

The Cassowary

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One question that was repeatedly asked by prospective parents during Education Week was – Can a school of your size offer a full range of specialist classes? The answer quite simply is ‘yes’. Not only does Beverley Hills offer as many (more in some cases) specialist classes as other schools in the Manningham area but many of our specialists are part-time and teach only that subject area. Mrs Ferrall, for example, teaches Art; nothing else, that is her passion and specialist field. She also runs workshops for art teachers, does consultative work as an Artist in Residence in both Government and Independent schools and spends time at her own artistic endeavours. Because of our size Beverley Hills has been able to employ this highly skilled professional on a part-time basis; had we been a larger school this would not have been possible and our Art program would not have been anywhere near as good. Teachers came from far and wide to see and admire our Art Show.

Apart from Art we offer Italian, Physical Education, Music, Library, Science (4-6) and Special Assistance for those students with learning difficulties. No school in Manningham or elsewhere could offer more specialist classes.

On a user pay basis we also offer instrumental music, dance and chess.

Quite clearly we are able to operate a full suite of specialist programs to complement our excellent Literacy & Numeracy Programs. If you are ever questioned about the school by friends or neighbours remember to make the point – we offer as wide a curriculum as all other schools in the area with the added advantage of a more personally tailored education.

SCHOOL CONCERT

This year the School Concert will be held at Doncaster Secondary College on Monday 14th September and Tuesday 15th September. Mrs Waterhouse has planned the musical items, the choreographer Steph Hutchison has been employed and we are ready to ‘Rock ‘n’ Roll’.

Mrs Waterhouse is already on the hunt for some help with costumes. She would love to hear from you if you have any of the following:

- Black Afro wigs – lots
- Black suits to fit grade 6 boys
- Blues Brothers hats
- ABBA costumes – white/gold

No doubt there will be further requests. If you can sew and are willing to help please contact the school office or see Mrs Waterhouse personally

Calendar

June
12th – Reporting Day (Student Free)
15th – Fete Committee Meeting (7.30pm)
15th – P&F Meeting

June
17th – School Council
18th – Senior School Excursion (\$10.00)
26th – Term 2 Ends (2.30pm Finish)



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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books are still available. If you want to order the new edition please contact Yasmin Tibb or the school office - cost \$65.00.

BHPS SCHOOL FETE COMMITTEE

We are calling on interested people in our community to attend a Meeting on Monday 15th June at 7.30pm in the staffroom. If you can't attend the meeting on this date but would like to be part of the committee please leave your name at the school office. In our 50th Year we want this Fete to be the best ever at Beverley Hills. With your help we can achieve this.

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, 19 June 2009 - for the price of a gold coin donation, come and join your friends and watch *Night at the Museum*. There will be popcorn and drinks available for purchase. The movie night starts at 3:45pm. Parents please make sure you pick up your children by no later than 5:45pm.

SCHOOL DISCO

Friday, 26th June 2009 – Last day of Term 2. Get the dancing shoes ready for the school disco. A notice will be sent home next week.

ASIAN FOOD DAY

A very big THANK YOU to all the families who supplied fried rice. The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed their lunch. Thank very much also to the mums who helped on the day. A very successful event.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on 21st July 2009 in the staffroom.

President - Susan Kent - P.9891-7037

Secretary – Eve Darsas – P.9842 2412 **Treasurer** – Yasmin Tibb – P.9842 4875



Could all parents please make sure the office is aware of the days your child/ren will be using the program.

BEFORE CARE WEEKLY PROGRAM for Term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Board Games	Let's Get Physical	Puppet Making	Indoor/Outdoor Games	Mystery Fun

AFTER CARE WEEKLY PROGRAM for Term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cooking In the Hall	Games Indoor / Outdoor	Children's Choice	Creating Craft	Table Tennis In the Hall



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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Last Friday Grade 3G participated in World Environment Day. The class discussed ways in which each member might be able to positively impact on our environment. Switching off unused appliances, reducing, recycling, reusing and even picking up rubbish are all ways in which each individual can help contribute.

Many members of the class choose to walk to school that day, many brought “rubbish free” lunches and, of course, our grounds were especially clean on that day. A gold coin donation to Landcare and Coastcare was also made. Thank you to all parents who helped to make this day such a success.

Mrs Greenwood - 3G



Stop the Fires

During term 2, Grade 5 has been learning different writing genres. The genre they most favoured was Report Writing. The students had to report and discuss in detail, the recent bushfires in Victoria. Some students reported on the safety precautions that are needed, especially when summer approaches. Mrs Corfios – 5C

When summer approaches there are most likely to be bush fires. Where ever you live you must always have an emergency exit and everyone in the house must know to dial 000 when there is a fire. If you see a fire or your neighbours' home has caught on fire, the best thing to do is call the fire brigade and help as much as you can. You need to be very careful that the fire does not spread to your house. To protect your own home you can hose down your roof, grass and trees. You always need to be prepared for a fire. They are very dangerous and destructive. The most important thing that everyone must have in their home is the smoke detector. It will wake everyone in the house even if they are in deep sleep. You must also have a hose. It's most likely that everyone should already have a hose in their home. In your house, for safety reasons, you must also own and install a fire extinguisher. This may help with smaller fires inside the house. If you live in a rural or bush area you will mostly likely have big, dry trees. If you don't want to cut down your trees or see them get burnt you should make sure that when the fire approaches, that they are wet. If you do decide to trim your trees then you must have permission from the council. It would possibly be illegal to cut them down without the councils' permission. Another safety measure you can take, if you are a farmer, is perhaps having a borehole drilled. This will ensure you always have water available for any fire emergencies. If you have barnyard animals or house pets, you must always have an emergency exit and plan for them. You should always be prepared for a fire. By Lisa A.

Everyone needs to prepare as summer approaches. Bushfires can be very devastating. They can even destroy cities. If you live in suburban areas probably the first thing to check is a fire alarm. You might be on one side of your house while the other side is burning down. By the time you realise your house is on fire it will be too late. Also, check to see if your house has a fire extinguisher. Place it in a spot where it is easy for



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everyone to grab. Most importantly, you will need a fire escape plan so that everyone can escape quickly. As well as this, everyone in the family must know that if a fire does occur, dial 000. Another thing to do is to keep your lawn damp and occasionally pour a bucket or two over your roof. This reduces the chance of your house burning down. If you live in rural areas the first thing to do is to ask the council for permission to chop down nearby trees that are dead and dry. Check to see that your water tank (if any) is always full so you can use the water in an emergency. Make sure you have a telephone to call the fire brigade or a two-way radio connection. If you live on a farm, you will need an escape plan for not only yourself, but also for your livestock.

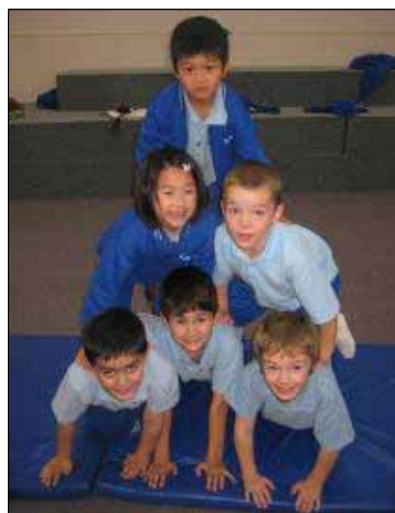
USEFUL TIPS:

- Clean out any dry leaves from your roof's gutter
- If there is a fire, soak blankets in cool water and put beside the door to try and stop fire getting in
- Always stay down low during a fire
- Do not panic

If you follow all of the above, you and your house will be quite safe from fires. Happy summer holidays!
By Benny Y.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - GYMNASTICS 2009

All the students at Beverley Hills PS are completing a unit of work in Gymnastics. The students have performed admirably on all the different apparatus, completing skills according to their age and developmental level. We have some talented gymnasts at Beverley Hills PS. This week we looked at performing a series of counter-balances with a partner and within a group. It is always interesting to observe students working together, thinking of ideas, testing the idea, who is the group leader and which group utilizing their practice time before performing to the class group. Some of the balances were fantastic. Here is a few for your viewing pleasure.







Next term the Upper and ECU will both complete a unit on football in readiness for the Connex Tiger Clinic on Monday 20th July (Upper School only) and the September Finals action. Followed by an Athletics unit before our Athletics' Carnival on August 5th for Grade 3 – 6 at the Rieschieks Reserve in George Street. The Senior School will finish the term with a European Handball unit whilst the ECU will complete a Netball unit.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations and best wishes to Leigh Mac Isaac, Monique Webb and Tommy Williams as they compete on Wednesday 10th June at Bundoora Park, a great achievement for all. Unfortunately Riley Ginnivan is unwell so is unable to compete, bad luck Riley!

Mrs R. Wallace - PE Teacher