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Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Interschool Carnival

The group of year 4, 5 and 6 students that represented our school on Wednesday 17th October with Mrs Perhavec, Mr Fletcher, Mr Davis, Mrs Harvey and MsTroy demonstrated their Beckenham Best on the day. They should all be proud that they supported each other and entered the day with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. We finished 4th on the day. Hannah –Lee Evans was awarded the Year 4 Girls Champion and Timothy Alone was Runner-Up Champion for Year 4 Boys. Many thanks to Mrs Perhavec who organised the day's events and gave up her lunch breaks to practice some of the team games in the lead up to the day.

Bullying

It is important all members of the community are clear about terms such as bullying, harassment and violence. Harassment and violence are generally one-off or short-term events that are not always deliberately intended to hurt. Bullying, however, encompasses repeated, deliberately hurtful actions. At Beckenham Primary School, bullying is defined as:repeated, unjustifiable behaviour;

- physical, verbal and/or psychological;
- actions intended to cause fear, distress or harm to another;
- being conducted by a more powerful individual or group; and
- being conducted against a less powerful individual who is unable to resist effectively.

There are generally three types or groups of people involved in bullying incidents:

Individual who bullies -Some children demonstrate bullying behaviour at certain times but it is important to not label them as “bullies” but as “children who demonstrate bullying behaviour”. The term “bully” must be seen as a verb not a noun.

Target of the bullying behaviour -To call a person who is the target of bullying a “victim” can oversimplify a situation and implies the person is powerless to do anything. “Target” is a more appropriate term and more widely accepted.

By-stander -The by-stander can have a major influence on a bullying incident. The influence can range from being the instigator through to being an innocent witness who may be quite affected by what is seen. The behaviour of bystanders is important and needs to be treated as importantly as both the child demonstrating the bullying behaviour and the target.

Often a child/student is reluctant to report bullying behaviour for fear of being seen as a “dobber”. It is important to distinguish between “dobbing” and “telling”.

- **Telling** occurs when your aim is to stop a problem.
- **Dobbing** occurs when your aim is to create a problem.

Sometimes children are reluctant to tell a teacher for worry of being called a dobber. If they tell you about it please come and talk to your child's teacher in the first instance or one of the administrators.

We are more than happy to discuss your concerns. We can't help if we don't know there is an issue or problem.

When dealing with Bullying issues we take a 'No Blame' approach

This is a reactive approach that provides teachers/administrators techniques for intervention: Features of the approach include:

- Collecting Information from parents/teachers.
 - Talking to others – observers, friends, (not just the bullies).
 - Interviewing the victim. Getting them to write an account of their feelings. Reassure them that the others will not get in trouble. We are aiming to make things better not worse.
 - Meet with the group/bullying. Explain the problem and the victim is unhappy. Don't give details nor allocate blame.
 - Explain to the group/bully that they have a responsibility and can do something about it. The group/bully then makes suggestions/come up with ideas.
 - Group/bully to come up with solution.
 - Further meeting with victim and group/bully to see how things are going.
- NB. Students not willing to follow this procedure will go straight to the School's BMIS policy and incur the sanction outlined (stage 2/3).

Parking issues

The City of Gosnells Rangers conduct regular patrols around the school at pick up and drop off times. Parents/guardians are reminded that they should not park in the 'kiss and ride' or 'bus bays' at the front of the school on Railway Parade.

Rangers at the City of Gosnells use the City's *Parking Local Law 2012* to ensure parking remains safe, lawful and allows traffic to flow. Don't risk a fine for parking illegally around a school – many parking infringements are \$100. If you can't find anywhere around the school, consider parking further away and walk the rest of the distance.

Bandanna Day

Tomorrow the Student Representative Councillors will be selling bandannas before school. Students will be permitted to wear them on Friday to show their support for childhood cancer research. The cost of a bandanna is \$5.00. All proceeds to CanTeen.

Spelling Mastery

A final reminder that if you pay for your child's Spelling Mastery Book before Friday the 2nd November you will be eligible to win a \$50.00 Coles gift card. Parents who have not yet paid will have received an invoice home requesting payment. The cost of the book works out at 75 cents a week.

Kind regards

Joanne Harper
A/Principal

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE

ECUA	Tallin & Tenieka	ECUC	Sanvina & Aryan
ROOM 1		ROOM 2	Scarlett
ROOM 3	Callum & Najma	ROOM 4	Munawar & Ryon
ROOM 5	Zayyan & Mackenzie	ROOM 6	Bonnie & Anish
ROOM 7	Cameron & Caitlin	ROOM 10	Ayla & Aniq
ROOM 11	Bie Dao Lai & Gary	ROOM 12	Latedl & Francis
ROOM 13	Tluang & Hayley	ROOM 14	Charlize & Imogen
ROOM 15	Isla Rose & Kasper	ROOM 16	Osman & Maryam

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 26th Oct

Informal Assembly

Kings Park Excursion Room 3,5 & 6

Sevenoaks Lunch Orders Due

Monday 29th Oct

Year 6 Adventure Week - Fremantle

Whole School Incursion

Tuesday 30th Oct

Sevenoaks Lunch Delivered

Subway Order Due

Year 6 Adventure Week – Rottnest Island

Wednesday 31st Oct

Subway Delivered

School Banking

Year 6 Adventure Week – Sci-tech

Kindy Orientation 9.30am-10.30am

Thursday 1st Nov

Year 6 Adventure Week – The Maze

Friday 2nd Nov

Year 6 Adventure Week – Bounce/Hoyts

Uniform Shop Open 8.15-9.15am

Room 14 Assembly Item

Sevenoaks Lunch orders Due

A BIG THANK YOU

A massive effort from the Myers family who collected over 5kgs of ring pull tops from cool drinks. These pull tops can be made into one wheelchair and we appreciate this impressive effort.



CONGRATULATIONS

The following students won a Westfield Voucher for good behaviour over term 3. Fatemah Room 3, Prateek Room 5, Pratiksha Room 11, Lucian Room 5 & Meril Room 14.



Below are the overall winners for Besties in term 3 are Grace Room 1, Ryder Room 4, Stevie Room 1, Jingtian Room 15, Jessica Room 15, Zali Room 15, Silvia Room 7, Deklyn Room 10 and Amma Room 7.



NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime I have been running an Art Competition Club for any Years 4,5 and 6 students who wish to enter current art competitions.

The latest competitions have included the Stockland Riverton Youth Art Awards. Our school was awarded \$150 for our entries on the theme, Transport. A team of 4 Year 5 girls – Daniella, Mahsheed, Karri and Meena - created a magic carpet, which won first prize. The girls spoke to the Marketing Manager of Stockland and said that if there was a monetary prize and they happened to be the winners, they would like to donate the prize money to Children's Cancer Research. The girls received a pack of art supplies each and, although there was no prize money, Stockland Riverton donated \$40 on their behalf! A very generous gesture!

Anouk received second prize and Ellecktra came third. These girls also received prize packs.

Well done to all of the students who entered this competition.



I have also had another group of keen photographers using the art room cameras to take nature photos that I have entered in the Chevron Focus Environment Photographic Competition. I was so impressed with their entries! We will have to wait until November to see if we have any prize winners.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM



THE COMMUNITY KIND





HELPING HANDS BECKENHAM

Dear Parents and Guardians,

News Update: In-Service Program: The recent fortnight was spent doing a variety of spring season art and craft activities along with a range of indoor and outdoor play experiences. The pencil art was very popular with morning group. Koby has learnt a few pencil art techniques from the educator Denise. They both made an impressive collection of landscapes. The children made beautiful butterflies, caterpillars, apples and landscapes for our Spring Wall. During first week children did I, Me and Myself activity to share their likes and dislikes. Who Am I? was also a popular game among little children. The children are helped with their homework every day at the service. **Cancer Council Incursion:** On 22nd October 2018, we had an incursion from cancer Council to teach children the Sun Safety. The Cancer Council's representative Sally came to take the session and the whole incursion was so amazing, educational and informative. Me and my entire team of children and staff enjoyed participating in this experience. There were so many new facts we all learnt about. For instance, the correct techniques of applying Sunscreen, being aware of UV, the precautions to take to keep oneself safe from sunburn and many more. Below are some photos from the incursion:

Coming Up Next: Halloween Celebration: Next week we will be celebrating Halloween with all our children. Our program and menu will be fully packed with spooky activities and food.



For booking details please contact the coordinator Pooja Saggarr on 0478 398 270 or email beckenham@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au



