FROM THE OFFICE ....

Workplace Learning
This semester, our Year 10 students have been out of the school on Work Placement in various businesses and organisations in the community. We would like to thank the Beverley Shire (Office and Grounds Staff), Beverley CRC, Beverley Hydraboom, Avon Trading, Beverley Pharmacy, Beverley Masonic Lodge and Beverley IGA for being a part of our ADWPL Program and supporting our students within the workplace. Overall it has been a huge success, and has given our students the opportunity to gain valuable work experience whilst contributing to their WACE qualification. Once again this is testament to the wonderful support we receive from the Beverley community.

Swimming
Our Swimming Physical Education program has been a great success! Our students are receiving some excellent instruction and are showing fantastic levels of improvement already. Please ensure that your children have the required bathers and towel (earplugs or cap if required) each week.

T 20 Cricket
Congratulations to our Year 5/6 T20 Cricket team who attended the T20 Blast Primary School Cricket Carnival in Brookton last week. Our students played well and represented our school proudly. The Beverley boys’ team made it through to a final against Pingelly (as they were both undefeated) with an end result of runner-up. Thank you once again to our parents (Natalie and Wayne Ashworth, Marie Tita and Monica VanDerSnoek) who assisted Mrs Sarah Aynsley with our teams on the day. We are very lucky to always have such wonderful parent support at all of our sporting events throughout the year.

Parent Teacher Contact
We encourage continuous and valuable parent-teacher contact. We want our parents to be an active part of our school community and hence be a part of the learning process that our students are engaged in at school. Your child’s classroom teacher has the most up-to-date and accurate information regarding student learning and behaviour, so should normally be your first point of contact. If you have any enquiries regarding your child’s wellbeing or learning, please phone the front office on 96461165 or email beverley.dhs@education.wa.edu.au to arrange an interview or return phone call.

Kindy Readiness Sessions
Our 2016 Kindy parents and children have attended their first Kindy Readiness session in preparation for their entry into our school community next year. It was a great success and we thank our parents for their support by attending this event, we look to have a fantastic group of new students and parents in the Kindy next year. Kindy staff Angela Sims and Lois Edwards joined Wendy Moore and speech pathologist Jo Johnson in welcoming our new students and their parents.

The next Kindy Fun Day is scheduled for on Friday 27th November. Fun Days allow the children to spend time talking to and playing with their parents while getting used to the Kindy environment.

We also have an Orientation Day on Monday 7th December where information will be provided about the running of the Kindy program. During this session, parents will also hear about particular skills that children typically develop during Kindy. Our school nurse, our occupational therapist and a special lunchbox guru will join us on the Orientation Day.

All 2016 Kindy students and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend to ensure the best start to 2016.

Bronze Medallion
The school is organising a requalification course for those who have a current Bronze Medallion. We are also willing to organise a full Bronze Medallion Course if we have enough interest from teachers, students and community members. Please contact the front office on 96461165 if you are interested in either the Bronze Medallion Requalification or Bronze Medallion Course.

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What’s on the agenda this term:

Water Fun Day
The Pre-Primary to Year 2 students will have the chance to attend a junior Fun Day at the Beverley Pool on Wednesday the 9th December. More details regarding the event are coming soon…………..

SAVE THE DATE!!!!
KPP Christmas Concert Saturday 5th December
Presentation Night 16th December
Pre Primary Assembly 17th December

Beverley ‘Parent Connect’
Parents who have provided the school with email addresses will receive a notification about this newsletter and other school information via ‘Connect’. You can access calendars of events, newsletters, forms, timetables, excursion information and other resources through the Beverley DHS Parent Connect Library. The Library is accessible through a tab on the left of the home page. It has folders inside containing relevant documents which you can download.

To access all of this information, you will need to register with Connect. Once you have registered, you will follow a link to set up a password and can then visit the official Beverley District High School Connect Community and look for Beverley DHS Parent Connect in the Classes tab at the top of the page (it's not really a class, it's a site for parent information, but it's called a 'class' in Connect). Please contact the school if you need any help to access the ‘Connect’ community and we will happily guide you through the process.

Class structures for 2016 at Beverley DHS:

Our planning for 2016 is well underway, and we are very excited about the opportunities. The new student-centred funding model means that we have the flexibility to provide targeted programs for students in our areas of expertise, namely literacy, numeracy and science. We will be able to continue to provide specialist programs for learning support, as well as extension programs for students who are high achieving. Careful planning means we will also be able to continue to provide high teacher-to-student ratios in the early years (Kindergarten to Year Three). In addition, we are fortunate that all of our classes will have very experienced, very well trained teachers.

Primary class structures will be as follows: Kindergarten, Pre-Primary, Year One, Year Two, Year Three, Year Four/Five, and Year Five/Six.

In the secondary school, we will have a Year Seven/Eight class and a Year Nine/Ten class. Our secondary program will run on a separate timetable to the primary timetable, with dedicated secondary staff. We are very lucky at Beverley to have qualified and experienced teachers in the usually hard to staff areas of Mathematics, Science, and Design and Technology. Few District High Schools across the region can boast this level of specialist expertise in these key areas. In addition, we will continue to be able to fund specialist individual support for literacy for students who require it. We will continue to focus on providing additional numeracy skills programs for small groups of students, and vocational education and training courses including workplace learning programs. Parents will be provided with more information about class structures and staffing before the end of the school year. We will run a parent information session, and provide you with the opportunity to meet your child’s 2016 class teachers, at an afternoon tea on Tuesday 8 December.

Wendy Moore
Principal
Aliesha Murray
Deputy Principal

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2015

The school is seeking donations from interested parents or organisations to assist with the purchase of the end-of-year book prizes. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Merit Certificate Recipients
26 October 2015

Yr 1: Amelia Quartermaine, Leroy Severtson
Yr 2: Soraya Doyle, Daniel Myles, Jacob Schilling
Yr 3/4: Bobbie Little-Taylor
Yr 4/5: Mitchell Ashworth, Stirling Bell-Norton, Charlotte Murray
Yr 6: Matthew Schilling
H/S: Liam Gollan, Jake Blackley
      Toby Henry-Mourach
**T20 BLAST CRICKET**

On Monday 9th November 2015 two teams of students from Beverley DHS competed in the T20 Blast Primary School Carnival held at Brookton. Although the weather was quite warm, our students showed great team spirit throughout the day and came away with mixed results. The boys’ team remained undefeated until the final round when Pingelly proved too strong and won the day. The girls’ team had a few wins and some losses but showed their true talent dancing their way through the day.

As usual, our students showed exemplary behaviour and great sportsmanship. Congratulations to all the players and a special thank you to Mrs Sarah Aynsley for supervising and driving the bus, and also to Monica VanDerSnoek, Mari Tita, and Nat and Wayne Ashworth for assisting throughout the day.
Do you want to be our CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR for 2016

This paid position is for 2 days per week, 4-5 hours per day, during term times. The co-ordinator will work closely with the P&C canteen committee. The role includes menu planning, ordering, volunteer co-ordination, financial handling, food preparation and cleaning. For a job description or to register an expression of interest, please contact Cara Hammond on 0400 762 889.

Parent Meeting
4pm Tuesday 24th November 2015
Beverley DHS

Parents of students are invited to attend a meeting at Beverley DHS to discuss a proposal put forward by the CGSISA to alter the Interschool Carnival venue rotation. If you are interested in attending to discuss this matter please RSVP to our front office on 96461165.

In consideration of a change, we need to consider the following:
- Venues available in each town – ovals, pools
- School organisational factors including changes in staffing
- Student safety and levels of venue insurance
- The need for competitive and well organised events
- Levels of parent availability to assist with marking of grounds and positions on the day.

MILDEW MANIA

During Term 2 and 3, the Year 7 Science class participated in a state-wide program called Mildew Mania. The students grew a range of barley varieties over a period of six weeks and collected samples of leaf tissue to send through to Curtin University. Although we found no signs of mildew on our plant samples, the data is important for scientists to track the presence of the infection across the state. I was very impressed with the enthusiasm of the students whilst conducting this experiment and we are very grateful to help we received from Jethro over the school holidays to ensure our plants survived. The results can be found on the following website http://mildewmania.com.au/?page_id=117

Vi Barham Awards

Finalists in the prestigious Vi Barham Awards, Beverley students Abbey Cooke and Declan Kilpatrick received trophies and prizes at a special luncheon and presentation in their honour at Narrogin SHS last Thursday. We are very proud of them.

Christmas Pamper Hampers

With Christmas just around the corner, the Student Council will be putting together hampers for the residents at the Lodge. We would appreciate donations of new items such as chocolates, card games, toiletries, stationery, nuts, biscuits or other treats to fill these hampers with Christmas joy! Don’t forget there are men and women at the lodge. We will deliver these to the Lodge along with a performance from our choir. Items can be placed in the gold box located in the front office. Donations will be gratefully received until Friday December 4th. Thank you for making Christmas special for our residents at the Beverley Lodge.
Steps for food safety

This week is Australian Food Safety Week. To stop getting sick from food poisoning food should be prepared and stored safely.

Tips to prepare food safely:
- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds using soap or antibacterial gel
- Tie long hair up or wear a hair net
- Cover cuts or wounds on the hands or wrists
- Wash your hands after you sneeze or cough. Do not cough or sneeze near food.
- It’s best to not prepare food to share if you are unwell (eg. a cold, the flu or gastro)
- Keep raw meat separate to foods that are cooked. All equipment that has touched raw meat needs to be washed in hot, soapy water before being used on other foods (knives, plates, chopping boards).

Tips to store food safely:
- Keep your fridge temperature below 5°C - use a fridge thermometer to check
- Keep hot foods hot (above 60°C) and cold foods cold (below 5°C) as bacteria grow quickly from 5-60°C
- Store food in suitable covered containers
- Store raw foods (like meats) below cooked foods in the fridge
- When freezing raw meat, place into a container or freezer bag to avoid contamination
  Thaw cooked or ready to eat food in the fridge or microwave and not on the kitchen bench

As the weather gets warmer it is even more important to prepare and store food safely.

To mark on your calendar!

Our Annual Presentation Night is on Wednesday 16th December at the Railway Station Platform Theatre commencing at 6pm.

Beverley Town Water Harvest Project

The Beverley Town Water Harvest Project is scheduled to begin on 23rd November with excavation on both John Street and Edwards Street opposite the school.

While every attempt will be made by the Shire of Beverley to keep the public safe, with all measures appropriate to a work site including signage and fencing, the school community is asked to respect the site as an area off limits. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Waterwise Tip:

Do not pour oil into stormwater drains. It takes only one litre of oil to contaminate one million litres of water.
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