Principal's Patter:

School Opinion Survey
Schools work best in an environment of open, productive communication between staff, students and their families. To ensure that all three of these groups have opportunities to provide feedback about how well the school is doing in a range of areas, we will be conducting a survey of our school community. This information is important, as it allows us to continue with good practice in areas of strength, as well as identify areas that we need to focus on in planning for improvement.

The areas to be investigated by the survey have been identified by public and independent school systems across Australia as being of high relevance for school planning. This means that respondents will be answering the same kinds of questions about Beverley DHS as those presented to parents, staff and students across a whole spectrum of different school communities. This allows us to identify issues that are particularly pertinent to this school. If you already communicate with the school in a range of ways, thank you, and please continue to do so. This anonymous survey will provide additional information and invite you to think about areas that you might not normally focus on. The more responses we receive, the more reliable and useful the information.

Because the survey is completed anonymously, you can be confident that you can give honest feedback without feeling that you might cause embarrassment. Students, staff and parents or guardians will all complete very similar surveys. A print copy of the survey will be sent home to parents and guardians today but you can complete an online version if you prefer. Details are included on the form.

2015 Enrolment Survey
As indicated in the previous newsletter, we would also ask you to let us know about your family’s plans for enrolment next year. A questionnaire to this effect will also come home today and we would sincerely appreciate you taking the time to respond.

Student Participation
I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Murray and our secondary school girls for being such wonderful ambassadors for the school at the recent Wild Women of the West Seminar. I would like to commend Mrs Aynsley and our Student Councillors for fantastic fundraising campaigns supporting young people in need (Operation Christmas Child and Loud Shirt Day activities). I would like to congratulate Thomas McLean for representing our school so well at his interview for the Vi Barham award. Thanks also to our LSP students for helping the Pre-Primaries with their throwing and catching skills, and secondary students for taking on volunteer tutoring roles in the school. It is heartening to see the maturity, initiative, and generosity of spirit of these students.

Before the next newsletter comes home, we will have had our Year 6 and 7 students attend camp, our Year 8-10 students travel on the Leeuwin sailing ship, and our Year 4/5 class participating in an orienteering excursion to Whiteman Park. I am confident that they will all represent our school with the same degree of enthusiasm, responsibility, and self-respect as the students mentioned above.

Wendy Moore
Acting Principal
The Deputy’s Dialect

What a busy two start to Term 4, students and teachers have been working so hard from Day 1!! With only 35 school days left for the year, we have a lot of work and fun to fit into a short amount of time!!

WILD WOMEN’S DAY
I would like to say a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Jade Holland, Eirene Ballesteros, Esther Brennan, Courtney Tee, Kaitlyn August, Candice Treasure and Ava Drew for the way in which they conducted themselves at the Wild Women’s Seminar. The students volunteered their time (for work experience) to waitess at the seminar to assist in the running of an event that delivers many very important messages regarding women’s health, to the ladies of Beverley and surrounding areas. Their behaviour and attitude on the day was impeccable and they should be very proud of their efforts. Vernette McKelvie also attended the seminar to participate in work experience in manning a stall and did a fabulous job. Well done girls!!

KINDY ENROLMENTS
If you have a child who is Kindy age 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. Our Kindy Orientation Day for 2015 Kindy enrolments is tomorrow Friday, 31st October and I look forward to meeting all of our new students.

ATTENDANCE
Attendance letters have been sent home this term. Please understand that we are mandated by government policy to follow up on the attendance rates of students (explained and unexplained absences) as students fall below 90% attendance. We are in total support of and encourage parents to keep your children at home when they are sick. If your child’s attendance falls below 90% we will be sending an acknowledgement letter home to be signed and returned to school. These letters are not to offend or undermine parental decisions, they are just to inform parents of your child’s overall attendance so that you are able to make informed decisions about the impact on your child of future absences.

CAMP
Mrs Shaw and Mrs Thomas along with our Year 6 and 7 classes are off to camp in Kalgoorlie in Week 4! The agenda looks very exciting and I must say a big thank you to Mrs Shaw and Mrs Thomas for taking time away from their families to give our students such a valuable and exciting experience.

T20 CRICKET CUP
On November 10th we are hosting the T20 Cricket Cup at our Town Oval. We have nominated 6 teams from our Year 4 – 7 classes who will be participating on the day along with multiple other schools. If you are interested in coming along to help coach or umpire our teams, please contact the front office on 96461165. Thank you.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS FORUM
Our high school students will be attending a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Forum on the 12th November at the Beverley Amenities Building. The forum has been organised by the Beverley CRC and multiple schools are attending. This is a great opportunity for our students to see the reality and lifelong effects of drug and alcohol abuse in society. Thank you to Sam Fricker for all of your hard work in organising this event.

DID YOU KNOW……… there are only 55 days until Christmas!!!

Aliesha Murray
Acting Deputy Principal

Deputy’s Gag of The Week:
What gets wetter the more it dries?
A towel

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Request for Donations
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.
It has been a busy start to what will be a busy term for the students and staff.

We kicked the term off with a bang thanks to Lizzie Aynsley’s Loud Shirt day idea. This was held on the 17th of October, the first Friday of term. We raised $265 for deaf kids around Australia. Students and staff came to school in their loudest clothes for the price of a gold coin.

Thanks to Miss Meade, Beverley is hosting the Interschool Spelling Bee but it has been postponed to Friday the 14th November.

Remembrance day is coming. On the eleventh of the eleventh we will be holding a ceremony over the P.A.

The student council and Mrs Aynsley have been busy, giving up their time to collect and prepare the Operation Christmas Child boxes for Samaritans Purse to send off to a child in other countries less fortunate than ourselves.

We took the boxes to Samaritans Purse on Tuesday and learned how to properly prepare the boxes. We currently do not know where the boxes will be sent but we will supply that information at the next assembly.

CHANGE OF DATE!

New date – 14th November 2014
Start time – 9.30am
Interschool Spelling Bee will be held in Beverley. The below students will compete against Brookton DHS, York DHS, Northam PS, Meckering PS, Cunderdin DHS, Quairading DHS, Pingelly PS

GOOD LUCK BEVERLEY STUDENTS
Roy Jones Delena, Mackenzie Thomas, Matthew Schilling, Abbey Cooke, Elsie Grossmith, Dean Murray, Princess Mndebele, Thomas McLean.

2014 Book Fair

Thank you to those families and community members who supported this year’s event. In the near future we will be receiving lovely new books for our Library.
Student Contact & Medical Details
If you answer yes to any of the below questions please contact the School with updated details 9646 1165

- Moved address?
- Family separation? Has your family situation changed?
- Medical details?
- Change of friendship circle? (new emergency contact)
- Change of phone number?
- New email address?

We thank you in advance for keeping us up to date!

Presentation Night
Tuesday 16.12.14, 6pm
Beverley Station Gallery
Further details to follow

SUMMER UNIFORMS
NOW IS YOUR CHANCE FOR SUMMER 2014/2015 REQUIREMENTS
Things are heating up so it is time to stash away those pants and get the shorts and skirts out. Our kids have grown since last summer so if you need new summer uniforms here is your chance.

We have boys cargo shorts, girls skorts and limited dresses available.

The Uniform shop will be open on the following dates.

Thursday 30th Oct 2.30-3.30
Thursday 20th Nov 2.30-3.30
Thursday 18th Dec 9.30-10.30

This is your only chance to get summer uniforms. If you cannot make it to school during these times please leave your order at the office and it will be filled as soon as possible.

Any questions please contact Roslyn Moulton on 0409732658 or roslyn.moulton@hotmail.com or the School reception on 9646 1165.

Toodyay Ballet School
Are now taking enrolments for 2015 in Beverley!!
Ages from 2 years and up!
Offering classes in Classical ballet, Jazz and Acrobatics

Contact Lani or Lauren via email if you are interested and would like an enrolment form
Lani- lanimc@bigpond.com
Lauren- lauren@farmingsmart.com.au