Principal's Patter:

All about tests and why we need to have them

Every year in March, students in Pre-Primary in Western Australian Public schools are assessed on some important early indicators of academic development. These are skills like retelling a story, hearing the sounds in words, counting objects, and recognising numerals. This is called the ‘on-entry’ assessment, and our pre-primaries have been working on this assessment with their teachers this week. Children generally enjoy undertaking these one-on-one computer-based tasks with their teachers. The information helps teachers to work out which areas to focus on first with their classes. It also helps teachers to identify students who might need extra assistance early in their schooling. This is important because we know that the earlier students receive help, the more effective it is likely to be. Once children begin to fall behind, it is much harder for them to catch up.

In May, students in Year 3, Year 5 and Year 7 sit NAPLAN tests. The literacy assessments focus on students’ ability to read and understand different kinds of fiction and non-fiction texts, their knowledge of spelling and grammar, and their ability to write stories and essays. The numeracy assessment requires students to solve a range of mathematical problems. The NAPLAN tests are well-designed, valid, and comprehensive assessments. Children who are good at literacy and numeracy in real life generally do well on the tests, and students who are less competent generally find them more challenging. Despite this, parents and teachers may hold particular opinions about the value of these tests. Some might argue that they are not really necessary when teachers already ‘know’ what students can do from observations and other assessments. Others might argue that the tests aren’t really fair, because a student might get particularly nervous, or be feeling unwell on the day of the test.

These arguments are valid, but in fact the tests are more about assessing the school than they are about assessing individual students. One student might be having a bad day, but that won’t be the case for the whole student group. And individual teachers might be great at comparing each of the students in their class against one another, but it might be harder for them to have a good idea about how their students are going compared to students of a similar age in a different school. Parents, and the wider community, have an interest in knowing whether a school is being effective in helping its students develop essential literacy and numeracy skills.

As well as assessing students’ ability at one point in time, the tests can also measure the progress that students are making between Year 3 and Year 5, between Year 5 and Year 7, and between Year 7 and Year 9. The amount of progress that students are making is even more important than the raw scores they achieve. This tells a school how much ‘value’ it is adding - or how much it is helping its students to improve.
If a school is being really effective, other schools can find out what programs and practices are being used and perhaps make use of those strategies as well. If a school is having limited success, it might need to review its priorities or programs and make necessary changes.

Each year, Beverley DHS, like all other schools, considers the outcomes of the on-entry and NAPLAN assessments so that staff can decide on where to focus resources, which programs might need strengthening, and which groups of students might need particular assistance. Of course, these are not the only assessments the school considers, but they are an important component of the school’s monitoring processes. Information about the school’s NAPLAN results is published each year in the School Report and through Schools Online, as well as on the Australian Government’s myschool website. Each year this information is presented to the School Council so that the school’s policies and planning can be considered and reviewed.

The OLNA (online literacy and numeracy assessment) tests are relatively new. These assessments need to be completed by students in Years 10, 11 and 12, although students who achieve high results in their Year 9 NAPLAN tests may be exempt from sitting the tests. All students must pass the assessments in order to graduate from Year 12 with a WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education). Once the student has passed, he or she is not required to sit the assessment again. Students are given two opportunities each year to sit the tests - one in March and the second in September. Most Year 10 students at Beverley have undertaken OLNA assessments this week.

If you have questions about the assessment processes used at Beverley DHS, the progress your child is making, or ways you can help his or her learning, please contact the school. We would be happy to respond to your queries.

**PAYING YOUR SCHOOL FEES**

Each year, parents and guardians receive a statement outlining the contribution which the school requests for each child in your family. These school fees are used for educational resources such as reading books, sports equipment, craft activities, and computers. The funds directly benefit students, and without these funds being available to us, we would not be able to provide our students with these valuable resources. Like other schools, budget cuts from the Education Department have reduced our income from 2015, and we rely more than ever on parents making the commitment to pay their contributions. However, we are also aware that the new year can often be a time of financial strain. If you have not been able to pay your children’s fees already, we would ask you to make a commitment to do so early next term. We will of course accept payments on a term by term basis if that is more convenient for your family. If you receive a reminder notice about school fees, please feel free to contact the school to discuss a way of paying your fees that would suit your circumstances.

**MARK YOUR DIARIES - Mr Ireland’s Farewell Celebration**

A reminder that our farewell function for Mr Norm Ireland will be held on Monday 30 March from 2pm. After a special assembly, we will have a short presentation and a celebratory afternoon tea in the school library. We hereby invite all families and staff members, both past and present, to join us in thanking Norm for his wonderful contribution to the school and wishing him a long and happy retirement.

*Wendy Moore*
*Acting Principal*
The Deputy’s Dialect

2015 Country Schools Tennis Classic
Our tennis teams achieved outstanding results at the Country Schools Tennis Classic last Thursday at Quairading. Both teams won first place in their divisions! Congratulations, what a super effort. Our Division One Team will be attending finals in Perth on March 27th. I must thank all of the parents who attended on the day to transport and supervise our students.

Swimming Carnival
Our Faction Swimming Carnival was a great success. I was so impressed with the level of participation and determination of our students at the carnival. You should all be very proud of your efforts. I would also like to thank all of the parents and grandparents who came along to support our students in their races.

I would also like to thank the many helpers who volunteered their services on the day. Our carnival is a true reflection of our parental and community support. Thank you also to our P&C and Theresa Reid the organisation of food and refreshments on the day. A big thank you must also go to our wonderful Pool Manager, Brad Miller for the excellent work in presenting a picture perfect venue for us to use each year and helping out on the day.

A very special thank you must go out to our staff (teaching and non-teaching) who do endless amounts of work behind the scenes and to our Office Staff who dedicate many man-hours to make sure our carnival runs so smoothly. We have a great team!

Interschool Carnival
The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held at the Brookton Swimming Pool on the 20th March 2015. Well done to our interschool team on such great swimming results last Friday! You all swam so well and in such good spirit. The interschool squad will be attending training sessions at the pool leading up to the carnival. Please ensure your children have their bathers on these days. Notes have been sent home to parents outlining all of the details.

Friday Sport
Years 3 – 10 will be attending the pool for Friday sport this term so please ensure that your child/ren have their bathers/towel/sunscreen on Fridays.

Enrolment Details
There are a number of students at school who have asthma listed on the medical history/conditions section of their enrolment forms. Please clarify with our Front Office on 96461165 if they use a puffer to treat the asthma and if a medical action plan needs to be put in place. Students with asthma are required to bring their puffer to school and it is to be taken to all sporting events.

Piano Lessons
Piano lessons are going very well. Parents please remember there are no music lessons on the Interschool Swimming carnival. These lessons have been rescheduled to Monday in Week 8. There is one space left for anyone who is interested in taking part in piano lessons. If you have any queries regarding music lessons please contact Miss Croasdale on amalia.croasdale@education.wa.edu.au.

ICAS Testing
Registration forms for those students who would like to sit the ICAS tests this year are available from the front office. More information is provided overleaf.

Aliesha Murray
Acting Deputy Principal

Deputy’s Gag of The Week:

What did the tie say to the hat?
You go on ahead and I’ll hang around

😊😊😊
2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:

- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2–12; assessments are available in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students per state in each subject and year level (when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official sitting date)
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  - High Distinction to the top 1% of students
  - Distinction to the next 10% of students
  - Credit to the next 25% of students
  - Merit to the next 10% of students
  - Participation to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student’s portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities

entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, collect and complete a registration form and return it, with your entry fees, to your school by 30th March 2015.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Yours sincerely

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Group Executive
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Principal
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DON’T COOK FOR LOOKS BE SUNSMART!

Summer is still here

Remember slip on a hat
Slop on some sunscreen
Slap on a shirt and find shade.
Drink plenty of water.

UV myths – don’t be fooled!
There are some common misunderstandings about UV radiation, including:
‘You only get burnt when it’s hot’
Not true. Most people get burnt when the temperature is between 18 and 27 degrees, as cooler conditions often lead to a false sense of security. UV radiation isn’t affected by temperature so UV radiation levels can be the same on a 20-degree day as on a 40-degree day.
‘The wind can burn your skin’
Not true. ‘Windburn’ is simply sunburn that happens on a windy day.
‘Cloud cover protects you from UV radiation’
Not necessarily. Whereas clear skies mean increased UV radiation levels, you also need to use sun protection on cloudy days as UV radiation can penetrate cloud.
‘You won’t get burnt if you’re in shade’
Not necessarily. UV radiation can be reflected onto exposed areas of your body from some surfaces such as beach sand, concrete, water and grass.

Helen Guinness.
Community School Nurse
CAR SEAT CHECK
A FREE Child Car Seat check will be available during the Playgroup Session on the 26th March at 9.30am at the Amenities Building. This FREE service is available to all members of the Beverley Community, provided by the Avon & Central Wheatbelt Primary Health Service. Why not come down, have you Car Seat checked for free and join in the fun with the Playgroup’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Any questions, please phone Hollie Smith on 0409299089.

Friday Sport
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Piano Lessons
Expressions of Interest
Beverley District High School is currently hosting a visiting piano teacher, for private lessons; Ms Amalia Croasdale (Bachelor of Music Education; UWA.)

There is one time slot still available
Lessons cost $30 per 30 minute lesson. Payment for lessons is per term, up front to Ms Croasdale. If you would like to register your interest, please contact the School Office on 9646 1165.

Beverley Junior Sporting Club
Registration Date for both Netball and Football will be held on March 30th after the school assembly, which commences at 2pm.
For more information contact beverleyjnrsport@gmail.com or call Monica 0474 105 242

GLEN JAKOVICH IS COMING TO BEVERLEY
The former West Coast Eagles champion will be at the Beverley Football Club on Saturday 21st March from 3pm.
Jako will coach a team during the club’s intra-club practice match, before conducting a coaching clinic for the kids from 5pm to 6pm.
This is a free clinic and is open to all kids, both boys and girls. It doesn’t matter if the kids don’t play footy, come down for a kick and get an autograph.
Jakovich will stay on at the club for a Sportsman’s Night starting at about 6.30pm. Tickets are $20 per head for this show. There are meals available and the bar will be open. Jako will talk about his career, footy in general and will be available for question time.
There will also be raffles and an auction of sporting memorabilia conducted by the team at Ultimate Promotions.
Tickets can be reserved by contacting David Johnson on 0429 838 501 or will be available at the door on the night.
**News From Your Student Leaders**

**Sports update:** Congratulations to Dale on winning the 2015 Faction Swimming Carnival. It was a fantastic day full of great spirit and competition. Thank you to Mrs Murray and all the parent helpers. We wish all interschool competitors the best of luck in Brookton.

Well done to the two tennis teams representing Beverley in Quairading last week. Grace, Annie, Sam and Declan won their division and are through to the finals in Perth. Rebekah, Matthew, Torin and Abbey also won their division. Congratulations to you all! Don’t forget to start training for cross country in term two.

**Student Council update:**

DON’T FORGET:

**FUNKY HAIR DAY TOMORROW! BRING A GOLD COIN AND YOUR FUNKIEST HAIR STYLE**

GRIP CONFERENCE: On Monday, the student leaders attended a leadership conference at the Convention Centre. We were inspired to find the types of leaders we were, how to plan events, how to communicate effectively and maximise our impact at school. It was a fantastic day and we are eager to put our new knowledge into practice! A big thank you to Mrs Kilpatrick for driving us there.

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**Posting Images on Facebook**

If you attend a school event – be it a concert, a carnival, an assembly or an excursion - we are certainly happy for you to take photographs of your children. We know that sometimes other children appear in the photographs too, and that is often difficult to avoid. However, please take care with these photographs. There is no problem with you posting photographs **of your own children** participating in school activities on social media sites, **so long as those photographs don’t include images of other children**. Posting photographs of your own children is your own personal choice. Other parents might not share that choice. Please do respect their rights to control how images of their children are used. We do not want to have to ban parents from taking photographs of their children at school events, so please be aware of this. If you have posted photographs that include other people’s children, kindly remove them as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration of others.

Wendy Moore
## 2015 FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

### OUTRIGHT WINNER

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### BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER VS GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER

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### Overall Champion Boy

SAMUEL MCLEAN

### Overall Champion Girl

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**Student Council News**

**Funky Hair Day**

THIS FRIDAY 13 March
Bring a gold coin to support the Leukaemia Foundation.
We will be set up to take donations and create funky hair styles in the undercover area at lunch time.

From your Student Council.
SunSmart
Beverley
Triathlon 2015
Saturday 21 March

Time to put your game face on, train like you’re sponsored by Nike and join in for the first triathlon at the Beverley Swimming Pool

Entry Fees
Junior Individuals - $15
Junior Team - $45
Open Individual - $20
Open Team - $60

Registration forms available at the Beverley CRC, Beverley Swimming Pool or online at www.beverley.crc.net.au under ‘Resources’.

Race Categories
Nippers (9 years and under)
50m Swim / 1.4 km Bike / 700m Run

Juniors (13 years and under)
100m Swim / 2.8 km Bike / 1.2 km Run

Short (14 years and over)
200m Swim / 7 km Bike / 3 km Run

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Prizes to be won
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How to Register
Fill out this form and return to PO Box 310 Beverley WA 6304 or email to adminbcrc@westnet.com.au with your payment, prior to Wednesday 18 March 2015.

How to Pay
By Electronic Funds Transfer
Account Number: 253066884
BSB Number: 016540
Details: Surname and include TRI15
Please email remittance advice and/or payment details to adminbcrc@westnet.com.au.

By Mail
Cheques written and posted to
Beverley Community Resource Centre Inc
PO Box 310
Beverley WA 6304

In Person
At the Beverley CRC - 132 Vincent Street.
Office opening hours - Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.00pm. Cash or cheques accepted. Please note that we do not have credit card or EFTPOS facilities.

Registration Information
Registration times, race briefing and race start times for Juniors and Open will be confirmed prior to race day and sent to you upon receipt of your payment and registration form.

Feel like a challenge? Enter in both the individual and team event

Event Sponsors:

Beverley CRC Office Use Only
Date: ____________ Payment Received: $________
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Registration Form Signed: ☐ Yes ☐ No
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