Beverley District High School
Independent Public School
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NEWS UPDATES and REMINDERS

- Our P&C has been fundraising for a wonderful nature-based playground to be enjoyed by students across our early years, primary and secondary school. The committee, headed by Jacinta Murray, is keen to have help from as many parents and community volunteers as possible to bring this great project to fruition. If you are interested, or if you are available to attend a meeting at school on Monday 13th February at 2pm, please call Jacinta on 0417 977 429.

- The first P&C meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 15th March at 7pm in the staffroom at school. Everyone is welcome. If you have paid your contribution with your school fees, you are already a member. If not, bring your $1.00 along on the night and join the team!

- Our school faction swimming carnival is coming up on Friday 3rd March. We would love to have as many parents as possible along to barrack for their children and factions, and to help out with judging, timing, setting up, or canteen. If you are able to help out – even if you’ve never done it before and would need someone to show you the ropes – please contact deputy principal Aliesha Murray, who will slot you into a job that you are comfortable with.

- Whooping cough (pertussis) is about! If anyone in your family is unwell, please remember to consult your GP. Details were sent out in last week’s snippet and are available on Connect.

- Remember to download the free Connect Now app from Google Play or the Apple store so that you receive school notifications direct to your tablet or smartphone. If you need some help, ask your child’s class teacher, or visit Megan or Tracey at the office. Please make sure we always have your current email address so that we can keep you up to date. More information about Connect is attached to this newsletter.

- A reminder that we have a ‘No Hat – No Play’ rule. Students must wear a hat to play outside. Hats are available from the front office for $12. To avoid loss of your child’s hat, please ensure it is clearly named on the inside brim.

Welcome to our new students and staff

We would like to welcome all the new and returning families to our school. Ours is a friendly and welcoming school community, and we know our current students will take the opportunity to make our new students welcome. Mrs Wallis is our new secondary English and HASS teacher. She is pictured here with our Science and Maths teacher Mrs Morrell, who is back with us after leave last term.

New Mathematics program

We are starting the year with brand new resources and an exciting new Mathematics program, based on the highly successful Singapore model. Teachers have been trained and students from Year One to Year Five will be working on PRIME maths in year level groups and will learn a consistent set of strategies that will follow them through their schooling, supporting basic numeracy and advanced problem solving skills.

Community Notices

- Beverley Triathlon will be held on 18th March. It’s a fun event for everyone with Junior and Open events. See the Community Resource Centre website for more information http://www.beverley.crc.net.au/
- Swimming Club every Monday and Friday. Contact Sally Kilpatrick for more details 4kilpatrick@gmail.com

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Welcome back to the start of a new year.

I am Helen Guinness, your school’s Community Health Nurse. I would like to outline the health priorities in the school for the year. Our main areas are early intervention, health promotion and health expertise. We aim to promote healthy development and wellbeing to assist students to reach their full potential. We cover a large area across the Avon and Central Wheatbelt so you will not see us in the school every day; however we can be contacted at any time either by phone or email.

**Medical conditions**

Up to date immunisation, medical and address details are essential (this includes medications) so the school can care for your child appropriately and contact you should the need arise. The school should be aware of any medical conditions or changes in your child’s health status including severe allergies. If your child requires medication or treatment, including an epipen, you must notify the school/classroom teacher, so that a health care or action plan can be put into place. The beginning of each term is a good opportunity to ensure that your child’s school emergency medication (i.e. an asthma reliever or epipen) is **NOT EXPIRED**

**Immunisation**

Complete immunisation is a requirement for school entry. All children who have turned 4 should have had their 4 year old immunisations and a record provided to the school. If your child has not has their immunisations **please make an appointment with your GP, or Beverley Health Service @ 9646 3200 as soon as possible**. If you are unsure if your child needs further vaccinations please ring the Australia Childhood Immunisation Register @ 1800 653 809. Any child that is not fully immunised can be excluded from school for a period of up to 2 weeks during a disease outbreak.

School based immunisation program has moved to Year 8

Please be assured that all children will be provided an opportunity to access the school based vaccines during the program. If you require any further information, please contact the Central Immunisation Clinic on 9321 1312 during office hours.

**Kindy Screening**

All new students in Kindy, PP or Year 1 that have not had a school entry health assessment previously will be offered one, this includes a vision check. Referral to the appropriate health service can be arranged if required. If you receive a health assessment form will you please sign giving your consent for the assessment and return to school **ASAP**.

**Targeted Screening**

Any concerns about your child’s vision, hearing, speech, movement, behaviour, development, growth or weight can be investigated, with referral to the appropriate health service if required. Please discuss these concerns with your child’s teacher and he/she can assist you in putting in a referral to the school health nurse.

**Health Promotion**

As requested I can also provide the school community with information/education on growth and development, healthy eating, physical activity, hand washing, asthma and anaphylaxis information, parenting resources and anything related to Health.

Please feel free to contact me at any time in regard to your child’s health needs.

Helen Guinness. Community Health Nurse @ York hospital. (Avon and Central Wheatbelt) Ph. 9641 0200 email Helen.Guinness@health.wa.gov.au

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**PROTECT YOURSELF IN FIVE WAYS FROM SKIN CANCER**
Interm Swimming