Principal’s Patter:

Thankyou to Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thankyou to the families who have - one and all - ensured that their children have made the most of their education at Beverley DHS in 2014. By being supportive of the school’s dress, behaviour, homework and attendance policies, parents and carers have given students a consistent message about appropriate standards of responsibility and effort. This has allowed teachers to focus on student learning and engagement and provided the security of clear expectations.

Parents have also supported the school by remaining in communication with class teachers, by helping out in classrooms, by working behind the scenes, by being part of bodies such as the P&C, School Council, K-PP Committee and Sports Committee, and by volunteering to accompany classes on excursions or other events. Parents have of course also supported their own children by helping them with homework, encouraging their recreational interests, and engaging them in conversations about the world. In all these ways, partnerships between home and school have been strengthened.

I would ask parents to continue to ensure that concerns about your child’s progress, wellbeing or engagement are shared with the school. As a parent, you are your child’s best advocate. You know their needs and strengths better than anyone, so please do stay in touch. You can ring, email, write or visit to arrange a time to discuss anything that you or your child is worried about, either with your child’s class teacher or with Mrs Murray or with me. We look forward to hearing from you. Your child’s school report will come home next week, so if there is anything you would like to discuss about the report you are welcome to contact us to arrange a meeting on Thursday 18th or Friday 19th December.

Class Structures for 2015

As I indicated in the last newsletter, the Department of Education’s new funding model has impacted on the way the school is resourced. The staffing process has been a little different as a result, and some staff appointments are yet to be finalised. Nonetheless, we have a good indication of the class structures that will be put in place next year. We will have the following classes operating at Beverley DHS next year:

- Kindergarten (15 hours per week Tuesday - Thursday)
- Pre-Primary (full time)
- A Year One and a Year Two class, working closely together on literacy and numeracy programs, but separately for other programs
- A Year 3/4 and a Year 4/5 class, working closely together on literacy and numeracy programs, but separately for other programs
- A Year 6 class and a Year 7 class, working separately for most subject areas, but together for some classes during the week
- A Year 8 class and a Year 9/10 class, working separately for most subjects, but together for some subjects during the week
- A strengthened part-time Education Support and Life Skills program for eligible students from Years 5 to 10.

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This class structure will allow us to:

- strengthen collaboration between staff members,
- provide for specialist teachers to focus on our priority areas of literacy, numeracy and science,
- ensure the best possible staff-student ratios in areas of high need, and
- provide targeted extension and support programs

The assignment of staff members to each of the classes and specialist roles is yet to be finalised. Class lists will be available to parents in the two days before school begins at the start of 2015.

Farewells and Thankyous
Beverley District High School is fortunate to have a highly dedicated and highly skilled staff. Some of our wonderful teachers and support staff will be moving on at the end of the year, at least for the time being, but we hope to see them back again in the near future.

- Mr Norm Ireland will continue his long service leave into 2015 - we hope he will be thoroughly enjoying his rest.
- Miss Chantelle Meade will be teaching a middle primary class in York in 2015. We will miss Chantelle enormously during her time away from us next year.
- Mrs Megan Vandenberg will be on maternity leave for 2015 and we wish her and her family a wondrous year.
- Miss Sarah Fotheringhame will hopefully come and work with us throughout the year next year - her efforts in the Year 6 class this semester have been greatly appreciated.
- Ms Lyn Kay will no longer be working directly with the school or our students due to the cessation of the funding for her programs, and we will miss her wonderful contribution to our school and our community.
- Mrs Sue Carbone has provided fantastic programs and we thank her for her flexibility in supporting our students in a range of programs this semester.
- Mrs Lisa Kehlet will continue to provide much needed relief support across the school in 2015.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
The Pre-Primary and Kindergarten students had their fabulous concert picnic on Saturday 6th December. Our other major end-of-year function is presentation night, and I look forward to seeing all our families there so that staff and students can wish everyone all the best for Christmas and the New Year. For all those families unable for any reason to make it to this special night, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you the very best for the festive season.

Wendy Moore
Acting Principal

Beverley District High School Presentation Night

All Parents, Guardians, Grandparents and Family welcome.

Tuesday 16th December 2014

Commencing at 6pm at the Beverley Station Gallery with supper available after the formalities.

Students are required to wear school uniform

Please send a blanket for the students to sit on

(if there is inclement weather it will be held in the town hall)
The Deputy’s Dialect

We are nearly there!! 1 fun-filled week to go!!

PRESENTATION NIGHT
I ask that all families attend our Presentation Night on Tuesday 16th December. It will be held at the Railway Station Platform Theatre at 6pm and students are to attend in uniform. This is a special night to recognise the achievements of our students throughout 2014. Thank you for your support.

MUSIC ROCKS AUSTRALIA
Our Year 4 – 10 students are very lucky to be given the opportunity to work with Dean Blanchard of ‘Music Rocks Australia’ as he is running music/performance workshops for young people with a view to performing at the Beverley Community Christmas Concert held at the Platform Theatre on Saturday 20th December 2014. This has been kindly organised by Kathryn McLean; CDO of The Shire of Beverley and the Beverley Station Arts Inc, at no cost to the students. Consent notes have been sent home to parents and must be returned to school by 10th Dec 2014. For more information regarding Music Rocks Australia please follow this link: http://www.musicrocks.com.au/about-music-rocks-australia.

BRONZE MEDALLION
A big thank you to Jodie Bell for running the Bronze Medallion course for those interested on Sunday 7th Dec. It was a marathon effort but we made it and now have numerous bronze medallions that we are able to call on for water based excursions and swimming training exercises. Well done to all who attended, it was a great day!

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS
Our staff are working hard to provide a meaningful and memorable end to the school year for all students. There will be many class celebrations coming up in the next week! Thank you to teachers and Educational Assistants for all of your efforts in rewarding our students.

Our Pre Primary to Year 3 have already enjoyed an afternoon at the pool enjoying the Junior Fun Day Activities. Thank you to all who were involved in supporting this event and thank you to our wonderful pool manager Brad Miller!

Our Year 10 students have decided to spend their graduation together with the Year 9’s, at Adventure World tomorrow. I hope you all have a fabulous time. Thank you to Verna who is again driving the bus for this excursion and to Mrs Morrell, Lyn Kay and Marie Walker who are attending the excursion. All the best to our Year 10’s moving onto further education in 2015!

Our Year 6/7’s are also enjoying an end of year celebration kindly organised by the wonderful Mrs Kellie Shaw. I hope there were many memorable moments that were reminisced about today. Congratulations on the completion of your Primary Education and all the best for your entry to the big world of High School in 2015.

SCHOOL LEADERS
Our faction captains along with our Student Councillors enjoyed their excursion to Outback Splash The Bullsbrook Maze on Friday the 5th Dec. Congratulations again on your efforts this year you should all be very proud of what you have accomplished in your leadership roles this year!

A big thank you to Mrs Carbone and Ms Verna McKelvie who stepped in at the eleventh hour to go along on the excursion when others were hit down with illness. Your flexibility and willingness to step in was very much appreciated by all.

RIDDLE COMPETITION
It was great to see the entries come in to our riddle competition after the last newsletter. Congratulations to the Lamb family who won a Pass for 4 people to Kalamunda Water Slide Park. Let’s see how we go this week, there is another prize up for grabs so get your entries in by the due date!

DID YOU KNOW……...
there are only 13 days until Christmas!!
Merry Christmas Everyone!

Aliesha Murray
Acting Deputy Principal

Deputy’s Gag of The Week:
What do you call an elephant that doesn’t matter?
An irrelephant
CANTEEN NOTICE

I am emptying the freezers and not replacing stock because it is close to the end of the school year. We have run out of Pizzas and Fandangles already. Please write a second choice on your lunch order bag in case your first preference is not available on Wednesday. I apologise for the inconvenience.

I would like to thank the canteen committee, volunteers and those families who have supported the canteen in 2014. I wish you all a safe and happy festive season. Teresa Reid

Special Xmas closing canteen deal:
Friday 12 (tomorrow) and Wednesday 17 December in addition to the regular menu.

- Hamburger with lettuce, mayo and tomato sauce $4.00
- Ice cream in a cone $1.50

P&C News

The P&C had their final meeting for the year on the 25th November. We spent some time reflecting on the successful year we have had and discussed the financial contribution we are able to give the school early next year. Our next meeting will be 17th February 2015 at 7.30pm in the school staff room. If you are interested in helping Beverley District High School be the best it can be and assist parents, staff and students achieve great things then please join our enthusiastic, friendly team at the P&C. If you have any questions regarding the P&C, please feel free to call Deb on 0458 110 770.

Traditionally the P&C have organised a supper after the presentation night. We are doing this again this year and would really appreciate if attendees could bring a plate of food and join us for supper after the event. We are looking forward to a great evening and hope to see you there.

Just a reminder - if you have not returned your Cadbury chocolate fundraiser money, please do so before the end of the school term.

The P&C would like to wish all members of the school community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. Enjoy the holidays and we will see you refreshed and ready for another fun and exciting year in 2015!

Christmas Dress Up Day!!

Bring a gold coin to raise money for the postage of the Operation Christmas Child boxes. On the last Tuesday of school, 16th December. Come to school dressed in something Christmassy.

School Book Lists

All your 2015 book list requirements are available from the local Newsagency. Drop in and see Barry or Pauline.
This is the last Newsletter for 2014
The staff at Beverley District High School wish you all a safe & enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to communicating with you in 2015.

Start of 2015 school year:

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

The School Office will be open from: 29th January 2015

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

The school is seeking donations from interested parents or organisations to assist with the purchase of the end-of-year book prizes.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

KONGA IS BACK!

If you want to have fun while getting fit, come along to the RSL Hall
Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-10am
or Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6-7pm
First class $6, then $10 per class

For more information
contact Sam—0488 543 183 or email sam_mearns@yahoo.com.au

Piano Lessons

Expressions of Interest

In 2015 Beverley District High School will be hosting a visiting piano teacher, for private lessons. Ms Amalia Croasdale (Bachelor of Music Education; UWA), is seeking expressions of interest for PIANO LESSONS for 2015.

The lessons would be scheduled over 1 or 2 days of the week and held between 8.30am and 4.30pm, depending on numbers of students.

Lessons would cost $30 per 30 minute lesson. Payment for lessons would be per term, up front to Ms Croasdale.

If you would like to register your interest, please contact the School Office on 9646 1165.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please help your child to return all books belonging to our school before the end of the year. This includes Library Books as well as home readers.

Our Reading Sets are used every day by every class and are very expensive to purchase and replace. It is important that we have complete Reading Sets to assist with student learning. If your child has lost a home reading book, please let the Office, Library staff or class teacher know.

Our Library is the envy of many schools in our district and we would like to continue to provide quality books for our students. Each time a Library book is lost and needs to be replaced, that is one less new book that can be purchased. If your child has lost their Library book, please let the Office or Library staff know.

TIPS FOR 2015

♦ Provide your child with a durable Library bag. It doesn’t have to be fancy—a supermarket reusable bag is perfect!
♦ Select a place in your child’s room to keep their Library book—on their bedside table or a bookshelf
♦ Encourage your child to keep their home reading file in their school bag
♦ Remind your child the night before their Library day to put their Library book (and Library bag) in their school bag
♦ If toddlers and babies are sharing in reading school books, please supervise them so that pages do not get torn

The best way to help your child is to read to them EVERY DAY!!
Congratulations

To all students who competed in the Interschool Spelling Bee on Friday the 14\textsuperscript{th} of November: You all did a fabulous job and should be very proud of your efforts!

Our team consisted of:
Year 4 – Mackenzie Thomas and Roy-Jones Delena
Year 5 – Matthew Schilling and Abbey Cooke
Year 6 – Bryce Kilpatrick and Dean Murray
Year 7 – Princess Mndebele and Thomas McLean

The students conducted themselves beautifully and participated with enthusiasm. Congratulations to \textbf{Mackenzie Thomas} for being the Year Four Champion Speller.

\textbf{Spelling Bee Results}

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Safe car trips at Christmas

Wheatbelt families will travel a lot in cars over the upcoming weeks. So, before you head off on holidays – don’t just check that your vehicle has been serviced, but also that your children are safely restrained.

Remember that kids need to be in an appropriate car restraint until they are 7 years old. It is unsafe for young children to sit in the front seat, or use a lap-sash seat belt.

The law says children:

- From birth to 6 months are to be restrained in a rear-ward facing child restraint.
- From 6 months up to four years to be restrained in either a rearward or forward facing child car restraint with **inbuilt harness**.
- From 4 years up to 7 years child to be restrained in either a forward facing child car restraint with inbuilt harness or booster seat restrained by correctly adjusted and fastened seat belt or child harness.
- Under 4 years must be in the rear seats of a vehicle if the vehicle has at least 2 rows of seats.
- Between 4 years and up to their 7th birthday are not permitted in the front seats of a vehicle, unless all rear seats are occupied by children less than 7 years of age.

If you have further queries about your children’s car seats, contact the Child Car Restraint Information Line 1300 780 713 (Mon 9-12, Tue 1-4, Wed 9-12, Thursday 1-4).
You can also visit [http://www.roadwise.asn.au/child-car-restraints.aspx](http://www.roadwise.asn.au/child-car-restraints.aspx)

2015 INTERM SWIMMING TEACHERS REQUIRED

If you are qualified and interested in teaching Interm Swimming Lessons at Beverley DHS from 9th Feb - 20th Feb 2015, please contact the school on 9646 1165

THANK YOU!!
Beverley District High School would like to thank Mrs Nat Ashworth for applying for the McDonald’s GWN7 Sports Grant. We have been successful and soon will be the owners of 20 Netball dresses. Keep an eye out in 2015 for these uniforms.

SUMMER UNIFORMS

The Uniform shop will be open on:

- **Thursday 18th Dec 9.30-10.30**
- **The uniform shop will be open day one of 2015 Monday 02.02.14 at 9:15am**

*If you cannot make it to school during this time please leave your order at the office and it will be filled as soon as possible.* Any questions please contact Roslyn Moulton on 0409732658 or roslyn.moulton@hotmail.com or the School reception on 9646 1165.
Our Trip to the Dead Finish Museum!

This term we have been learning all about volunteers in our community. We would like to thank the kind volunteers of the Beverley Historical Society for showing us all about Beverley’s history and making our excursion possible.

We all had a fabulous time!

Special thanks to these volunteers!
Maree Hutchinson, Morag Whitney, Sheila & Ted Sheehan, Bob Hall, Belinda Foster, Di Smith, Marge Thomas, Erica Murray, Joy Smith & Sue Martin
We are inviting the young people of Beverley and surrounding towns (Year 4 to 17yrs old) to be a part of something amazing …
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

MUSIC ROCKS AUSTRALIA

Rock & Pop Workshops

Wed 17th Dec 1:20pm – 4:00pm (BDHS students only) 4:30pm – 7:00pm (all other youth) at school
Thur 18th Dec 1:20pm – 4:00pm (BDHS students only) 4:30pm – 7:00pm (all other youth) at school
Fri 19th Dec 9:00am – 12:00pm (all participants) at Platform Theatre
Sat 20th Dec Rehearsal time TBC at Platform Theatre

Participants must attend all sessions and be available to perform at the Annual Beverley Community Concert at the Platform Theatre on Saturday 20th December.

Convenient schedules for locals, visitors & to cater for VacSwim

WAAPA & WA Music Industry Directors give you all the latest information using the latest technology. Have fun choosing songs to rehearse and which instruments to try. “Imagine never having played an instrument or sung before, performing with the lights & haze, in front of family, friends and peers…”

For more information about venues and times please contact Shire of Beverley CDO, Kathryn McLean 9646 1200
It’s Riddle Time!!

Answer the following riddles and return them to the Riddle Answer Box in the Front Office by the Tuesday 16th December for your chance to win a lucky draw prize. To win the prize you must have answered all of the riddles correctly.

Good luck!!!!

1. They come out at night without being called, and are lost in the day without being stolen. What are they?

Answer: __________________________

2. What goes up but never comes down?

Answer: __________________________

3. If a blue house is made out of blue bricks, a yellow house is made out of yellow bricks and a pink house is made out of pink bricks, what is a green house made of?

Answer: __________________________

4. What starts with the letter “t”, is filled with “t” and ends in “t”?

Answer: __________________________

Week 7 Newsletter Riddle Competition Answers

Well done to the Lamb family who won a Voucher for 4 people to Kalamunda Waterslide Park!!

Q: What has a foot but no legs?
A: A snail

Q: How can a pants pocket be empty and still have something in it?
A: It can have a hole in it.

Q: In a one-story pink house, there was a pink person, a pink cat, a pink fish, a pink computer, a pink chair, a pink table, a pink telephone, a pink shower—everything was pink! What color were the stairs?
A: There weren’t any stairs, it was a one story house!

Q: What goes up when rain comes down?
A: An umbrella!