**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS**

**School Council**
Each year six elected parent members represent the parent community on School Council. Another two community representatives are able to be co-opted, but this year these two positions have not been filled.

If you would like to “get a taste” of being on School Council, then there are three meetings remaining in this Council’s term of office: Mondays, November 14th and December, 12th and one Monday in mid-February, 2012. Meetings begin at 5.30pm and conclude around 7.00pm. Please contact me at school if you would like to know more.

**Year 6 Musical O.H.W.**
WOW!—another fantastic and entertaining show by BPPS senior students. Congratulations to all the staff and parents who organised and assisted in the success of this show. It takes a huge amount of extra work to make it happen.

CONGRATULATIONS of course to our Year 6s for their time, effort, enthusiasm and for performing such a great show!

**Swimming**
A beach and pool swimming and water safety program will be provided again this year for students in Years 3 to 5 in the week December 5th to 9th. The cost will be approximately $45 per student.

**School Chaplain Parent Survey – online or by written comment**
Our school has had a School Chaplain on staff for the last four years. This program has been funded through the Commonwealth Government and operates at BPPS because we applied for funding to be in the program.

In the last four years, I have had nothing but positive reports from parents and staff, and there has not been one issue of concern raised with me about the manner in which the Chaplaincy program operates. I understand from media reports that some other schools have had reported problems or concerns.

I am giving parents the opportunity now to have a say about the future of the program before funding finishes at the end of the year. If the school community wants the program to continue, we must make a submission for funding for 2012 and beyond.

**There are two ways to have your say:**
1. Log into the survey and answer the four questions. (The survey is anonymous.)
   - [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6CG2KPY](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6CG2KPY)
2. Send in to school a written comment about the program.

If you wish to have input, please respond to either by Monday, November 7th.

Mark Renouf, Principal

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**OCTOBER**
- Tues 25 Year 1 Zoo Excursion
- Mon 31 Canteen closed

**NOVEMBER**
- Tues 1 PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Melbourne Cup Day)
- Fri 4 Prep Fairytale Ball
- Mon 7 to Year 2 Swimming Program
- Thurs 10 Jubilee Park 9.30-11.00am
- Friday 18 WALKATHON (amended date)
- Mon 21 to Prep Swimming Program
- Thurs 24 ) 9.30-11.00am Jubilee Park
- Fri 25 BPPS House Sports
- Tues 29 PREP 2012 TRANSITION MORNING 9.30-11.00am

**DECEMBER**
- Thurs 1 - Fri 2 Years 3, 4 & 5 Water Safety Pines Pool
Each week classes will be discussing behaviours that can demonstrate friendliness. Children need to play and learn in a friendly manner that ensures everyone feels happy and included. Some behaviours children need to develop may include:

- Being able to share
- Being able to take turns
- Being a good winner and loser
- Being tolerant of others
- Showing empathy
- Respect others’ abilities and talents
- Be friendly in their body language—smile
- Make new friends
- Resolving conflict in an appropriate manner
- Showing acceptance of differences
- Listening respectfully

**FRIENDLINESS**

‘*It’s not cool to be away*’

Regular attendance at school is essential for learning success as well as establishing and making friends.

Of course, if a child is not well then they should not come to school. Please phone the school on 9789-5614 or send a note to explain your child’s absence.

The graph shows the average days absence per student for each class. The State average for one year is: Prep–14.7 days, Year 1–14.4 Year 2–14.0, Year 3–13.6 Year 4–13.7 Year 5–14.0 and Year 6–14.4, which is an average of 14.1 for the whole school. This equates to 3.5 days per term.

![Average days absence per student Term 3](image)

Across the school, there were 72 students who achieved **100% attendance**.

**Congratulations to the following students who achieved this in Term 3:**

**Prep B**– Lileah, Annalise, James, Jordan S
**Prep H**– Emily C, Lachlan, Phoenix
**Year 1J**– Jesse H, Kurei
**Year 1M**– Aron-Jane, Lily
**Year 2B**– Sebastian, Tarryn, Alexandra, Trinity, Rebekah
**Year 2L**– Molly, Jason, Seth M, Hanna, Kathryn, Aditya
**Year 3D**– Ondine, Gabriella, Sam, Ben H, Shakira
**Year 3F**– Ryan B, Seth C, Ben H, Ashley, Maryam, Tiya
**Year 4M**– Corey, Reece, Brodie, Genevieve, Jessica S
**Year 4R**– Joshua, Nathan, Kieran, Lachlan, Ben H, Hayden M, Riley M, Gabby
**Year 4/5**– Angus, Melissa, Jeremy
**Year 5B**– Callum, Rhiannon, Kaycee, Corey L, Nathan L, Sophie

Year 3F have displayed their Friendliness chain of people. Each week two letters will be added to help them remember how to show friendliness.
Sit back and learn

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NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES

It is requested that parents please ring the school on 9789-5614, prior to 9.30am, to advise if their child will be absent.

WALKATHON
Friday, 18th November

Students received sponsor cards this week for our school Walkathon. Some students have already filled up their card and have collected a second card to chase up more sponsors!

This year's Walkathon is a “RAINBOW THEME”, in which students in each year level will dress in a different colour of the rainbow as follows:

- Prep: Purple
- Year 1: Orange
- Year 2: Yellow
- Year 3: Red
- Year 4: Green
- Year 5: Pink
- Year 6: Blue

Prizes will be given to the most fancy and creative costume within those colours.

Prizes for top money raisers include:

- LAPTOP COMPUTER
- IPOD NANO
- DIGITAL CAMERA
- BLADE BOARD plus knee/elbow pads
- BODY BOARD
- 6 IN 1 SPORTS PACK
- BIKE AND HELMET
- SPORTS STORE VOUCHER
- BOOK STORE VOUCHER
- BASKETBALL/SOCCERBALL/FOOTBALL (your choice)
- BOARD GAMES—Monopoly, Toy Story Scrabble
- UNO GAME
- TOTEM TENNIS SET
- TENNIS RACQUET AND TENNIS BALLS
- FAMILY BOWLING VOUCHER
- SPORTS STORE VOUCHER
- BOOK STORE VOUCHER
- SPORTIME PACK including Bag and Drink Bottle
- PLUS: Lots of Tunza Fun and 10-Pin Bowling Vouchers!

Please return this form to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO NEW SCHOOLS IN 2012
(excluding Year 6 students)

To assist us with our preliminary planning for Year 2012, we need to have fairly accurate estimates of student enrolment. It is important that we know about any families who are presently at our school but intend to transfer to another school in 2012.

(Please return form to school office)

CHILDREN IN YEARS PREP TO 5 TRANSFERRING TO OTHER SCHOOLS IN 2012

My children will be transferring to:

………………………………… Primary School

Children’s names:

………………………………… Grade .....

………………………………… Grade .....

………………………………… Grade .....

Parent/guardian’s signature:

…………………………………

It’s Not OK To Be Away from
Find the answers to as many of these problems as you can!

Use eight 8s and as many mathematical symbols as you like to make a number sentence with an answer of 1000.

If I take 5 away from a secret number and then double the answer I get 8. What is the secret number?

One half of a pole is in the ground, another 1/3 is below water and four metres is above the water-line. How long is the pole?

Can you solve any of these problems? Get your family to help you. Share your results with Mrs McSweeney for a chance to win a prize.

Jesse counted a total of 15 bicycles and tricycles at the park. If the total number of wheels was 36, how many tricycles were there?

If I take 5 away from a secret number and then double the answer I get 8. What is the secret number?
The Commonwealth Bank ran a really exciting promotion for the student with the most deposits over Term 2 and Term 3, the prize being a “Mike Hussey” signed cricket shirt! There were 4 students who all had the same amount of deposits, so their names went into a hat and the winner of the shirt was Genevieve N!

Runners up, with a cricket cap each, were Brodie L, Corey L and Dylan G.
Well done to all those students for your enthusiasm for saving with school banking!

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Youthsaver Account for your child, please complete the form below and return it to the school office ASAP. Alternatively, if you have an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, your child can start banking straight away through school, so just send the bank book to school on Tuesday every week!

Any questions – please feel free to contact the office

Please tear off form below and return to the office

Yes, please send me a School Banking Application Pack for my child/children:
Dear Parents

We are writing to ask for your help. Our school is taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn community program. This year, they are giving away more than $5 million worth of educational resources for primary and secondary schools all over Australia, including ours!

From 18th July to 18th September 2011, Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn point for every $10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets. All you need to do is save those dockets and bring them to school (Woolworths have given us a special collection box). You will be able to track our progress on our points barometer poster at school or online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

At the end of the 9-week program, we can redeem our collection of points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more...

There’s no limit to the number of points we can collect, so your participation will really make a difference. The more points we earn, the more resources we can order!

Last year we were able to get our portable soccer nets and lots of sports equipment free, so please ask family and friends to start collecting these Coles vouchers for our school.

Thank you to those parents who are cutting the coupons and stapling into groups of 10. It’s a great help.

PAULS MILK

‘COLLECT A CAP’

Our school is registered for the ‘Collect A Cap’ fundraising activity by Pauls Milk. Could parents please collect any Pauls Milk ‘Collect A Cap’ milk caps (Rev, Smart Milk) and send them to school. The collection box is in the front office. Every cap equals 10 cents to our school, and all money raised will go towards much needed school facilities.
Parents’ Club meetings are held in the staff room each Monday morning after assembly. New members are always welcome at Parents’ Club. Please come along and join in.

**FARM FRESH VEGETABLES—VEGIE RUN HOME DELIVERY**
Why not have fresh vegetables and fruit home delivered at a great price, while also supporting our school? An order form for ‘Vegie Run’ Spring stock is included in this newsletter. Forms also available at office.

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Please note that Book Club orders are due back at school by Friday, 28th October. Additional order forms are available at the office.

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‘we make kids smile’

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**N E W S L O G O**
Next week we will be looking at the history of Halloween and its meaning while creating our own ‘ghosts and monsters’.

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**Star of the Week:**
Josh S
COMMUNITY NOTICE

The school sincerely appreciates the sponsorship of both our school newsletter and school website by a variety of businesses, but please be aware that the school is not permitted to endorse or recommend any businesses.

Special offer: 20 Free Prints through our school’s website

Press the ad on our website or go to www.print-ed.com.au and enter the promotional code 20free

There is also a range of other photo products such as photo books, posters, calendars etc. Our school receives 10% on the sale of all sales (excluding, of course, the 20 free prints).

Postage charges apply.

For more information please contact Lisa Weddige - John Paul College Registrar 8764 0280
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