Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our students who are ready for a dynamic year of learning and achievement. A warm welcome to our new families: Chanche, Tawsif, Thomas and Sharaf who are in Kindergarten. We look forward to getting to know our new students and their families.

Beverley Park School is characterised by its students, their families, the staff and our community working together in partnership on the shared vision of delivering excellence.

Welcome back to all our staff. I acknowledge their commitment to the students continuing development and achievement at Beverley Park School.

The School Counsellor, Mrs. Jennifer Mansour is at the school on Tuesdays. School Counsellors work with students, parents and carers in a variety of ways. Their work includes:

- Counselling students
- Assisting parents to make informed decisions about their child’s education
- Assessing students’ learning and behaviour
- Liaising with other agencies concerned with the wellbeing of students
- Supporting students and their families at times of grief and difficulty.

School counselling is a confidential service and school counsellors will check with parents before passing on information.

Please contact the school to speak with the Jennifer.

Kind regards
Carmel Seeto

P&C

Valued Partnerships

Another school year is upon us and the P & C would like to welcome back all our returning students and their families, and of course a big welcome to our new families. At this time we would like to reflect on 2012 and the many contributions that the P & C has made to the teaching and learning programs at Beverley Park School. We are fortunate to have a very active and motivated P & C who are consulted regularly on issues related to the effective administration of the school.

The support of the parents, school and wider community has enabled the P & C to purchase a range of resources to facilitate our student’s learning. The annual general meeting has seen the reinstatement of the P & C committee, but with the addition of a fundraising sub-committee made up of a dedicated group of parents.

There have been three major fundraising events during the year. Firstly a community barbeque was held at Bunnings in February which raised a substantial amount of money. These funds were used to purchase new cameras for every classroom. A movie night was held mid year which was well attended and gave many parents the opportunity to come together socially while their children enjoyed a great movie. Our chocolate drive was held in November and this proved to be a great success. It was very encouraging to have such parent support for this fundraiser as we had a 100% return of chocolate money.

The P & C has purchased new cameras and leg wraps and specialised equipment for therapy. Year 12 student’s jerseys were presented to them early in the year, which were purchased by the P&C. We have provided funds for the Education Week morning tea, catering for the Visual Arts exhibition and subsided the Zoomobile visit. The P & C also bought a book for each student as a Christmas gift that was presented at the school picnic day.

At Beverley Park School, we are safe, respectful learners.
Without the support of parents and the school community we would not be able to effectively contribute to the many successful programs currently running at Beverley Park. Thank you to the many families who constantly support the fundraising efforts of the P & C. Remember all monies raised go directly to supporting our students. The committee and members of the P & C meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6pm at the school. We welcome all parents, family and friends to support the school by becoming a member of the P & C and contributing to the valued partnership with the school.

I look forward to welcoming new parents to our P & C.

Elva East - President

Personalised Learning and Support Meetings
Our students need to have their IEPs and ITPs (now referred to as Personalised Learning and Support Plans) reviewed annually. It is important that parents, teachers and support staff have the opportunity to meet and discuss these goals and priorities for this year.

Individual planning meetings will be held on Tuesday 19th February between 3:30pm – 6:30pm. Detail about these meetings and times has been sent home by your child’s teacher. Please return the information promptly with your preferred meeting times so organisation can be finalised. Your child’s Teacher and School Learning Support Officer look forward to meeting with you. For students who are involved in a physical therapy program, a therapy team member will endeavour to attend the meeting.

Student Health Care
Please notify the school if there are any health or medical issues for your child not previously know by the school.

General use Adrenaline Autoinjectors
The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his/her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

Assisted School Travel Program
Parents are reminded that variations for student travel program should be requested 7 days in advanced so this can be processed by the school and the Assisted School Travel Unit.

A change to residential address requires a specific application form to be completed by parents. Do not ask drivers to pick up and drop off students at addresses different from those on their run sheet. All changes are to be authorised by the Assisted Student Transport Unit.

Please give drivers early notification when your child is not attending school.

Promoting our school uniform with pride
It was a pleasure to see our students in their school uniforms when they returned for the new school year. Our students are encouraged to wear school uniforms. This is most important when our students are in the community. We ask parents to support the school by encouraging their child to wear the correct school uniform.
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**Upcoming Events**

**Dates for the diary**

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**Student Permission Notes**

The start of the year is busy for families and staff as they establish new routines. Staff are planning activities for the coming term and year. Please check your child’s diary each day for permission notes. Prompt return of these would be appreciated to enable final organisation of community access, sport and leisure activities to occur.

School accounts will be forwarded in the near future. Please contact the school office directly if you wish to discuss any matters relating to the invoiced activities and payment options.

**Student Personal Care and Hygiene**

Please ensure that an adequate supply of personal care and hygiene items are sent to school to meet your child’s daily requirements.

**Safe and Supportive Environment**

Student safety is a prime concern for the school. Parents are requested to assist by notifying the school directly if their child is absent and forwarding a written explanation to the teacher upon return to school – all absences must be explained. Please refer to the student diary for further details about student absences.

When entering the school grounds please drive at 10km/h and be alert for others using the school grounds. The school car park and driveway are always busy. Please use the footpaths rather than walking along the driveway.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

During term 1 the focus of the school wide behaviour program is **Be Respectful**.

Orange is our colour for Be Respectful. The behaviour expectations for the students at school and across their learning environments are:

- Be a Friend
- Use manners
- Respect privacy
- Use a calm, soft voice
- Play fair

Using consistent language and a shared approach to support student behaviour, results in positive outcomes across the school. Your support and use of these expectations will further enhance students understanding. **Be Respectful** will be celebrated at our Harmony Day activities.

**Our Friends in Malaysia**

For four years the students of Beverley Park School have raised money for a children’s home in Tambunan, Sabah, Malaysia. Last year the funds raised at Beverley Park School were used to purchase a rice cooker, some kettles, water heaters for the small kid’s bathroom and some gas cook tops.

Our students have sent artwork, letters and photos to their friends. Each student has a special friend who they have been corresponding with. Last year the students at Beverley Park decorated a stocking for their friend and the teachers all gathered little toys and treasures to fill them with. Robyn had the pleasure of giving out the stockings as well as delivering the much needed items. The joy the children showed when receiving these treasures was amazing. The next day children were gathered around looking for “Where’s Wally”, sharing the letters/photos they had received, experimenting with magnifying glasses and standing on stools so the yoyo would work better. The children would ask about their friends at Beverley Park. Robyn was happy to share with them the information about our wonderful school.
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