Principal's Patter:

Waste Findings
Earlier this month the Year 3/4 class conducted a single day audit of rubbish/waste at school. This was part of their Society and Environment focus on ‘Sustainability’. Whilst totals of general rubbish and paper cardboard were noted, it was the 7kg of food thrown in the bins that is of concern to me. This total included whole wrapped lunches, whole pieces of fruit, one bite sandwiches and fruit.

This is worrying as not only is it a shocking waste of good food and your time in making a lovely lunch, but it does not reflect good eating habits for the children to sustain them through a school day.

Beverley Show
Congratulations to all the students and staff for their involvement and support for the Beverley Show. Last weekend’s school display in the Exhibition Shed was to its usual high standard and a feature of the exhibits. It was particularly heartening for me to receive complimentary remarks from a number of our local community. Special thanks to Gaye Vandenberg and Dee Tilley for presenting our display and to Sarah Aynsley for her coordination of the Exhibition Shed.

Athletics
Our Faction Carnival is to be held next Friday, 5 September, on the Beverley oval. We are continuing our daily practice sessions, particularly throwing and catching skills. Any practice at home will be of considerable benefit to both the individual and their team.

Spelling Bee
Miss Meade is again coordinating the Avon Schools Spelling Bee. Through her excellent organisation and its educational value, this presents quite a challenge for children in Years 4 – 7 in many schools. Its benefit is also in promoting our school as the initiator and host across the Avon Network. Our school run-offs will be held during the last week of this term on Wednesday 24 September, with the final for all schools at Beverley DHS next term on Friday 31 October.

Lost Property
A large quantity of perfectly good clothing, which obviously belongs to no-one, is currently overflowing our lost property box. This clothing was on display after today’s assembly and amazingly most of it remained unclaimed. At the end of this term we will be sending all unclaimed and unnamed clothing to charity.

Values
The continuing value this week is Friendliness. For our children to appreciate the power of being friendly through initiating or maintaining good relationships is significant in promoting a harmonious community.

Office Display
Thank you to Mrs Barrett-Lennard, Mrs Morrell and the High School students for adding to our front office environment with their display. Next week will see the arrival of creative LOTE (Italian) works from Mrs Minchin and children across several classes.

Norm Ireland
Principal
The Deputy’s Dialect

Beverley Show
I was very impressed during my first visit to the Beverley Agricultural Show to see how well the community works together to make great things happen here. It is wonderful for the school to be involved in this kind of event. Work experience High School students under the supervision of Mrs Aynsley erected tents, organised displays and helped with the show preparation. All classes contributed wonderful banners showcasing their work and demonstrating the creativity of teachers and students alike. Mrs Vandenberg and Mrs Tilley worked hard to ensure that these banners were displayed beautifully in the shed. Life skills students catered for the Show, and many students contributed work that they completed either at school or at home. These kinds of experiences enrich the students’ learning as well as the community life of the people of the district. Congratulations to all involved.

Parent Support
Parents help to support their children’s education in many ways. As well as being the children’s first and most important teachers, they support the work that schools do in promoting student learning. Ensuring that students are at school every day is a great first step, and we appreciate parents’ efforts there. Helping them with homework is very important too; especially reading to children (and with them) and talking to them about what they are learning. While the school has a policy that gives teachers and families guidelines about what to expect in the way of homework, it is really important that parents keep in touch with class teachers about work that is sent home for their children to do. If there is too much of it, or it is too hard, talk to your child’s teacher. If your child is having difficulty with it, or you are not sure how best to help, make sure you pop in and ask for advice, write a note, or make a phone call. Teachers will value this communication from you.

If you have any other concerns about your child’s learning, socialisation, or well-being, we really appreciate you letting us know. You can talk to your child’s classroom teacher in the first instance, or to me or Mr Ireland, or ask to access the support of the School Psychologist. We can either help to put a support plan in place, or look at an appropriate referral for further assessment and support. It is always best to raise issues early, before they become serious and harder to resolve. When schools and families work together, the outcomes are better for children.

Book Week
Who doesn’t love an excuse for a dress up? Thank you to Mrs Sims for organising another wonderful Book Week parade, and to all the children and parents who thought about the characters and the books they love.

Faction Athletics Carnival - 5th September 2014
The children have been busy practising for the Faction Athletics Carnival, while a wonderful band of volunteers has been preparing to turn the town oval into an arena for feats of speed, strength and endurance! The Carnival will begin at approximately 8.50 am, and will proceed through the scheduled events and conclude before 3pm. Children will be seated in bays between events, and, time permitting, they will be released to have lunch with their families if they are in attendance. There is a canteen menu in this newsletter. We hope you understand that younger siblings will need to remain with their parents rather than with older siblings in the faction bays. Students will be allowed to leave the carnival with their parents at the end of the day if the Faction Teacher in Charge has been informed. Written permission will be required before students are allowed to leave with another parent. Students whose parents are not in attendance will walk back to school at the end of the day with their teachers. Buses will run as usual. We do hope you will come along and cheer your children on the day. Please return the slip below if you are available to help on carnival day.

Wendy Moore
Deputy Principal

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CARNIVAL HELPER

I _____________________________ am available to help at the Faction Carnival next Friday 5th September.

Please return this slip tomorrow (Friday 29.08.14)
TEST YOUR SPELLING KNOWLEDGE, TAKE THE SPELLING BEE CHALLENGE

WEEK 10 ~ TERM THREE WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

Register your interest by signing up or seeing Miss Meade.

Winners from this event will get to participate in the Interschool Spelling Bee in Term 4!

VACSWIM OCTOBER SWIMMING PROGRAMS

Enrolments for VacSwim’s October school holiday swimming and water safety lessons opened on 1 August. VacSwim is available to all children five years old and under 18 years on the first day of each lesson. Details of dates, locations, costs and how to enrol are online. Enrolments close on 8 September.

Swimming pools and beaches are part of our Western Australian lifestyle. It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s October school holiday swimming program is conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. For further information and how to enrol, please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

The Beverley Show!!

Psychedelic lights flash to and fro making everything seem like magic. Wide eyes, expectant smiles a panoramic view. Voices filled with laughter echo through the crowd. Happiness, light-hearted fun spills and overflows. Money flies from purses and pockets into eagerly awaiting hands. Days like this are few for all frolic to hearts content.

By Jade Year 10

Our school motto is “WORK IN UNITY”.
The front cover competition theme is to show how our school works together.

Please hand in to the entries to Mrs Aynsley or a Student Councillor by the end of Week 10

From the Shed Secretary

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution of the Beverley District High School staff and students to the Exhibition Shed at this year’s Act-Belong-Commit Beverley Agricultural Society Show Day. As always, the show displays were of an exceptional quality and provide an opportunity for community members and visitors to our town to see the wonderful work of our school.

I would also like to thank the Year 9 and 10 students who volunteered to assist with the setting up of the show grounds and the running of the judging shed. Numerous positive comments about behaviour, attitude and work ethic—well done!

Many thanks, Sarah Aynsley
P&C News

Fundraising - The BDHS P&C is selling boxes of Cadbury chocolates to raise money for the school. We would greatly appreciate your assistance as the more we sell the greater the profit that can be spent on school equipment. If you can sell a box (or two) please contact Deb on 0458 110 770.

Uniform Co-ordinator – As our wonderful volunteer, Roslyn, will not be available next year to continue as uniform co-ordinator we are searching for a replacement. Roslyn can provide training throughout the remainder of the year to ensure a smooth transition into the position. The P&C are always looking for new members, so even if you are not interested in taking on a position we would love to see you at the meetings. Our next meeting is on September 2nd at 7.00pm in the school staff room, come on down and join our friendly team, we would love to see you there!

Kindy/ Pre-Primary Toy Catalogue Fundraiser
Toy Catalogues have been sent home with all students in the junior school. Please feel free to share them with your family and friends as we receive a voucher for 20% of the sales. Orders are due back at school by Monday 1st September. Orders can also be placed online, just select Beverley DHS as your nominated school.

Happy Shopping!
Any queries to Sally Kilpatrick.

September is Fruit & Veg Month

The Great Aussie Crunch on Tuesday 16 September. At 10am, we are asking students and teachers from across Western Australia to ‘crunch’ on an apple or a carrot simultaneously – let’s see how loud we can crunch.

September is Fruit & Veg Month

Our school is planning a variety of activities to celebrate Fruit & Veg Month to promote eating fresh and healthy fruit and vegies in a fun and positive learning environment.

We would like to encourage all parents to continue this healthy message at home by increasing the amount of fruit and vegetables the whole family are eating. Here are some simple tips to increase the fruit and veg in your meals and snacks:

- Add chopped fruit (e.g. bananas, strawberries, apples) to breakfast cereals
- Add extra salad ingredients to sandwiches (e.g. tomato, lettuce, cucumber, beetroot, grated carrot)
- Add grated vegies (e.g. carrot, zucchini) into homemade beef burgers and bolognise sauce
- Add extra veggies (e.g. pumpkin, broccoli, sweet potato, beans) into casseroles and stir-fries
- Have sliced vegies (e.g. capsicum, mushrooms, celery) ready to go in the fridge for snacks and for variety dip vegies into low-fat dip
- Encourage fresh fruit for snacks and dessert
- Use frozen, dried or canned fruit and vegetables for convenience or if fresh is not available

For healthy recipes see www.gofor2and5.com.au
Student Council Report

😊 On the 15th of August the Student Councillors held a Pyjama Day. We raised $224.60. The funds from this event goes towards putting lights on the airstrip so that the flying doctor can land at night. Hopefully this will help people in need.

😊 Well done to all the participants involved in book dress up day yesterday. It was good to see a wide range of characters on display. Thankyou Mrs Sims for organising yesterday, it was a great success.

😊 We will also be running a competition for the design of the front cover of the year book. Further details in the newsletter and posted around the school.

Next event: Footy Colours Day— Friday September 12th. Dress in the colours of your favourite team (any code) and donate a gold coin to support Fight Cancer.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY

Our annual Book Week dress up day was held on Wednesday 27th August. The majority of students dressed up and did a wonderful job of choosing a character from a book. It was terrific to see lots of children had used bits and pieces from home rather than a bought costume and had put a great deal of time and effort into their outfit. Many of the staff also came dressed as characters from books with special mention of our relief staff, Mrs Gors and Mrs Murray also making a big effort to come along in costume!

Each student paraded in their costume across the stage at our special assembly and received a book mark as a token of the day. Thank you to the Student Councillors who set up, ran the parade, assisted with the younger students and packed up.

Jo Sims
Library Officer
On the 6th of August the school celebrated NAIDOC Day. This year we had activities planned for the students which included boomerang painting, crepe paper flags, storytelling and Aboriginal sports.

The students enjoyed the day and I was really happy to see the students put their best efforts into the activities. I was impressed with the boomerang paintings and thought the students did a wonderful job making them look great and was also happy to see that some of the students used Aboriginal symbols on their boomerang.

Last year we did the Aboriginal crepe paper flags and this year we decided to add the Torres Strait Islander flag as well. They turned out great.

We ended the day with some Aboriginal sports which were played by Aboriginals many years ago. Thank you to the Factions Captains who organised the sports.

This year we had a few community members help out with the activities, which was wonderful so I would like to thank Donna Winmar, Annette Quartermaine and Yvonne Green for volunteering their time. Your help was greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Marg Mourach for making a big pot of kangaroo stew which was served with damper made by Annette, it was delicious and some students were coming back for seconds (and thirds!!). I would also like to thank Wendy Moore for helping me with last minute details and with the storytelling.

Overall it was a great day of celebrating Aboriginal Culture and hopefully next year will be bigger and better.

Gemma Ugle
AIEO

Assembly Times & Dates

Please note Assembly time is now 2.10pm.
This term dates are...

18.09.14 - Year 3/4
Canteen is open Friday 5 September 2014

School Athletics Carnival

With a limited menu

The menu is available to all students (including pre-primary), staff, parents and family members. Please support the P & C with your custom.

Please mark each bag with individuals name, choice from menu and faction/ parent/staff status. All orders must be in by **9am, Thursday 4th September**.

**Sausage Roll and Sauce** $3.50

*Chicken & Salad roll (lettuce, cucumber, tomato, carrot, mayo) $5.00
*Leg Ham & Salad roll (lettuce, cucumber, tomato, carrot, mayo) $5.00

(Rolls from Beverley Bakery)

*The above are also available as a Sandwich $4.00

**Drinks**

Bottled Water $1.50
Apple Juice or Orange Juice $1.70
Choc Chill 300ml $2.50
Yoghurt or Chocolate Yogo $2.30

**Morning tea on Sale** Tea/Coffee/Milo

Any donated cakes for morning tea will be received with appreciation