What a fantastic night we had at the K-2 and 3-6 discos; everyone wore their "Black and White" to match the theme and time went so fast as we were all having so much fun. Many thanks to the parents who went out of their way to bring and pickup their children and a very big thank you to all of the staff who gave up their time to support, organise and run these discos. The SRC raised $671.60 from the two discos and half of this money will go directly back to students to help support PBL reward days and half will go to the charities that SRC have agreed to support in 2015.

The cash raffle is one of our biggest money raising events and I would like to encourage you to send you money and sold tickets into school tomorrow (Friday 20 March) as the raffle will be drawn tomorrow at 2.30pm. It is not too late to get your tickets in and help support the purchase of resources within the school. All money raised will go into purchasing hands on maths resources which your children will utilise in their everyday learning.

Today we are celebrating Harmony Day. All students were encouraged to wear orange as this is the colour that represents harmony. Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is EVERYONE BELONGS!! It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity - a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

**Facts & Figures**
- About 45% of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- 85% of the population agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- The most common languages spoken in Australia apart from English are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek & Vietnamese
- More than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia

Over the last few weeks we have had many of our students attend trials for PSSA zone teams; if you have any photos that you have taken at these events we would appreciate a copy to put into our newsletter. Also if your child has achieved wonderful things in dance, sport, drama, karate etc out of school we would love to hear about this and help celebrate their success.

Lastly, Mrs Morton is collecting donations for the Vanuatu 2GO Cyclone Appeal. Donations of disposable nappies and baby formula are required. Please send to the Cottage or 2M classroom. All donations are to be here by Tuesday 24 March.

Narelle Armour
Principal
Citizenship Awards
Congratulations to the following students:

**Silver Principal:**
Samuel Metcalf 6E, Callum Meers 4M, Cooper Moody 4M, Lauren Ryan 4CH

**Silver Honour Roll 1:**
Shayley Bellinger 6D

**Silver Honour Roll 2:**
Ryan Goldsworth 6E

**Assistant Principal Awards:**
Katina Johnson 4S, Livvi Bartlett 4S
Shay Harrison 4S, Tyler Jackson 4S
Danny Hopkins 5B

**Bronze Outstanding Principal:**
Bethany McNiclo 1/2K, Jack Testa 3H

**Bronze Deputy Principal:**
Telisha Olson 3C, Tiffany Sutton 2K, Olivia Auld 1W

**Bronze Outstanding Achievement:**
Ava Shield 3H, Ethan Weatherly 3H

**MERIT AWARDS**

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**HS EOI Forms**
High School Expression of Interest forms are due back TOMORROW!!! If your child’s form has not been returned please return to our office asap.

**Cash Raffle**
Have you bought a ticket or two in our Cash Raffle yet? You can win $2000 (1st prize), $1000 (2nd prize) or $500 (3rd prize) and the odds are much better than the lotteries. CASH RAFFLE DRAW FRIDAY 20 March 2.30pm COOLZONE

**School Disco**
The Black and White School Disco was on last night. All students that attended had a great time and were well behaved. Money raised will go towards Student Representative Council.

**Black & White Disco Photo’s**

**’Vale FM’ - Year 6 Performance**
All Year 6 students are busy rehearsing for what should be a ‘fantastic’ performance. Tickets are on sale now!!

**Harmony Day**
The students and teachers looked fantastic today wearing orange (the colour that represents Harmony). Students were involved in lessons at school today regarding ‘cultural diversity’, a sense of belonging, and that we are all the same but different and that’s ok. National Harmony Day is 21 March. We wish all our families a harmonious weekend.

Janelle Chapman
Assistant Principal

**All Baba kebabs**
the Ultimate kebab - yes - this is real
Buy any kebab, crope or pide and receive a FREE bottle of water or FREE chips.
Bring this voucher with you. Offer ends 7th April 2015.
Koori Choir

On Thursday 5 March, 32 students from our Koori Choir attended their first workshop of the year at Brooke Avenue Public School. The students rehearsed and performed a range of indigenous songs fantastically for the school and the day was enjoyed by all involved. Their behaviour was outstanding and they certainly did BVPS proud!

Kate Farrugia, Rochelle Wright
Koori Choir Coordinators

The Library Lowdown

A bit like ‘The Little Engine That Could’ it’s taken a while for the first library item to build up enough steam to make it into the newsletter, but it’s finally here.

Week 7, Term 1, saw the first Book Fair for 2015 visit the school, which went by with a rush of hundreds of rustling pages being flicked through by eager little fingers, flashes of colourful lights as pointers prodded their way past the library doors and a stampede of stationary speeding its way into students’ possession to support them in their sensational story-writing! Although we don’t have a king in his counting house counting all the money from the Book Fair, we do have the wonderful ladies in our office here at Berkeley Vale Public School counting away, and with sales yet to finish up during week 8 the Book Fair has currently raised over $1000 for the school! This money will go to supporting some big new changes to the school library, none of which would be possible without the enthusiasm of the students in their pursuit of quality literature and the generosity of their wonderful parents and carers in supporting this with their hard-earned money.

Any orders placed for items that sold out will be processed with Scholastic by the end of Week 8 and those items should arrive and be delivered to students before the end of term.

For those who missed out on a favourite book or stationary item during the Book Fair, do not despair! A second Fair will take place during Term 3 with more information to follow as the date draws nearer. As always, may the Force be with you!

Mr Fitz
Librarian

NSW Police Stranger Danger Release

Make sure your parents or another adult you know, knows where you are at all times.
Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
Don’t talk to people you don’t know and never get into a car with someone you don’t know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don’t know the person inside, do not stop.
If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
If someone tries to grab you, yell out, ‘Go away, I don’t know you’. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don’t know.

Ports Sport’s Shorts

Swimming Trials
Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Sydney North Swimming Carnival: Ella Reardon, Laura-Lee Mitchell, Damian Shearer, Chloe Plaege & Jayden Reardon.

Rugby League Trials
The Sydney North Rugby League Trials were held 18 March and the following students attended: Hemi Knebel, Riley Eades and Will Steele. Congratulations to Hemi Knebel who has progressed to Sydney North Trials.

Soccer Trials
Swimming Trials are to be held Tuesday, 24 March. Goodluck to the following students: Jenna Kingi-O’Reilly, Lillie Alexander, Xander Martin, Kai Forshaw & Matthew Smale.

Hockey Trials
Zone Hockey Trials were cancelled so the following students progress to the Sydney North Trials on Tuesday 31 March; Lillie Alexander & Bonnie Rankmore.

Apologies if your child’s name was omitted. If your child attended one of these trials please advise and we will feature them in the next newsletter.

Matt Porter
Sports Coordinator

Fitness Groups for 6-16 Year Olds
Monday – Thursday from 4.30pm
389 The Entrance Rd
Long Jetty NSW 2261
4332 6001 or 0450 307 174

REAL CENTRE EXCELLENCE
OOOSH NEWS

Last week we received our ‘Museum in a box’ from The Australian Museum in Sydney. It was filled with lots of special goodies relating to ‘Day and Night’ animals and insects. We have set up an awesome display for the children to touch, and read fun and interesting facts about our Australian animals. We have also been engaging in lots of cool craft activities relating to our ‘Museum in a box’.

The children are loving our new recipes that we’ve been introducing for afternoon tea. Our salad wraps and toasts are a huge winner with the kids and believe it or not parents, apple and zucchini muffins and pumpkin scones have been added to the favourites list. We are very passionate about our food here at Oosh and are always happy to share any of our delicious recipes with families.

Just a quick reminder; only two weeks until Vacation care. Educators and children are on the countdown, getting ready for an awesome, fun-filled April vacation care so if you haven’t booked your children in yet, come see Leanne or Liz at the cottage ASAP to secure your child’s position for a great day of school holiday fun.

P&C NEWS

Please keep the donations of Easter eggs for the raffle coming in. Send to canteen. Thanks to those who have already donated. Raffle tickets have now been sent out; if you would like more please see the office.

P&C BBQ and Cake Stall – Saturday 28 March. Donations of cakes can be sent to the cottage on Friday 27 March. Time slots are 7-9, 9-11, 11-1 and 12:30-2:30. More help still needed; if you are able to assist on the day respond to bvp_c@hotmail.com. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Family portraits Sunday 29 March. Please see Robyn in the canteen if you would like to make a booking. For a $20 donation you get your photo shoot and a free framed enlargement. There is no catch! Just a great opportunity to update your family photo.

Canteen survey data is being collated. Thanks to everyone who returned their survey, we have had some great feedback. We will update the school community once all surveys have been looked at.

The next P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 19 May at 7pm.

The Events committee will meet on Monday 20 April at 6pm in the staffroom.

All Welcome!

UNIFORM SHOP

We are currently low on second hand items and would appreciate any donations.

LOST PROPERTY

We have quite a lot of lost property in the office which have no names or identifying marks on them. Please ensure your child’s belongings are clearly marked so they may be returned if lost.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Come & Join 1st Tumbi Scouts

Scout Leader Team

Craig: 0438 885 278 or Ian 0404 152 154

IN PREPARATION FOR THE ANZAC Centenary

How to grow Rosemary

Things You’ll need:
- Green glass or jar
- Hand spade

Instructions:
1. Cut clippings from an existing rosemary bush
2. Place in green glass or jar, add water and place on windowsill in good sunlight
3. Change water regularly
4. When roots have grown, separate cuttings
5. Plant in flower bed that receives several hours of full sunshine
6. Water cutting daily for it to become established
7. Start picking the tips off and it will grow multiple stems and within a year you will have a healthy rosemary bush

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