

The Cassowary

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Happy 50th Birthday B.H.P.S



On Tuesday 28th April the students at Beverley Hills celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the school. Beverley Hills was the first non-rural school to be built in the Doncaster East area. It serviced a new estate (Beverley Hills) and grew quickly to a school of 1000 students. Today the school numbers are much smaller but it still serves a large catchment area bordered by Blackburn Road, Doncaster Road, Wetherby Road and the Eastern Freeway.

The celebration on Tuesday was for the current students. On November 14th there will be a 'Back to Beverley Hills' for past students, staff and parents. As well as the 'Back to' celebrations there will be a Monster Fete on this day.

For fifty years Beverley Hills has provided quality education to the community of Doncaster East.

Thank you to all those who played a role in its history.



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OPEN DAY

Although I have often said that everyday is Open Day at Beverley Hills Thursday 21st May is our Official Open Day to celebrate Education Week. I hope all families come along, visit their children's classes, talk with teachers, look at displays and generally take an interest in the school. It is important that we get a good attendance because we are advertising our school on this day and prospective parents are more impressed when they see a number of interested parents rather than a few. Beverley Hills has a long tradition of promoting academic excellence and our high performing Maths and Literacy classes attest to this. However this year I am particularly pleased with our efforts to help those children experiencing difficulty in reading and spelling. This work is being supervised by Mrs Waterhouse and involves a number of teachers and assistants. Every child is important at Beverley Hills and everyone gets a quality education. If you have friends or neighbours looking for a good school - whether their child is bright or has learning difficulties - invite them to our '**OPEN DAY**'.

NAPLAN

National Tests of Literacy & numeracy are being conducted this week with students from grade 3&5. In 2008 our NAPLAN Date placed Beverley Hills's students average in the top 10% of Victorian schools in year 3 (Reading, Writing and Mathematics). At year 5 level our student average was in the top15% in Reading, 20% in Writing and "EXTRAORDINARLY" Top 5% in Mathematic. Hopefully our 2009 students can maintain this level of excellence. If we are talking about Beverley Hills to friends, neighbours acquaintances and kinder children ect.... remember these statistics there are not many schools in the state with better data.

FENCE FRIENDS

Once again FENCE FRIENDS are on sale. If you would like to see your masterpiece on the school fence then part with \$25.00. What fun it will be to see your very own Fence Friend on the school fence. Twenty-Five dollars is not a lot of money for years of enjoyment. Designing and painting your "Friend" will take place on Open Day under the supervision of Mrs Ferrall (Art Teacher)



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

This year's entertainment books are now available at the office for \$65 each. There are a limited number of copies that have extra bonuses including a buy 1 get 1 free entry ticket for an AFL game. So be one of the lucky ones to get the extra bonuses. Tell your friends. They make great birthday gifts.

MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE

Winners of our Mothers' Day raffle were:

1st Prize – Make-up Bag/Body Butter Pack - Elletson Family (Prep)

2nd Prize – DVD Pack - Mrs Corfios (5C)

3rd Prize – Cosmetic Pack - Tibb Family (6N)

4th Prize – Pilbeam Milled Soap Pack - Fong Family (Prep)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of P & F will be held in the Staffroom on Monday 8^h June at 8.00pm. Please feel free to come along and join in, meet some other parents and help support your child's school.

ASIAN FOOD DAY

Tuesday, 26 May, 2009. Bring in your favourite bowl and chopsticks/fork. P & F will be serving fried rice with dim sims and a drink for \$4. We are calling all those mothers/fathers/guardians who would love to supply P & F with some fried rice on the day. An order form will go out shortly, and will need to be back at the school by Friday 22nd May. No late orders please.

President - Susan Kent P.9891-7037

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

Calendar

MAY

12th -14th – NAPLAN Grades 3&5
14th – ‘Bridges’ (Week 2)
15th – Walk Safely to School Day
18th - 22nd – Education Week

MAY

20th – School Council Meeting
20th – Inter-School Cross Country
21st – OPEN DAY
21st – ‘Bridges’ (Week 3)



EAST DONCASTER'S 'DRACULA'

On Tuesday Grade 6 students and their teachers were treated to a very lively and entertaining performance of East Doncaster Secondary College's 'DRACULA'. The costuming and acting were excellent but the most exciting part for many of us was watching siblings and ex students really excelling in the different roles they played. The brisk walk there and back was certainly worth it. Information for families wishing to attend is available from the school office.

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Students will soon be bringing home sponsorship forms for the Trivia Challenge.

In addition to raising awareness about Epilepsy in the community, our involvement in this activity also has significant educational benefits.

Historically our students have performed very well in this event, so once again we ask for our community's support in order to ensure a successful outcome.

ANZAC DAY

Year 6 students recently attended the Anzac Service for local schools. Our young people behaved with the appropriate reverence that the occasion demanded.

Andrew Kent added his own special touch as he proudly displayed his Great, Great Grandfather's medals and our school representative Aidan Owens presented a floral tribute on behalf of us all.



ENVIRONMENT NEWS

The House teams are working enthusiastically to keep our school environment clean and tidy. Please, think about how we can cut down our waste and help our environment. Have you thought of bringing your favourite snack and lunch to school in a re-usable plastic container? Not only would this save you money, it would help sustain our planet and valuable resources. If you must bring your lunch and snacks in paper or plastic bags, please make sure you put your waste in the bins provided.



DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

The Cross Country team has been selected for the upper school from the School Fun Run Day. They are heading to Westerfolds Park on Wednesday 20th May to complete the Cross Country Course, we wish them all the best and look forward to hearing all the news about the event. We will need parents to help transport to keep the costs of the excursion to a minimum.

The Beverley Hills PS Cross Country Team

9/10 Boys

Ben W., Brett M., Daniel R., Lucas T., Jason F. and Lachie S.



9/10 Girls

Stephanie R, Yvonne L, Lauren E, Monique S and Ally S.

11 Boys

Nick D, Riley G, Callum J, Johnny N and Charles C.



11 Girls

Rachnaa K, Annalee M, Doyun K, Erica L and Sahar V.

12/13 Boys

Tommy W, Leigh M, Jason D, Jason L and Andrey C.



12/13 Girls

Monique W, Madison G, Sarah L, Victoria D and Kalli T.

Well done to all team members and for your training commitment at Kilometre club.

The Cross Country Team Captains are Monique W and Leigh M.





FUN RUN UPDATE

The Assembly for the Fun Run will be held on Thursday and a special thank-you to Ross Haywood for their kind donations of the prizes for all the boys and girls place getters in each age group.

The Results for the overall winning grade for raising the most money is;

3rd place – 4/5J 2nd Place – 6N 1st Place – 1D

Well Done Grade 1D, they received a classroom kit for the children to use at recess and lunchtime.

Excellent work Jonathan Hew and he received a Totem Tennis Set for all his hard work.

Overall Highest School Fundraiser was;

3rd Place – Elliott Fong \$80.00
 2nd Place – Maddison Horder \$131.40
 1st Place – Jonathan Hew \$200.00

The House results were;

4th Place – Red 179 points
 3rd Place – Green 187 points
 2nd Place – Gold 188 points
 1st Place – Blue 265 points

Well done to all the Beverley Hills Primary School children for raising money which will be utilised for equipment and PE Week Activities.

BASKETBALL CLINIC

A big thank you to Adam Jackson from the Kilsyth Cobras for running some fun basketball clinics this week for all the ECU grades. The Preps were particularly impressed with their new basketballs. The upper school will have their clinic next week. Happy dribbling!
Mrs Rachel Wallace P.E Teacher



NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY 15TH MAY

On Friday 15th May we are encouraging all the students to walk to school. Teachers will be at the gates to greet you and give you a sticker. The sticker entitles the student to a fruit icy pole at lunchtime in their classroom. If you live a little way from school, drive but get dropped off and walk with your parents for a couple of blocks.
Happy walking!
Mrs Rachel Wallace P.E Teacher

PEN PALS

Children in grades 1&2 are very fortunate to have pen pals this year from Nunawading Primary School.

They have already received letters and currently writing back. It's great fun to find out about pen pals – what they like at school, what they do on weekends etc. They may even get to meet their "Pals" later this year.



BHOSH Kids

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		Creating Craft	Table Tennis In the Hall



Dates for your Diary

The Biggest Morning Tea - Cancer Council

28th May – 3YO Morning Tea 29th May – 4YO Morning Tea

1st June – 4YO Group Dream Puppets