

# The Cassowary

Official Newsletter of Beverley Hills Primary School

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From Preparatory Grade to University our school lives are full of new beginnings. Whilst many adults fear and resist change children by and large meet it with enthusiasm and curiosity even with a sense of excitement. Despite some degree of trepidation and bewilderment on the faces of our Prep students they approached their new beginning with confidence and enthusiasm. As parents and teachers we must work hard to keep the fires of enthusiasm and curiosity burning and instil in our children a love of learning. True seekers of knowledge need not be a rarity if the adults in children's lives play their part.

- Encourage them to ask why
- Give positive feedback when deserved
- Build a responsible positive self concept
- Model appropriate ways of behaving
- Achieve a balance between co-operation and competition
- Give them varied and enriched experiences
- Be involved

The 2009 school year has begun smoothly and everyone appears to have settled quickly into routine. To those families who have joined our school community for the first time I extend a special welcome and hope that the school meets your expectations for the formal education of your children. You will no doubt hear me say many times over the ensuing years that parents must be their children's best advocates – so in keeping with this belief my door is always open to concerns or queries that you may have from time to time. For communication between parents and school to be productive both parties must endeavour to see issues from the perspective of the other.

At Beverley Hills we endeavour to foster a spirit of community which draws parents and children together in an environment where co-operation, compassion and tolerance are considered important attributes. But to build such a community requires people to be involved – please look to support school functions and to be mindful of how you can help to build a stronger community.

## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This year we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the school (originally a 5 acre orchard property) in April 1959. It is important that functions organized as part of the celebration receive community support. Beverley Hills has served the community of East Doncaster well and must take the opportunity to thank past & present staff, parents and students for their contribution to the school.

## Calendar

February	March
18 <sup>th</sup> – School Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Parent /Teacher Interviews
23 <sup>rd</sup> – House Swimming (Grade 3-6 Aquarena)	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sausage Sizzle (\$3.50)
26 <sup>th</sup> – District Swimming (Aquarena)	9 <sup>th</sup> – Labour Day (Public Holiday)
27 <sup>th</sup> – Family BBQ / Movie Night	16 <sup>th</sup> – P&F Meeting
	18 <sup>th</sup> – School Council



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Principal: **Malcolm Corr**

## STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Mr Stuart Joyce who joins the senior school teaching staff in grade 4/5.

## SUNSMART

In keeping with our commitment to SunSmart programs all students must wear hats during school breaks – Wide brimmed hats, bucket hats and legionnaire hats are available from the uniform shop.

## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 1986 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28<sup>th</sup> January 2009 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (13<sup>th</sup> July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009 for the first payment and 7<sup>th</sup> August 2009 for the second payment. Application forms are available from the school office.

## CAR PARK

Parents can use the staff car park if visiting the school during the day but it is not to be used before or after school. Walking children through a busy car park and the congestion that would ensue if parents were given access would provide an unacceptable level of risk. Whilst on cars and parking please ensure that road rules are followed and common sense prevails when dropping off and collecting children from school. Remember the speed restrictions (40KPH) that now operate around school precincts.

## CHESS

Chess classes started on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - please make sure that fees are paid to the Office by Friday. Mrs Greenwood. - Chess Co-ordinator



## SPORTS UNIFORM

As Inter-school sports are due to start soon tops and shorts are available at the school office. Tops cost \$40.00 but \$20.00 will be refunded when they are “traded – in”. Mind you, they must be in good condition. This is the same basis that we sell basketball uniforms and it has worked well for years.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS 2009

Senior school students met recently to elect their new House Captains. Following some enthusiastic and interesting campaign speeches, the following students were elected.

Congratulations to the following captains who are sure to provide excellent support and leadership to their respective House members.

### BLUE

Captain - ANDREW KENT  
Vice Captain - SAHAR VEJDANI

### GREEN

Captain - SAM HUME  
Vice Captain - KALLI THODIS

### RED

Captain - TOMMY WILLIAMS  
Vice Captain - ENOCH JIANG

### GOLD

Captain - ZOE STEPHENSON  
Vice Captain - RHYS DARSAS





It was indeed wonderful to see all E.C.U. teachers, students and parents greet the new school year with such great enthusiasm and motivation.

The smooth transition to school has yet again proved that the "Bridges" program plays an important part in preparing children for school. Our Preps are now ready to embark on their long, approximately 13 year journey through the various levels of Education.

Thank you Prep parents for your cooperation in getting your children 'READY' for school. It did help the children settle into their new environment quickly and with ease.

Welcome back to all E.C.U. children and parents of grades 1, 2 and 3. I am sure you have had a wonderful holiday and a well deserved rest, and are now READY to meet the new challenges of a new year level.

Welcome also to our most enthusiastic and capable E.C.U. teachers who, I am sure, eagerly await the challenges ahead in guiding their new class of students in pursuit of excellence.

We welcome Mrs Greenwood to the E.C.U. and hope she has an enjoyable time in her new grade 3. A Special welcome also to all students and families who are new to our school this year. We will endeavour to meet all your expectations.

Christine Leembruggen - E.C.U. Early Years Co-ordinator



### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

For those new parents a little introduction to the role of the Parents' & Friends' Association may be in order. Our association was formed for a number of reasons, the more important being – as a focus for social activities within the school, the making of new friends amongst parents, to raise money for additional facilities and extras for the school not funded by other means.

Our meetings are held monthly and have been on the second Monday of each month at 8.00pm in the staffroom.

### **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT / BBQ**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February – All families are invited to attend. BBQ will be available from 6.00pm and movie will start at 7.00pm.

### **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – cost \$3.50

### **BUSH FIRE APPEAL**

A Free Dress Day will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - \$2.00per child with all proceeds donated to Bush Fire Relief Fund. Other ways to help those who have lost so much in the bush fires include

- Shop at Coles on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – all profit to go to the Red Cross.
- Become a blood donor
- Should household goods be required at a later date we will provide information on how you can help.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Our first meeting of the year will be held at 8.00pm in the staffroom on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February. We hope to see many new parents, especially the 'new prep parents' as this is an ideal opportunity to make new friends and to become better informed about the various aspects of school life. All welcome!

**President** - Susan Kent - P.9891-7037

**Secretary** – Helen Drossinis – P.9842-7213

**Treasurer** – Yasmin Tibb – P.9842 4875

### **BELL TIMES**

The school day at Beverley Hills for 2008 will be:

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| 9.00 – 11.00  | Sessions 1 & 2   |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Recess   |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | Session 3  |
| 12.30 - 1.30  | Lunch (includes 10 minutes<br>(12.30-12.40 for eating lunch inside the<br>classroom) |
| 1.30 – 3.30   | Sessions 4 & 5   |

### **NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

With the occasional exception, Wednesday will be our main day for issuing notices. "The Cassowary", the most important means of communication between home and school is produced fortnightly. The Newsletter and all notices will be given to the eldest child in the family.

If you will be using one or both of our programs in 2009 please complete a 2009 enrolment form and return it to the school office or the BHOSH KIDS room as soon as possible. Forms are available at the office or in the BHOSH Kids room. If you are unsure of the days your children will attend or when they will start attending please complete the form anyway and attach a note explaining your circumstances or alternatively speak to one of the co-ordinators.

If you have any queries regarding the programs please contact the school office or the program co-ordinators.

- Joanne Thomas – After School Care
- Georgette Panayi – After School Care
- Shelley Tarnawski – Before School Care]

### BEFORE CARE WEEK 1

MON	Indoor Games
TUE	Free Choice
WED	Craft
THU	Board Games
FRI	Imaginative Play

### AFTER CARE WEEK 1

MON	Craft
TUE	Outdoor Games
WED	Cooking
THU	Tennis
FRI	Free Choice

### BEFORE CARE WEEK 2

MON	Active Play / Games
TUE	Board Games
WED	Children's Choice
THU	Pool
FRI	Lego

### AFTER CARE WEEK 2

MON	Free Choice
TUE	Tennis
WED	Cooking
THU	Outdoor Games
FRI	Craft

Welcome to both our 3 and 4 Year Old groups and to all parents especially those new to Beverley Hills Kindergarten. Interviews have been completed and we look forward to an exciting year of growing and learning. When issues arise from time to time please do not hesitate to contact Deidre at the kinder or Malcolm Corr at the school.

Become an active member of our community and enjoy your child's early years of education

### SATURDAY BASKETBALL COMPETITION

The new competition began last Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Five teams and coaches have been registered to date. Currently we have insufficient numbers to enter an Under 9 boy's team. As fixtures have already been issued, this can only be reconsidered next season. Please ensure that registration fees are paid no later than Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

We look forward to an exciting and successful season. Mrs N. Nicola – Basketball Co-ordinator

### NETBALL NEWS

Another year of netball is upon us. If you are in Grade 2,3 or 4 this year and would like to play, please contact Mrs. Greenwood at school.

### PANCAKE TUESDAY

Doncaster East Uniting Church will be making pancakes on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – cost \$2.00

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Welcome back for an exciting year ahead! Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February the Grade 3 – 6 students are travelling to Aquarena for our Annual House Swimming Carnival. All students are required to attend and participate in swimming and some novelty events in the shallow end for the not so strong swimmers. The purpose of the morning is to facilitate choosing the District Swimming Team that will be competing at Aquarena on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February and to award an inaugural trophy to the winning House Team. Students are required to wear their bathers to school underneath their uniform, wear and bring, sunscreen, bring their underwear, goggles and a towel and all food and drink as required. The House Swimming Carnival will run from 10.00am until 12.00pm parents are most welcome to attend and cheer on the students. After the Carnival the students can use the water slide as a special treat so it promises to be a great day, please return your consent forms as soon as possible. Mrs R. Wallace - P.E. Teacher

**PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS  
(Grades Prep - 6)**

Parent / Teacher interviews will be held during the week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

**VISITING THE SCHOOL**

Parents coming to the school during the course of the day are asked to report to the office and not go directly to their child's class. This avoids unnecessary disruption to instructional programs. When picking up after school parents are requested to remain outside the buildings. This leaves the corridors free for easy student movement.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Invoices for the 2009 school fee will be forwarded home on next week. Please note on the invoice the compulsory fee of \$110.00 being the cost of materials purchased by the school and supplied to your child. This amount must be paid in full. Should payment of the school fee impose a financial burden on the family please contact the Principal to discuss the matter further

**FRIENDSHIP LISTS**

This year we will again seek to publish a list of home addresses and phone numbers of children in each grade for circulation within each grade. Parents should find the list helpful when organizing parties or children to play etc. We ask parents to use the list wisely – it is not for settling disputes between children, these should always be directed through the school. If you agree to have your address and phone number published and circulated within your child's grade, please complete the form below and return to the school office by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Under Privacy Laws personal information can not be published without consent.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LOGO**

Students and indeed parents are welcome to enter our competition for a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo. Teachers will explain to children what is required.

PARENTS NAME:	_____
CHILD'S NAME:	_____
GRADE:	_____
ADDRESS:	_____
	_____
PHONE No:	_____
Parent/Guardian Signature:	_____

