stage 3 Assistant Principal)

Homework and Home Reading

Homework will formally begin for all classes K-6 in Week 6 this term. Detailed stage based information will be given to all parents and carers during our Week 5 Information Sessions. If you have any further questions after this session please see your child’s teacher.

Home Reading will also begin in Week 6.
Term 1 Calendar

The Term 1 Calendar is attached to this week’s Connections. This calendar will also be accessible through the school website.

Library News

Our school Library will be having a new and exciting up-grade to the borrowing and lending system. In order to facilitate the up-grade it is necessary to close the library on the following dates.
Monday 15th February
Tuesday 16th February
Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.
Mrs Boaden

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 the Apple App Store, Windows Phone, and Windows Store or Google Play Store. I have attached more detailed instructions about the installation process.

Assemblies

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Week 4 3-6 Assembly (5/6K)
Week 5 K-2 Assembly (2P)
Week 6 3-6 Assembly (5/6L)
Week 7 K-2 Assembly (2MH)
Week 8 3-6 Assembly (5/6P)
Week 9 K-2 Assembly (2N)
Week 10 NO Assembly
Week 11 GOLD Assembly

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

School Banking: To start in Week 4 of Term 1 Friday 26 February

School Banking is on every Friday, starting 26th February (Week 5).
We have registered the new students into our school database and their books will be sent home this Friday along with banking instructions.
All students can start banking in Week 5. To make a deposit:

1. Place money securely in the velcro section of your yellow deposit wallet
2. Fill out the deposit slip (including your name, student number, account details and deposit amount)
3. Bring the yellow wallet with you to class and hand it to your teacher in the morning.

The Coordinators will then process the deposits and return the books to class on the same day. Remember you will earn 1 token for every deposit, and every 10 tokens can be redeemed for a prize!

The rewards for 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail – now available to order
- Wildlife Writer Set – now available to order
- Mud Splat Handball – Released in Term 2
- Outback Pat Bag Tag – Released in Term 2
- Backtrack Eraser Pen – Released in Term 3
- Jump and Skip Rope – Released in Term 3
- Bush Fly Fan – Released in Term 4
- Wriggly Glow Worm – Released in Term 4

Thanks to the efforts of our school students and community, our school has received the following commission for 2015 [school banking started in Term 2]:

Term 2 = $1058.52
Term 3 = $725.41
Term 4 = $677.09
TOTAL = $2461.02

We have also attached an information sheet on the School Banking program. Please feel free to contact one of the Coordinators if you have any questions. Our email is BHPSbanking@gmail.com

Danny Squires
Principal
11 February 2016