Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to all our students for 2015. This year we begin working towards achieving the goals the school community has set for the new 3 year school plan. We would like to warmly welcome our new students to Beverley Park, Acacia, Levi, Lucas, Kelron, Kaden, Langdon, Ace, Aaron and Cyrilla. We look forward to an exciting year filled with innovative learning opportunities!

The students have quickly settled into school this year and we see many of our regular programs up and running already. It is wonderful to see so many students accessing the pool, going to the gym and the secondary community access and canteen program is in full swing.

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 services
- assisting parents to make informed choices about their child’s education
- assessing students' learning and behaviour
- liaising with other agencies concerned with the wellbeing of the 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 to Jennifer.

Kind Regards
Jacquie Lockyer

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**P&C**

**Valued Partnerships**

The P&C would like to welcome back to school all our families, and extend a warm welcome to the new families who have enrolled at Beverley Park School.

The P&C at Beverley Park School is well supported by the families of our school and the local community. The P&C worked together in 2014 to raise funds to purchase resources used to support programs across the school. The P&C would like to thank all those families who so generously support the fundraising efforts. All monies raised by the P&C supports students directly.

The P&C will be meeting on Tuesday the 10th of February, at 6pm at the school. We welcome all families and friends to become a member of the P&C and to contribute to the valued partnership with the school.

I look forward to welcoming all parents to the P&C

Sebita Hipwell - President.

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**Upcoming Events**

**February**

- Tuesday 17  PL&SP Meetings 3:30-7pm

**March**

- Monday 2  Post School Options Site Visits
- Tuesday 17  Kids Inc Parent Workshop
- Tuesday 24  Kids Inc 6pm
Personalised Learning & Support Meetings

Our students need to have their Personalised Learning and the 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 the year.

Individual planning meetings will be held Tuesday the 17th of February 3:30 to 6:30. Notes went home about this earlier this week. If you haven’t done so already could you please return the note to school so that times can be organised. Your child’s teacher and learning support officer look forward to meeting you. Where possible the school therapy team will also attend meetings to explain their role in the school and how they will be able to support your child’s learning at Beverley Park School.

Post School Programs Site Visits

To support families in their understanding of Post School Programs, the school has organised a tour of various programs on Monday the 2nd of March. This tour will be an opportunity for parents of students from year 7 to year 12 to see what type of programs are currently offered and for you to begin to explore what would be suitable for your child. This will be a general tour of Community Participation Programs. Elizabeth Coleman, Support Teacher Transition, has organised this tour. A letter will be sent home with details in the near future. Please return this to school indicating your interest in the tour. The school will provide transport from the school to the sites.

Kids Inc

As we begin 2015, it is exciting to reflect on our achievements in 2014. Beverley Park Kids Incorporated bus fleet now consists of 9 buses, and during 2014 our organisation has purchased 2 new buses to transport students between home and school. Our bus fleet is also used for students during Community Access visits such as shopping, Riding for the Disabled and gymnastics. I would like take this opportunity to acknowledge the professionalism and courteous service provided by our outstanding transport officers.

As you aware, Beverley Park Kids Incorporated is run by volunteers. To assist us in our goal of excellence in service provision, at the end of 2014 our organisation engaged the services of an Administration Officer. Welcome Meg Greenwood.

In 2014, Beverley Park Kids Incorporated added a Speech Pathologist to our existing Therapy Team. From 2015 we have expanded our service provision by introducing an Occupational Therapist to our team. Our Therapy Team now consists of a Physiotherapist (Karen), a Speech Pathologist (Olivia), an Occupational Therapist (Zoe) and a Therapy Assistant (Gayle). Feedback from our workshops in 2014 has been extremely positive, so they will be continued in 2015. The first workshop will be held on Tuesday 17th March at Beverley Park School.

As we move towards the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Beverley Park Kids Incorporated remains committed to providing excellence in therapy service delivery.

Transitioning into the National Disability Insurance Scheme has necessitated a review of our Policies and Procedures. Please contact us if you would like to be involved in this process.

Julie Harvey
President

Assisted School Travel Program

Parents are reminded that variations for student travel program should be requested 7 days in advance 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 addressed different from those on their run sheet. All changes are to be authorised by the Assisted School Transport Unit.

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

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 upon return to school- all absences must be explained.

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

- be a friend,
- respect privacy,
- use manners,
- use a calm soft voice and
- play fair.

Using consistent Language and a shared approach to support students behaviour results in positive outcomes across the school.

Be Respectful will be celebrated at our Harmony Day activities on the 23rd of March.