Principal's Patter:

Major Award
On Tuesday I had the pleasure of joining Tim and Anto Cooke at The University of WA for the presentation to Abbey of the Year 4 medal for the ICAS English test. This significant acknowledgement recognises that she came top in Western Australia with a score of 44 out of 45. It was a proud moment for Abbey amid the excellent surrounds of Winthrop Hall.

School Council Nominations
We have received one nomination for 2014, but still require another to complete our team. Please consider your availability to assist the school for your children. Nominations remain open. Please complete the tear-off on page 5 and return to the school.

K and PP Christmas concert
This Saturday 14 December at the Kindy commencing at 4.00pm

Presentation Night
Next Wednesday, 18 December at the Platform Theatre commencing at 6pm sharp. All students to be in school uniform.

Classes 2014
With the current numbers advised, school will be structured as follows.
Kindy, Pre Primary, Year 1, Year 2/3, Year 3/4, Year 4/5, Year 6, Year 7/8 and Year 9/10.
Any further enrolment changes will be dealt with as they occur. Families of students in Year 3 and Year 4 – the composite classes, will be advised before the end of this school year.

Front Office Display
Many thanks to Mrs Wansbrough for her coordination of the Xmas display in our reception. A bright, festive welcome is assured for all visitors.

Values
The new value this week is Responsibility. Children need to develop a healthy appreciation of responsibility for themselves, their actions with others and within the community.

2014
The office opens on Tuesday 28 January and classes commence on Monday 3 February.

On behalf of the staff at school I wish all our families, and indeed the Beverley community, a happy, festive Christmas with family members and an enjoyable holiday break.

Thought for the week
If you mess up, it’s not your parents’ fault, so don’t whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Norm Ireland
Principal
The Deputy’s Dialect

There is one thing which gives radiance to everything. It is the idea of something around the corner.
G.K. Chesterton, 1874-1936 (English Writer, Poet and Critic)

ICAS
I would like to again congratulate Abbey Cooke on receiving a medal at the ICAS Medal Presentation Ceremony on Tuesday afternoon at UWA. Abbey only got one question wrong throughout the entire English ICAS Test. Congratulations Abbey, an amazing effort.

Attendance
As we near the end of the year it is still important for all our students to attend up until the last day Thursday 19th December. Although Reports have being completed and sent home there is still a lot of important teaching and learning happening in all classes, and this will carry on until the last day. Please continue to let the school know the reasons for absences from school. I would like to thank all parents for the way they support their children in attending school regularly, it is not always easy, but a high attendance at school is one of the most important factors in having a good education and achieving your life goals; its importance cannot be understated.

T20 Competition
Ms Tilley and myself had a great day at Pingelly on Thursday 28th November. It was extremely warm, but a nice breeze helped keep things bearable throughout the day. Ms Tilley chose Rebecca Grover as her fairest and best winner and I chose Liam Gollan for his excellent bowling and team leadership. I have included two recounts of the day from Liam Gollan and Hannah Bowden.

Liam Gollan
On Thursday the 28th of November our cricket team went over to Pingelly to play T20 cricket. The teams that were competing were Beverley, York, Brookton and Pingelly. York and Brookton had two teams each while Pingelly had three teams. Our first match was against Brookton and we made 197 runs while they made 91 runs. Good try Brookton. Then we played Pingelly 1 and scored 160 runs while we were able to contain them to 116 runs with some great fielding and bowling, it was a great game. Next we played York 1 and we scored 152 runs while they scored 115 runs. We played against Pingelly 2 in the Grand Final. Pingelly 2 scored 184 runs with some massive sixes scored near the end of their innings, we were unfortunately never really able to get our batting game going although Dean hit a few lovely sixes into the double score zone. Congratulations to Pingelly 2 for winning the T20 in the boys’ competition.

Hannah Bowden
On the 28th of November, I went to Pingelly to play in the T20 cricket competition. Beverley had a boys’ team and a girls’ team. The boys made it to the Grand Final with a Pingelly team that plays every weekend, so they did very well with a close loss. The girls’ team played 4 games and we didn’t win any of them, but we did do some amazing dancing and won T-shirts for ‘YMCA’, water bottles for ‘Macarena’ and hats for the ‘Chicken Dance’. We played really well as a team and congratulations to Rebecca Grover who won our team’s fairest and best. It was very fun and I’m very grateful to Mr Hall for organizing for us to go to it and to Mrs Tilley for driving us over.

Summer Holiday Writing Competition
This is a writing competition that is happening over the school holidays which I thought might interest some of our students. Below is an excerpt from an email sent to me.

“Due to popular demand (and about a hundred email requests for more competitions) entry is NOW OPEN in the Write4fun Summer Holidays Online Writing Competition!

WIN AWESOME CASH PRIZES!! Including $500 for first prize, $250 for second prize and $150 for third.

That’s right, no longer will your school holidays be filled with cries of “I’m bored” or “there’s nothing to do” instead get your thinking caps on and your creative juices flowing and send us your amazing, hanging on the edge of our seat, 500 word (or less) short story or 16 line (or less) poem. There is no theme!!! BUT... we are looking for stories and poems that really GRAB us so our best advice to you is write something that YOU love to read and I bet we will too!

Enter online at www.write4fun.net * OR email to enter@write4fun.net Entry is FREE! Entries close Friday January 17, 2014. *Stories no more than 500 words, Poems no longer than 16 lines.

That is all from me. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the School Presentation Night on Wednesday 18th December at 6:00pm at the Station Art Gallery.

Peter Hall
Deputy Principal
**Child Car Restraints**

An adult seatbelt alone is not safe for small children when travelling in a vehicle. Recent changes to WA legislation specify the type of restraint to be used at different ages and where children must be seated in a vehicle.

The new requirements state:
- From birth up to the age of six months, children must be restrained in a rearward-facing child restraint
- From six months up to the age of four years, children must be restrained in either a rearward or forward-facing child restraint with an inbuilt harness
- From four years up to the age of seven years, children must be restrained in either a forward-facing child restraint with inbuilt harness or booster seat restrained by a correctly adjusted and fastened seat belt or child harness

For more information on the legislation and requirements please visit the Roadwise website: [www.roadwise.asn.au/ccr](http://www.roadwise.asn.au/ccr)

The correct use of a child car restraint can reduce death and serious injury in a crash. If you would like to make sure that your child will be as safe as possible every time you travel, you are encouraged to have their restraint checked by a trained ‘Type 1 Fitter’. The Health Promotion Officers at your local primary health service are trained as ‘Type 1 Fitters’ and are able to check your child car restraints.

For further information please contact the Health Promotion Officers at the Avon & Central Primary Health Service on 9690 1320.

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**Beverley DHS P&C**

**Presentation Night**

**Wednesday 18th December**

A quick reminder to all parents and carers that next Wednesday is our school’s Presentation Night and you are invited to enjoy a light supper after the performance.

As this is a whole school community event, we are asking if all families could please bring a plate to share, either sweet or savory. We look forward to seeing everyone on this fantastic night.

Thank you.

Kind Regards

The P&C Canteen Committee

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**BEVERLEY DANCE**

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2014:**

If you would like your child (3 years and above) to learn Ballet, Jazz or Acro in 2014 please contact Tess Hawke Ph: 9646 0760 or keely@westnet.com.au for an enrolment form.

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**Beverley District High School**

**Kindy & Pre-Primary Christmas Celebration**

**Saturday, 14th December 2013**

From 4.00pm

Join us in a twilight picnic to celebrate the end of the year.
**ASSEMBLY**

Our last Assembly for 2013 will be next Thursday 19.12.13 at **9am.**

This will be presented to us by the Pre-Primary students. See you there!

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**Christmas Break**

This is the last Newsletter for 2013

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 2014.

Students commence Monday 3rd February 2014

The School office will be open on Tuesday 28th January 2014

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**Canteen**

The BDHS P&C Canteen would like to **sincerely thank** all its wonderful helpers who have donated their time over this school year. Your assistance in the Canteen has provided a valuable service for all our children. Not only does our canteen provide great healthy food, it also helps our P&C raise money to put back into our school community, so a BIG thank you to all who have supported our Canteen throughout the year.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Happy Holidays!

Many thanks
Claire and Teresa.

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**Merit Certificates - 12th December 2013**

Year 1/2: Riley Hall, Zoe Shaw
Year 2: Frederick Ochtman, Alfee Stevens
Year 3: Kenny Henry-Mourach, Tea Lewis
Year 4: Harrison Bowden, Tealah Hawke
Year 5: Kaitlyn Shaw, Stella Wilkinson
Year 6: Shayn Davidson, Thomas McLean
Year 8-10: Cameron Grover, Michaela Quartermaine

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**Please Note:**

The Canteen will be closed for the first week of school in 2014.

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**Choir Notes**

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all choir members and their families. Thank you so much for your support over the year. I am very proud of this wonderful group of singers!

Just a reminder: choir members are to wear their choir outfits for the Presentation Night.

Station Gallery Christmas Concert - Saturday 21st December. The Choir will be performing at this event. Further details to follow. See you there!

Mrs Shaw
SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION - PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING

I would like to nominate ________________________________________ to be a member of the School Council at Beverley District High School.

Nominated Person Acceptance _______________________________  _______________________________
       Signature                                    Print Name

Nominator _______________________________                                  _____________________________
       Signature                                    Print Name

BEVERLEY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTATION EVENING

Railway Station Platform Theatre

Wednesday 18th December 2013
6.00pm

Some chairs will be provided.
Supper supplied by the P&C.
Programs will be distributed on the night.
We hope to see you there!
NSA Holiday Sports

Beverley

All school aged kids welcome!

Heaps of sports and activities.

Free healthy lunch included.

Where: Beverley Youth Centre

When: Thursday 30\textsuperscript{th} January 2014 10am – 2pm

All welcome, bring your mates it’s free.
Beverley’s
“Great Rocky Road Off”

Winner Receives - $100 Voucher to Kitchen Warehouse

Terms and Conditions

- The competition is open to all ages
- Strictly one entry per person
  (multiple entries from one household are welcome but CANNOT be made from the same recipe)
- Rocky Road must be handmade
- Contestants must provide 12 pieces of Rocky Road from the same batch, must be cut into a minimum of 2cm x 2cm
  (larger pieces are acceptable)
- Rocky Road must be presented on white plastic/paper plate and covered with oven bag or glad wrap
- Name and contact details to be written on the bottom of the plate
- Submissions must be delivered to the Community Resource Centre by 12noon on Thursday 19 December,
  No late submission will be accepted
- Judging will be on Friday 20 December and the winner will be announced at the Variety Christmas Concert on
  Saturday 21 December
- $100 Gift Voucher is not redeemable for cash
Beverley Station Arts presents
FREE Christmas Variety Concert
Beverley Platform Theatre
120 Vincent Street

Saturday 21 December 2013

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Lights Competition
Beverley town site winners announced

BYO Picnic + Drinks

AUSSIE CHRISTMAS
IN BEVERLEY

5.30pm Hip Hop Workshop. Urban Youth Crew Perform at 7pm

Santa @ 6.30pm

7.30pm BDHS Student Choir & Beverley Station Singers
3 Bob Band 8pm onwards
**School Council Meeting #5/13**

**Date:** 3/12/13  
**Time:** 7.05pm  
**Location:** Staffroom

**Present:** Norm Ireland, Peter Hall, Mark Thomas, Verna McKelvie.  
**Apologies:** Scott Morrell, Sally Kilpatrick, Bill Cleland  
**Chair:** Norm Ireland  
**Minutes:** Sally Kilpatrick

The minutes of the previous meeting held 22/10/2013 were tabled as being a true and correct account.

Moved Peter Hall Seconded Mark Thomas

### Business Arising

**CLASSROOM LOCKS**  
Norm provided a progress report. Some locks are damaged due to incorrect installation. Locksmiths will return to repair when they install locks in Kindy and PP.

**DOWERIN SHOW HOLIDAY**  
A letter has been forwarded to Northam Regional Education Office requesting permission for this 2014 arrangement.

**SCHOOL BUSES**  
School continues to work with the bus drivers to ensure the students’ good behaviour.

**Follow up to be done**

Norm to liaise with Locksmiths re quote.

### Finance Report

**SCHOOL FINANCES** – reports for the period ending 26 November were tabled. Issues with Rubbish Removal, Office Equipment and Plant & Equipment were addressed.

Moved Norm Seconded Peter.

**CONTRIBUTIONS and CHARGES** – following an explanation of the schedule for 2014, this information was endorsed for issuing to parents and carers.

Moved Norm Seconded Mark.

Norm highlighted information indicating a serious drop in contributions received this year, particularly from families with children in Yr1-7. 2010 – 75%, 2011 – 72%, 2012 – 70%, 2013 – 57%.

The school’s operations will be severely affected if this trend continues.

**Follow up to be done**

### General Business

**2014 SCHOOL STRUCTURES** – student numbers currently available indicate a need for composite classes. Teachers and students have been allocated to classes and this information will be made available to parents and carers before the end of the school year. Our planning is further impacted by the loss of 1 teacher due to political cutbacks.

**NEWSLETTER SPONSORS** – Council endorsed the list of sponsors whose advertisements will feature in our newsletter next year.

Moved Norm Seconded Mark.

**COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** – Norm spoke to the need for 2 nominations for Council 2014. Several notices have appeared in the School Newsletter, all unsuccessful. Another notice will appear in next Thursday’s newsletter, the last for the year. Mark indicated his willingness to nominate for one of the two vacancies.

Council members to proactively advertise widely in the community the need for another nominee.

**HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM** – Verna provided a briefing of the P&C meeting discussion on high school uniforms.

P&C voted against the proposal due to holding substantial current stock. Suggestion to propose

**Meeting Closed:** 7:47pm

**Next Meeting:** To be advised (early term 1 2014)

**Next Meeting Minutes:** Peter Hall
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