Principal's Patter:

I trust that the school holidays were relaxing for everybody and that you are looking forward to the most enjoyable school term of the year. There is plenty of time left to continue with learning, but it’s also time to reap the benefits of all the hard work that students and teachers have put into the teaching and learning program. Mr Ireland is taking a break this term to enjoy the Spring weather before heading off on a European vacation, so we wish him a restful and relaxing time.

The school grounds are looking beautiful, and Jethro Sleer and I would like to extend a thankyou to David Johnson from Game On Contracting for providing the use of his truck free of charge to pick up plants in Perth. Without the generosity of people like David, our grounds could not look as fantastic as they currently do. We would also like to thank Daryl Burton for his assistance—again free of charge—in repairing our school trophy.

On Friday I will be donning my most exuberant shirt for Loud Shirt Day, a Student Council fundraiser for supporting children with hearing impairments. On Monday, some of our secondary students will be representing our school at the Wild Women of the West seminar. Week Three is Book Fair week, co-ordinated by Mrs Sims. It is also the week to come along to our Year 2/3 assembly. We love to have parents and friends attending. On Friday 31st October our school is also hosting the Inter-School Spelling Bee, co-ordinated by Miss Meade. In Week 4, we have a school camp to Kalgoorlie for our Yr 6 and 7 students, and a trip on the Leeuwin sailing ship for Yr 8-10 students. The Active After School program, co-ordinated by Lynn Kay, will commence in Week 3. This provides a great opportunity to keep young people fit, healthy and active, and we would encourage your child’s participation.

We really love to have parent helpers volunteering in the school on a day-to-day basis and would encourage anyone who is keen to be involved to talk to me (or their child’s class teacher) about opportunities to help. Of course, the flip side of spending time working in this way in the school is a responsibility for confidentiality and sensitivity towards children and families. We do require parents to vouch that they will respect this, and ask that volunteers refrain from discussing individual students with others in the community either in person or via social media. That is a courtesy everyone would like for their own family. Facebook is a wonderful thing, but we want to use it to build support and a sense of belonging for all our families, rather than using it to exclude or pass judgement about members of the school community.

Our planning processes for 2015 are already underway. On Monday, staff members met to undertake the hard work of setting our school priorities for next year. We have focused on ensuring that they will result in improvements in student learning. It is encouraging that there appears to be a growing consensus in the community about the importance of students acquiring literacy and numeracy skills early and well. This emphasis can be seen in WA Department of Education policies as well as in national reviews of our students’ educational needs. Our planning at Beverley has focused on prioritising these skills, as well as on ensuring that we continue to provide challenging extension programs and opportunities for our students. This is important because many of our students are achieving outstanding results and all students enjoy opportunities to extend themselves.

Next year provides us with some new challenges and some new flexibility as a result of a different funding model from the State Government. As a result, we will need to think carefully about how we can maximise these opportunities to meet the needs of our school community. Because our funding is dependent on our enrolments, as well as on the particular needs of our students, it will greatly assist our ability to plan for those needs if we know who will be attending Beverley DHS in 2015. We would appreciate it if you could provide an indication of your family’s planned enrolment at this stage. We will be sending home a questionnaire about this over the next two weeks and would appreciate it if you could return it promptly. If you are not sure of your plans at the moment, that is fine. We understand that circumstances change. If you have any questions or would like more information about enrolment for next year, please don’t hesitate to give me a ring.

Wendy Moore, Acting Principal
Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday and that everyone is ready to attack Term 4 with great enthusiasm. I am so happy to be back with you all to finish off the year!

**MORNING FITNESS**
We are continuing our Morning Fitness program this term to focus on the development of core strength and balance as well as some fitness training. It has been a big success so far, in getting our students ready and raring to go each morning.

**KINDY ENROLMENTS**
If you have a child who is Kindy aged for 2015 please come in to the front office to enrol them for next year. We have an excellent Kindy program taught by Mrs Angela Sims and Mrs Lois Edwards and would love to hear from you. Kindy orientation day is Friday 31st October.

**ATTENDANCE**
We are looking to have a nice and healthy term this term to improve our overall attendance. Last term many students were ill for long periods of time so we all need to focus on staying healthy so students aren’t missing too much learning time.

**CAMP**
Our Year 6 and 7 classes have their camp to Kalgoorlie to look forward to in Week 4! Mrs Shaw has been working hard to plan a really exciting time for the group and we would like to thank her for all of her hard work.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**
It has been fantastic to see the family support for our Student Council project of Operation Christmas Child. It is always so important for our children to realise that other children are less fortunate than they are and how supporting those in need is an admirable trait. Congratulations to our Student Councillors for all of their hard work and to Mrs Sarah Aynsley for all of the hours that she has put into leading our Councillors.

**DID YOU KNOW……… there are only 69 days until Christmas!!! I hope all of our students have been on their best behaviour and written their really LONG Christmas Lists!! How exciting!! THE COUNT DOWN IS ON!!!!**

Aliesha Murray, Acting Deputy Principal

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**Deputy’s Gag of The Week:**
Did you hear about the hungry clock?
It went back four seconds.

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**Congratulations!!**
We are delighted to announce Thomas McLean as a finalist in the prestigious VI BARHAM award for Year 7 students of outstanding character and ability.

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**CANTEN**
Please note canteen will start Wednesday Week 2 of Term 4

**KPP Sausage Sizzle**
The KPP Committee will be having a sausage sizzle tomorrow Friday 17th October as the canteen is closed.
Thank you for your support. KPP Committee
BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!

Where: Beverley District High School Library  
(Please sign in at the front office)

When: Tuesday 28th October 2014  
8:30am to 4:00pm
Wednesday 29th October 2014  
8:30am to 4:00pm
Thursday 30th October 2014  
8:30am to 2:00pm

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL—ALL PURCHASES BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL BY GAINING COMMISSION TO CHOOSE NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY!

SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS

HEAPS OF GREAT BARGAINS

Go Health!

Walk to School Day – 22nd October

On Wednesday 22 October we encourage you to walk to school with your children and participate in Walk to School Day for 2014.

Walking part or all of the way to school helps children to achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity they need every day for good health.

Supervised walks with parents also help children to develop positive road safety behaviours and attitudes.

Other good reasons to leave the car behind and walk your children to school each day:

- Walking is an easy way to be active
- It is fun and gives families and friends a chance to chat
- Walking improves your mood
- Walking provides an opportunity to be outside and in nature

Walking can be safer – it helps reduce congestion around the school

Remember walking is free, it’s better for the environment and it keeps our bodies fit and healthy!

Children less than 10 years old need to be supervised when walking to and from school as they are not developmentally ready to judge traffic when crossing the road.

For more information visit http://www.walkoveroctober.com.au/ or contact the Healthy School’s Officer at the WA Country Health Service Wheatbelt Public Health Unit on 9622 4320 or wheatbelt.phu@health.wa.gov.au

Walk to School Day is coordinated by the Heart Foundation in collaboration with the State Government, RAC and Healthier Workplace WA as part of Walk Over October
WHAT GOES IN THE BOX?
(we suggest something from each category)

Something to love (soft toy, doll)
Something to play 3 items at least (i.e. marbles, recorder, cars, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind up torch etc.)
Something for school (exercise books, pencils/case/sharpener, biro, eraser, chalk etc.)
Hygiene (soap, face washer, toothbrush (no paste), hairbrush, comb, hair clips etc.)
Wear (T-shirts, shorts, longer skirts, thongs cap, beanie etc.)
Carry Bag and other special things ie bangles, craft kits, stickers.

Each class will be allocated two boxes – they will need to nominate an age and gender for each box. Age groups - 2-4 years, 5-9 years, 10-14 years.
Please do not include anything depicting war, gambling, racism, politics or religion.
Other items that cannot be accepted include food, lollies, items that leak or used/damaged items.

Please have items ready for collection by our Student Councillors by the beginning of Week 2, Term 4.

LOUD SHIRT DAY
Loud Shirt Day is a day in October where you dress up in a colourful outfit to raise money for deaf children. Please come along tomorrow Friday the 17th of October in a colourful outfit to raise money for these children. Remember to bring a gold coin donation.

Beverley Junior Recreational Sporting Council
Registration Day - Junior Cricket

Registration Day will be held on Saturday 18th October 2014 at the Amenities Building commencing at 9.00am and concluding at 11.00am. The cost of cricket this season will be $60.00. The Regional Cricket Coach Paul Reid will be in attendance.

The Cricket coordinator for this year is Stephen Gollan for the years 4’s to 7’s.

We are currently seeking a parent/guardian willing to take on the role as In 2 cricket coordinator for Pre-Primary to Year 3’s aged group. If you are interested please contact Mark Thomas (0429 471166) or Stephen Gollan (0429 461200).

Mark Thomas
President BJRSC