Principal's Patter:

Student Centred Funding and Meeting Student Needs

Parents will likely be aware that a new funding model is being rolled out from 2015 in all public schools in Western Australia. There are both strengths and challenges in this new funding model. School budgets need to be approved by the School Council, and we will be working even more closely with this group in terms of our school planning as local autonomy is increased. The major strength of the student centred funding model is that each student is funded according to his or her educational needs, and schools can work out the best way to spend these funds to support their students. Schools can spend funds on staffing, on equipment, or on special intervention programs.

On the downside, we are unable to determine our total budget revenue until the student census occurs in February. As a result, all schools need to be conservative in their planning. Thankyou to parents who have provided information about whether students will be attending the school next year, as this improves the accuracy of our budget forecasting. At Beverley DHS, we have been planning a range of different scenarios to allow us to have an even greater impact on student achievement through extension and support programs, while being mindful of these spending constraints.

For students having difficulty with literacy and numeracy, we will be working hard to roll out support programs across the school in 2015. As funding is confirmed, we will be assigning staff and undertaking specialised training to ensure that support programs are delivered in a rigorous manner. We will be continuing our innovative Life Skills Program for students with additional learning needs. We will also be working particularly hard to provide additional support to our Yr 7 students, who are officially secondary students for the first time in 2015. These students will need to meet the requirements of the Australian Curriculum across a range of learning areas. Likewise, we will be working with our students in Years 8 to 10 to ensure that they have the best possible chance of being successful in the OLNA assessments required for secondary graduation.

We have a large number of students in our upper primary cohort who have achieved very strong results in their NAPLAN testing earlier this year and who have continued to achieve strongly in their academic programs and independent testing throughout the year. For students who would benefit from additional challenge, we will be continuing to co-ordinate PEAC programs and provide TAGS programs in Science and Maths as well as offering additional opportunities for extension through our specialist science program.

We are delighted to also be able to offer a new focus on the Arts in the school next year, with specialist programs including music and visual arts. The Artist in Resident program with Charlotte O’Shea will allow us to run both individual and larger collaborative projects for our students in 2015 which will invigorate both our students’ creativity and our school environment.

We will continue to keep the school community informed about the effect of the new funding model on our planning, and work closely with the School Board to ensure that we are able to provide students with programs that are supportive, challenging and enjoyable.

Wendy Moore
Acting Principal
The Deputy's Dialect

We are over the hump!!! As we start the countdown of the last 3 weeks of school there are lots of exciting times ahead. There is also still a lot of work to be done! So with our heads down we can focus on getting the work done and then reaping the rewards at the end of term!

FACTION CAPTAINS
Our faction captains have done a fabulous job this year and I would like to formally acknowledge their efforts in the organisation of sports and equipment in the school. Michaela Quartermaine, Eliza Higgins, Tim Appelbee, Stanley Stevens, Tom Cleland and Rebecca Grover are our faction captains of 2014. Well done on a great job! In recognition of all of their hard work and personal time contributed to fulfilling their roles this year we have organised an excursion to Outback Splash on December 5th. Well done Captains! Great Job!

RIDDLE COMPETITION
It was great to see the entries come in to our riddle competition after the last newsletter. Congratulations to the Kilpatrick family who won a Pass for 4 people to Kalamunda Water Slide Park. Let’s see how we go this week. There is another prize up for grabs so get your entries in by the due date!

KINDY ENROLEMENTS
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.

SUNSCREEN
We have had some very hot weather lately and I would like to remind all students that they should be being ‘Sun Safe’. Remember to slather on the sunscreen, wear appropriate clothing that protects you from the sun (including a wide brimmed hat) and stay in the shade when you can. I’ve been so impressed by the number of students wearing their hats at school this term! Great job!!

STUDENT COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS
As we enter the process of Student Council Elections I would like to wish all of our students the very best. Stay positive and remember that giving it a go is the most important thing! Not everyone can wear the badge of Student Councillor although that doesn’t stop you from being a leader in our school. Leadership comes from a positive outlook and the ability to work hard, motivate others, lead by example and be a role model to others. Best of luck to all nominees.

BRONZE MEDALLION
Jodie Bell is running a Bronze Medallion Course for staff and interested community members. I would like to acknowledge the time and effort that Jodie generously puts into the school and community in the way of swimming and water safety. As a school we are very grateful for her efforts and thank her for all of the opportunities provided for staff, students and the community.

DID YOU KNOW………… there are only 28 days until Christmas!!!

Aliesha Murray
Acting Deputy Principal

Deputy’s Gag of The Week:

How do you make an Octopus laugh?

With ten-tickle
## MERIT CERTIFICATES 20TH NOVEMBER

| Year 1 | Shennal Beckett, Leah Morrell |
| Year 2/3 | Nathaniel Quartermaine, Georgiana Tita, Riley Schiller |
| Year 3/4 | Bobbie Little-Taylor, Claire Mndebele, Tabitha Roche, Robbie Speedy |
| Year 4/5 | Woody Beckett, Jack Fricker, Kenny Henry-Mourach |
| Year 6 | Bryce Kilpatrick, Billie Speedy, Antwon Ugle, Olivia Worster |
| Year 7/8 | Kaitlyn August, Georgina Fisher, Rebecca Grover, Evie Wilkinson |
| Year 9/10 | Esther Brennan, Jake Tilbee |

## VACSWIM

Online enrolments have now closed for the 19th to 23rd December 2014 lessons in Beverley. For late enrolments, contact Jodie Bell 0403 258 165

## FACEBOOK SAFETY

Below is a fantastic link for both parents and students to assist with understanding how to protect your privacy on Facebook.


## STUDENT COUNCIL

Tomorrow is the Student Council elections. We hope all nominees have their speeches ready and we wish you all luck. The Student Councillors for 2015 will be announced on Presentation Night.

At the previous assembly, we announced the winner of the front cover competition for the Yearbook. In case you didn't hear, the winner was Annie Mellick. Congratulations, Annie. The copies will be available on the last week of school.

Last Friday (and tomorrow), the student councillors and the faction captains washed cars to raise money for our excursion next week on Friday. We are going to The Maze and I'm sure we will enjoy it!!

The Student Councillors

## 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 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.
Year 6/7 Camp Recount by Elsie Grossmith

On Monday 3rd of November the year 6/7’s set out on a journey of a lifetime to the Goldfields.

Our trip began at the Northam train station around 8am. We took a 5 hour long train ride to the historic town of Kalgoorlie and from there we took buses to the accommodating Goldfields Camp School. Mrs Thomas, Mrs Shaw, Mr Ashworth, Mrs Kilpatrick and Dad accompanied us on our adventure.

We spent the first day in Kalgoorlie setting up our dorms and ensuring we were prepared for any tasks coming our way. After setting up our sleeping areas we set out to the Super Pit lookout, it was a well presented tourist attraction that had nearly all class members gasping in awe. Our time at the Super Pit seemed to go surprisingly fast and before we knew it we were back at the camp school enjoying our marvellously prepared dinners. To conclude the evening, a quiz night was held. It was a test of our general knowledge and understanding of the world. With the prize being chocolates we were all determined to win the ultimate award.

The second day had many unknown obstacles ahead. To kick-start our day we were greeted with a delicious breakfast. We took the bus out to the Kalgoorlie Town Hall where we met our tour guide. The town hall was a beautiful example of historic artefacts and furnishings. The high ceiling and ornate walls were awe inspiring. We also viewed the Paddy Hannan memorial statue. We then headed out with our next tour guide called Vic. He was an amazing man with firsthand information and unbelievable knowledge on the historic town of Coolgardie. We arrived at the Visitor Centre and then swiftly made a move to the Warden’s house. It was a lovely old style cottage with stone walls and decorative wooden trimmings. We later went to the Coolgardie cemetery where we saw Earnest Giles’ burial site. We also saw the Warden’s wife’s grave. Afterwards we met back at the Visitor Centre where we ventured through the numerous rooms and explored the history of the town. Later that evening we headed out to the Oasis. The Oasis is the Kalgoorlie recreation centre. It was marvellously presented and well equipped. They had netball and basketball courts, a football field, an indoor pool with a waterslide and a gym. We spent a couple of hours at the pool. There was an inflatable obstacle course and many students were able to complete the course, some however, not mentioning any names, merely made it to the second obstacle. We were later transported back to the Goldfields Camp School, where an array of delicious supper was set up for us to enjoy.

On the morning of the third day, we set out on an adventure to find gold. A few of us had pessimistic views on our luck; however we were extremely successful, nearly every student had found a piece of gold for themselves. After crushing the quartz, we tipped the minerals into a pan and used water to pan for the precious metal. In the afternoon we travelled to the Super Pit for a guided tour. We saw drill and blast teams and many trucks. The Super Pit uses 40 Cat 793 haul trucks which carry 225 tonnes every load. Each truck carries around a golf ball amount of gold. It was an amazing experience. When we returned home we were greeted with professional hobbyists. Their talent was line dancing. We heard a few familiar songs and learned the steps fairly quickly. At the end of the tutorial our dancing teachers gave us a snippet of what it should look like. It was a fabulous presentation and some of us perfected it extremely well.

The last day on camp was jam packed, we visited many sites including the Loop Line Museum, Mt Charlotte, the RFDS, the Weather Bureau and we started our day with a delicious bush breakfast with Sharon. At the end of the day we took part in a water fight, and then we had our skit night. We had some hilarious presentations and fabulous actors.

On Friday we woke up at 5am and set off to the train station. Unfortunately our transport was delayed by a few hours due to a few technical issues. As always we made the most of our unfortunate situation and headed out to the nearest skate park. A group of year sevens made a short clip whilst there. It was well designed and produced. The majority of the children played on the skate park and then we decided to move on to the next park. On reaching the next park we noticed a few children had split their pants on the skate park. At Hammond Park we played football and cricket. There was a talking cockatoo and kangaroos and emus dozing about. We then ventured back to the train station and boarded our train; we were finally on our way back home. In my opinion it was probably a good thing that we didn’t go on the early train. When we arrived home all students were extremely tried. We dawdled off the train to awaiting parents. It was an amazing experience.

Year 6/7 Camp - a week we will never forget.
Choir Notes

With such a busy term, the choir has worked hard to fit in rehearsals wherever we can. We will be performing at the BDHS presentation night on Tues 16th December and have some wonderful songs to present. Choir uniforms are to be worn, however we will keep an eye on the weather leading up to the night.

Coming Up:
The BDHS Choir has been asked to perform at the Platform Theatre’s Christmas concert on Saturday 20th December.

Please let me know via your child if he/she will be unable to attend. All members are to wear their choir shirts. Time to be announced. Bring your Christmas spirit!

Many of our choir members will be leaving us at the end of this year and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the students. I have had the most wonderful bunch of committed and brave singers since the inception of the choir three years ago and they have stuck with me all the way. I am so proud of you and I hope you have enjoyed your time in the choir. I certainly have!

Keep singing.
Mrs Shaw

LIBRARY NEWS

Yesterday was the last opportunity for students to borrow from the Library. Next Tuesday and Wednesday all students will be required to return any books they may still have on loan. Some students have loans from the previous term that still haven’t been returned. Please ensure your child has their library books in their bag next week. If your child has lost a library book, please help them to look for it, and if it can’t be found, contact the school office to pay for replacement of the lost book.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Students should have received the latest Book Club brochures this week. Orders need to be back to school no later than MONDAY DECEMBER 1st to enable delivery before the end of the school year. THANK YOU to everyone who has ordered through Scholastic in 2014. Every purchase allows us to earn dollar points which we then use to receive new books. Every book earned through Scholastic goes into our Library.

KONGA IS BACK!

If you want to have fun while getting fit come along to the RSL Hall Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-10am or Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6-7pm
First class $6, then $10 per class
For more information contact Sam—0488 543 183 or email sam_mearns@yahoo.com.au

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.

Piano Lessons

Expressions of Interest

In 2015 Beverley District High School will be hosting a visiting piano teacher, for private lessons. Ms Amalia Croasdale (Bachelor of Music Education; UWA), is seeking expressions of interest for PIANO LESSONS for 2015.
The lessons would be scheduled over 1 or 2 days of the week and held between 8.30am and 4.30pm, depending on numbers of students.
Lessons would cost $30 per 30 minute lesson. Payment for lessons would be per term, up front to Ms Croasdale.
If you would like to register your interest, please contact the School Office on 9646 1165.
It's Riddle Time!!

Answer the following riddles and return them to the Riddle Answer Box in the Front Office by the Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December for your chance to win a lucky draw prize. To win the prize you must have answered all of the riddles correctly.

**Good luck!!!!**

1. What has a foot but no legs? _________________________________

2. How can a pants pocket be empty and still have something in it? _________________________________

Q: In a one-story pink house, there was a pink person, a pink cat, a pink fish, a pink computer, a pink chair, a pink table, a pink telephone, a pink shower – everything was pink! What color were the stairs?

________________________________________________________

Q: What goes up when rain comes down? _________________________________

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Week 5 Newsletter Riddle Competition Answers

Well done to the Kilpatrick family who won a Voucher for 4 people to Kalamunda Waterslide Park!!

Q: What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it? A: Short
Q: What is so delicate that saying its name breaks it? A: Silence.
Q: What has one eye but cannot see? A: A needle
Q: How many months have 28 days? A: All 12 months!
Q: Take away my first letter, and I still sound the same. Take away my last letter, I still sound the same. Even take away my letter in the middle, I will still sound the same. I am a five letter word. What am I? A: EMPTY
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