Week 9 - Term 4 2014

If you know any families who may be interested in enrolling at Bexhill Public School for 2015 please encourage them to contact the school for an enrolment package.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL AND KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION ASSEMBLY Friday 12th December at 9.30 am

Order of Events
- Kindergarten will be presented with a book to mark the successful completion of their first year of school.
- Year 6 Presentation and speeches

As is tradition each Year 6 student presents the school with a book they have chosen. Whilst this is not an essential requirement our students usually participate. Students will receive a Graduation certificate and a beautifully carved pen as a memento of their time at Bexhill PS; handcrafted from the schools’ camphor laurel trees by Mr Foster. Year 6 students will also present their farewell speech to the school.

Other end of year awards to be presented include:
- Dux of the School for 2014, Citizenship Award for 2014, Sports Award for 2014, House Award for 2014 and Choir item

Parents, family and friends are all invited and are most welcome to attend.

GARDENING CLUB
As the year draws to an end the staff and children would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that Gemma Hall and Kirsten Keith have offered each week to make this club successful. The children have gained valuable knowledge and skills and enjoyed the experience.

Thank you Gemma and Kirsten!

RAFFLE TICKETS
Many thanks to Ms Heggie, Sky, Summer, Mrs James, Charlotte, for selling tickets at Bexhill Hall on Saturday night and to Mrs Cravigan, Mrs James and Mrs Craigie for selling tickets at Lismore Square on Sunday. Our efforts raised an extra $380.00.......thank you! We encourage each family will sell at least one book of tickets to support this raffle as the prize is a most generous donation of a vealer in the form of four meat trays to be raffled for our school.

The raffle will be drawn at our School Concert on December 10th. Should you require more tickets please notify Mrs Aafjes at the from office. Tickets are only $1 each.

CHICKENS
Thank you to the Newberry family who have volunteered to take care of our chickens during the holidays. Eggs are currently on sale for $4 a dozen or $2 for 6. Proceeds go to caring for the chooks and the gardening fund.

Y6 CAKE STALL – tomorrow.........all items 50c each

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IMPORTANT DATES
Last day of school – Wed 17th December 2015
Students return – Wed 28th January
Kinder students start – Tuesday 3rd February

ASSEMBLIES
Week 9 - Friday 5th December
Leaders – Georgia, Jaimie & Sophie
Assembly Item – Y3/4

Week 10 - Friday 12th – Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Kindergarten Book Presentation

DECEMBER
- Monday 1st – Captains’ Speeches -9.30
- Final P&C Meeting, 7pm.
- Tuesday 2nd – Lucinda Awards – Lismore Cinema. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Wednesday 3rd – Last day AAS Skateboarding Centre’s orientation day
- Thursday 4th – Year 6 Cake Stall
- Wednesday 10th – School Concert/ Christmas Tree/ back up date Tuesday 16th
- Thursday 11th – Volunteers Afternoon Tea
- Friday 12th – Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Kindergarten Book Presentation

FINAL CANTEEN
Monday 8th December
Work: Lisa Perkins & Linda Ashby
Cooks: Linda Ashby, Katie Howes & Gemma Hall

Bexhill staff would like to invite all our wonderful volunteers for afternoon tea on Thursday 11th December at 2.30 pm in appreciation for your valued assistance throughout the year.

If you are unable to attend please accept our most sincere appreciation for your support and hard work during 2014.

With Best Wishes Bexhill staff.
RSVP office 66284223
On Monday 17th November Years 5/6 students travelled by bus to visit the brand new Dorroughby Environment Education Centre Science Lab. When we arrived we firstly discussed the rules of the lab and then we walked to Dan’s Creek to test the creek’s turbidity, making sure that we got the water from the middle of the stream to make it a fair test. Once we finished at Dan’s Creek we left to go back to the centre to investigate the lab activities. The activities covered the following topics: Make It Rain, Njabai Aboriginal fishing, Dirty Water, Statistics of Water, and Sea to Fresh Water, Which Water and Ground Water. Unfortunately we were only allowed to work on two activities because of the time frame. After we finished at the lab we split into groups. One group built a catchment made from soil and hay. We then poured water into the catchment and checked the turbidity of each catchment. In the next activity we put water into a jug and mixed it with a little bit of salt. We then wrapped a paddle pop stick, attached a cord and a battery to it and then with a cord we attached it to a small light bulb and made it light up. This worked because salt is a conductor of electricity. This also means we can make a sustainable future!

Bodhi, Lennox and Dylan- Year 4/5

LIBRARY NEWS
Thank you parents for supporting and encouraging your children with library borrowing. I have been delighted this year with the high levels of student borrowing and enthusiasm for reading. A number of our students listed, this year, received the NSW Premiers reading Challenge Gold Award. It is essential that all outstanding books are returned to the library for our annual stocktake by this Friday, which as you can appreciate is quite a large task. Your assistance with this is much appreciated. There will be no more books being borrowed for 2014.

Term 4 - CLASS / MERIT AWARDS
KINDER - Connor, Boyd, Sienna, Kolya, Sebastian, Stella, Harris, Arky
Y 1/2 - Chase, Sam, Claire, Kate, Lilly Mc, Johny, Laura, Louis
Y 3/4 - Will J, Billy, Inaya, Brooklyn, Jaimie, Grace,
Y 4/5 - Makayla, Tasman, Poppy, Gabby, Maddi, Dylan F
Y 5/6 - Byron, Kurt, Denni-Lee, Sophie, Krystal, Lily N

YOU CAN DO IT!

Wishing a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY for November to...
Jessi, Ayla, Josh, Henry, Tyleah, Jeffrey, Taj, Issy, Maddi, Sky & Kate S

NSW PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE GOLD AWARD
Y3/4
Jeffrey, Inaya, Sky, Joshua, Will J, Harrison, Billy
Y4/5
Y5/6
James, Charlotte, Denni-Lee, Lochie, Jasmine, Jade, Lucy, Zekiah, Will, Lucas, Georgia, Sophie, Kurt, Dylan
Family & Friends are invited to our 2014 School Concert and Christmas Tree

WHEN: Wednesday 10th December

WHERE: Bexhill school oval, with the bottom COLA as the performance stage.

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TIME: Children need to report to their classrooms by 6 pm for a 6.30pm start

Entry to the concert will be via the front gate only for security reasons.

Parking is prohibited on the top oval. All cars must park outside school boundaries.

COST: Gold coin donation. The end of year raffle will also be drawn on the night.

You are most welcome to bring your own drinks, nibbles and picnic blanket.

Santa has been invited to attend, at the conclusion of the concert, to say ‘Hello and Merry Christmas’ to the Bexhill girls and boys and to give them a small treat from his Santa sack. Pre-schooler children are also welcome to join in the Santa festivities.

**Please remember that the school grounds are alcohol and smoke free.

NOTE: Class teachers will be sending out individual class notes regarding costumes and any particular requirements they may have.
FROMELLE CHOIR VISIT
Last Wednesday our school choir performed a variety of songs at Fromelles Manor, Lismore. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the visit by the children. A highlight for the children was the opportunity to learn of the history associated with Fromelles and the lovely morning tea provided. Thank you children for the time you have given to be a valuable member of our choir. Mrs Brierley

BEXHILL CUP
On Tuesday 25th November Bexhill Public School ran the Annual Bexhill Cup with the charity this year being the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. As is the tradition Year 5 designed the track for Year 6 jockeys and their hobby horses to race on. Many dressed in their finest race day attire for the day.
At two o’clock we assembled at the Cola for Fashions on the Field. Everyone looked fabulous in their outfits. After recess we assembled for the big race. There were many obstacles for Year 6 to overcome such as eating a dry Wheat Bix to finding a marshmallow buried in a tray of flour before rolling a large tyre to the finish line.
First place went to Lochie on Bob Marley, second place was Owen riding Gollum and third place went to Max riding Smaug. A wonderful day was had by all with a total of $65 being raised.
Thank you to all the fabulous parents and teachers who volunteered their time and equipment to make our working bee a huge success. The digging out and building of the retaining wall was led by Nick Soudakoff – Thank you Nick for your time and skills in organising this. To the men who assisted: Mr Cravigan, Mr Lake, Mr Degier, Mr Howes and Mr James.

A huge thank you also to Mr Wilson who supplied soil fill for all our tyres in the fixed playground equipment area. Kate Soudakoff kindly transported the loads of soil to the school and was ably assisted by the ladies to move both soil and soft fall.

Thank you also to the Coles family who purchased, delivered and installed 2 metres of soft fall into the play area. In between loads, women and children weeded our front garden which is developing well.

Families who were either involved with the playground or garden included: the James (Eloise, Steve, Charlotte, Will, and Sebastian), Coles (Tanya, Harvey and Jeffrey) Freemans (Christine, Sam and Jaimie), Newberrys (Louise and Marley), Howes (Peter) Degiers (Kath, Jason, Willow, Bodhi and Josh), Wrights (Megawati), Perkins (Lisa, Georgia, Harrison and Blake) and Mrs Harris and her sons.

Finally, a big thank you to Mick Small for connecting our water tank which the MAD Water Team had worked hard for this year. This water will be used to directly water our garden setup.

We also thank Mr Jones, our General Assistant, who prepared the stand for the tank and laid out the tyres in preparation for the soil and fill.

The students, this week, were extremely excited to be able to play on the fixed equipment once more.

Kind regards, Wendy Brierley
The SRC this year has proposed that our annual charity collection will be supporting the Salvation Army.

In order to do this they ask that donated items be given to each class to build a ‘Wishing Tree’.

Please ensure items are non-perishable and not out of date. If presents are wrapped for children, please indicate appropriate age and gender.

Please have all donations at school before Wednesday 10th December to support this worthy cause.

BEXHILL OOSH – VACATION CARE

Bexhill O.O.S.H will be running Vacation care during the school holidays again. The 18/12/14 and 19/12/14, 22/12/14 and 23/12/14 will be dates considered if families are needing care on these days. I will be taking holidays for 2 weeks, and will then run Vacation care from the 12/01/15 - 23/01/15. Please contact me ASAP so I can organise what days I can offer. Once again I will need to have at least 5 children a day to make it viable to run. We had a great time last holidays, and I know we will have just as much fun this time. We will have a jumping castle again and will be doing an excursion to the movies and Alstonville House with No steps water park! Places are filling fast for Before and After school care for next year, with new families starting next year, so if you need to book any days please let me know before the end of term.

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