 Principal’s Patter:

NAPLAN
A lot of media attention has been directed recently to the National Assessment Program to be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 14-16 May. These tests are designed to measure each student’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy and enable comparisons of student performance against nationally-agreed achievement bands. It must be recognised that whilst Beverley DHS takes a lot of information from the results each year to be included in classroom planning, it is only one measure taken on one day. The whole picture of each student socially, emotionally and educationally is developed through continuous learning over a far longer period. NAPLAN is emphasised each year, due to the import placed on schools by politicians and educational authorities and this is carefully managed on site for the students. It is a ‘different assessment’ in that it is rigorously timed (you have 40 minutes – go) as opposed to more product-based, less time-oriented school assessments. This has an impact principally on the Year 3 students who are completing the tests for the first time. Please make contact with the teacher of your child if you have any concerns and be assured that we do our very best to prepare the students in each testing year.

ANZAC Display
Following a lot of classroom activity last term, Mr O’Mara arranged for a variety of student samples related to ANZAC to be displayed in the dining room at Country Kitchen. Many thanks to Jenny and Wayne. Last weekend Jenny expressed her appreciation and thanks to the school and students for the display. She said they were amazed at the incredible interest the display generated in visitors to Country Kitchen and the many, many favourable comments about the accuracy of the children’s work.

Values
Our new value for development next week is Honesty. Children who are straightforward and truthful in all they do and say are received far better by the community as a rule.

Office Display
Thank you to Mrs Gollan and the Yr1s for their informative display in our front office. The work on Monsters is well worth time to appreciate.

Grounds
A quick glimpse at our oval is recommended. The growth and ‘greenness’ is amazing. It transforms our environment substantially and will provide a markedly improved playing surface for the children throughout the year.

Thought for the Week
Facts change too quickly. Only ideas are of importance. We need to help children deal with ideas.

Norm Ireland
Principal
The Deputy’s Dialect:

And it begins...
Welcome back to all our students and their families after, what I would hope, was a very relaxing and enjoyable break. It has been great to see so many happy, smiling faces from our great students over the first few days of this term.

As I have said in last term’s newsletter, term 2, much like every other term is a busy time of year. Of course NAPLAN testing commences week four and there is no doubt that our year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students will try their very best.

Cross Country
The Faction and Interschool Cross Country looms as the next sporting event on our busy calendar and it has been great to see some of our students “running to London” as part of their preparation. Please note that students over the approaching weeks will be “put through their paces” on the Cross County track with the aim to be familiar with their particular track on the day of the race.

Attendance
Early this week I met with our School’s Network Regional Attendance Officer. Overall she was absolutely thrilled with the attendance figures from term 1 and was pleased with the level of explained absences. As the weather cools down and the dreaded cold & flu make an unwelcome appearance, I would strongly encourage all our students to make every effort to keep themselves well. If your child is unwell, please inform the school at your earliest convenience and keep them at home to avoid the spreading their illness to others.

Have a great week.

Deputy Principal
Hayden O'Mara

Canteen Update

Due to a lack of volunteers to help out in the canteen some items have been taken off the menu.
If you would like more choice for your children please consider volunteering to help out in the canteen.
Please call Fiona Fisher 96 472 045 or email ffisher@wn.com.au

Helpers for the next two weeks: Friday 4th May Fiona Fisher, Friday 11th May Anthea Cooke

Kindy & Pre-Primary Committee News

Thank you to the parents and community for supporting our recent fundraisers.

The Easter raffle and Bulbs have raised us over $1500.

MERIT CERTIFICATES - 29 March 2012

Year 1: Charlotte Murray, Zoe Shaw
Year 2/3: Angus Holland, Lillian Kennedy
Year 3/4: William Kennedy, Stella Wilkinson
Year 4/5: Rebecca Grover, Bryce Kilpatrick
Year 5/6: Kaitlyn August, Candice Treasure
Year 7-10: Vernette McKelvie, Benjamin Treasure
Good Manners Award: Tim Appelbee, Michaela Quartermaine
Education Assistant Mainstream Level 1—0.3FTE (9.75 hrs per week)
Fixed Term Position from 05.06.2012 to 19.12.2012 with possible extension
Roster: Tues, Wed, Thurs: 8:30am to 11:55am
Position Number 00002137
Beverley District High School

Please note: Interested persons should collect an Application Package from the School Office, 20 John Street, Beverley or visit www.jobs.wa.gov.au.

Applications are to be marked “Private and Confidential – Education Assistant Mainstream L1 ” and should be received no later than 4.00pm on Wednesday 16 May 2012. Applications received after the closing time and date cannot be accepted.

If you have any further queries regarding the position please contact Mrs Marie Carroll on 9646 1165 between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm.

Education Assistant Special Needs L2—1.0FTE
Fixed Term Position from 05.06.2012 to 04.03.2013 with possible extension
Roster: Mon to Fri 8:00am to 15:20pm
Position Number 00002136
Beverley District High School

Please note: Interested persons should collect an Application Package from the School Office, 20 John Street, Beverley or visit www.jobs.wa.gov.au.

Applications are to be marked “Private and Confidential – Education Assistant Special Needs L2 ” and should be received no later than 4.00pm on Wednesday 16 May 2012. Applications received after the closing time and date cannot be accepted.

If you have any further queries regarding the position please contact Mrs Marie Carroll on 9646 1165 between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm.

School Photos
All School photos have been distributed. There is a whole school photo hanging in our foyer which looks great, please call through and check it out.

Student Council and Faction Captains photos are available for order from the office, orders and payment are due by next Friday 11th May.

Master School Portraits - Capturing School Moments

Win a 2GB iPod!!
RadioWest Northam is running a Wordsearch competition thanks to Good Guys Midland. If you haven’t returned your Wordsearch get onto it asap, entries close Monday 21st May. If you’ve lost it, print one from our website www.beverleydhs.wa.edu.au

Then tune into Wake Up With Frenchie the following week and listen for the Winner.

WANTED
The Pre-Primary/Year One class is appealing to all those avid magazine readers and baby food eaters for donations. We are seeking magazines (eg: New Idea, TV Week, Woman's Day) in good condition for cutting, collage and sorting activities. We are also looking to source small washed baby food jars. If you are able to donate any of these items it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You
The Pre-Primary Staff
Beverley Redbacks Hockey Club
&
Active After School Communities
are teaming up!!
So come and join us for some fun and fitness with hockey.

All ages welcome

Beginning Wednesday Week 4 (16th May) and running for six weeks

3:10 pm - 4:10 pm at the Beverley Town Oval

* Wednesdays only - Normal active after school activities will be held at the school on Tuesdays
* Please be aware that children participating in hockey are highly recommended to bring along appropriate safety equipment as this will not be provided. e.g. shin pads, mouth guards

In order to organise children into groups please return the slip below if your child/children will be involved in this program.

All slips should be returned to Chantelle Meade at School

Active After School Hockey nomination form

NAME: ____________________________    AGE: ____________
___________________________________    ________________
___________________________________    ________________

My children have a hockey stick  Yes□      No□

My child/children, ____________________________ has played hockey before and would be interested in playing a game against another town if the opportunity arises.

Parent name: ________________  Contact number: _________
HEALTH CHATTER
Recently year 7, 8, 9 & 10 students have been given handouts on scoliosis and colour blindness. Please take the time to read these and follow up with your Doctor, Physiotherapists or Optometrist if you have any concerns.

Facts about Scoliosis

Parents/guardians of girls in Year 7, 8 and 9 are reminded about the importance of looking after our spine, as this is the general age for scoliosis checks.

- Scoliosis is a lateral or sideways curve of the spine.
- Approximately 4% of the general population is affected by Scoliosis.
- 90% of people affected are female.
- The most common time for scoliosis to develop is in pre to early teens when hormones are changing.
- The cause of Scoliosis is unknown however; contributing factors can be poor posture and habits.
- One in 10 people will have scoliosis.
- One of the most common signs of scoliosis is a prominent shoulder blade, frequently the right one. One shoulder might also be higher, and the person seems to tilt to one side. One hip might seem higher than another.
- Eighty percent of cases have unknown causes.
- Scoliosis can either be hereditary or developed.

You can visit the national website for further information on www.scoliosis-australia.org

If you have concerns re scoliosis PLEASE see your GP or local Physiotherapist for further assessment.

What is Colour-Blindness?

Colour-blindness is the inability to distinguish the differences between certain colours. This condition results from an absence of colour-sensitive pigment in the cone cells of the retina, the nerve layer at the back of the eye.

Things to remember
- People who are colour blind usually have difficulty with the colours green, yellow, orange and red.
- Colour blindness is usually inherited and affects more boys than girls. Approximately 1 out of 12 males and 1 out of 20 females.

Where to get help
- Your doctor
- Ophthalmologist
- Optometrist

Helen Guinness (Community Health/School Nurse.)
BUSY BEE - THANK YOU
We'd like to extend a very big thank you to those who came to our Busy Bee at the end of last term. The generous support of these members of our school community has helped to reticulate the oval, prepare the limestone planter boxes for planting and generally tidy up other areas of the school grounds. The oval is already looking so much better!

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
The School Uniform Shop will be open after the first assembly this term on the 10 May. This will be an ideal opportunity to purchase some warmer uniform items.

CANTEEN
Please consider joining the roster to help in our school canteen. Grandparents are also warmly welcome. If you have a free Wednesday or Friday morning and would like to help, please phone Fi Fisher on 96472045.

Let’s work together to make our school the best it can be!

Dentist News
As you all have probably noticed the Dental Therapy Van is at your school, which means it is time for your child’s FREE dental check-up!!! The Dental Health Service offers enrolment to all children from Pre-primary until year 11 (5-16 years of age) where children can receive preventive and general dental treatment from dental check-ups to advice, fillings and more.

The van will only be at Beverley District High School for approximately 2-3 weeks as we have many other schools to visit. The time we are here is precious and all depends on how well your child has been looking after their smile. If your child brings home a note from the Dental Van, we ask that you please check if it needs completing. If so could you please fill out the required areas, sign it and return the note to us at the van or to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. The sooner we receive the dental form the sooner we can begin any treatment in which your child needs. Please be advised that parents/guardians may be invited to attend their child’s future dental appointments as part of the Department of Health’s informed consent policy.

If your child has received a Teen Dental Voucher from Medicare we can accept it at the Dental Van. It will be greatly appreciated, as the money will help fund and improve our wonderful service. If you wish to give the voucher to us please ensure you have your Medicare Card number and your child’s reference number noted on the voucher.

We are here to help, so if you have any questions or queries please don’t hesitate to come by the van or phone us on 0437202882 at any time of the year as the phone number stays the same, no matter if we are at your school.

Regards, Kaitlyn and Shirley.
YCDI’s focus is on building social, emotional, and motivational capacity of young people rather than on their problems and deficits. It encourages prevention, promotion, and intervention efforts (school, home and community) in order to build the social and emotional strengths of young people.

Currently our school is working together on the foundation of Resilience;

- Emotional Resilience means... Knowing how to stop myself from getting extremely angry, down, or worried when something “bad” happens. It means being able to calm down and feel better when I get very upset. It also means being able to control my behaviour when I am very upset.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Beverley Health Service together with Beverley District High School are hosting Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 24th May 2012.

See the next Newsletter for more details
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