

# Beacon Hill Primary School

*Excellence Opportunity Support*

## Principal's Report June 2009

**Term 2 focus: Child Protection, Peer Reading and Education Week**

### **NAPLAN**

Years 3 and 5 have sat this year's NAPLAN. Results should be available to parents next term. The teachers and school council analyse the results to help guide the school teaching and learning programs for the future. These trends are reported in the Annual School Report.

### **K-6 Assemblies**

These continue to be a great way to acknowledge and celebrate student achievement. The students are well behaved and participate accordingly to a formal situation.

### **Performances**

The Human Race was a marvellous production dealing with relationships and anti-bullying. This is a most powerful message for our children to learn. The Cinderella Show was highly entertaining and valuable in terms of their musical studies.

### **Technology and Learning**

Thanks again to the P&C and our school community for supporting the purchasing and installation of SmartBoards in every classroom. Year 6 can now access the portable banks of laptops to enhance the learning capacity for them within their own classrooms. We have also made this technology available to students to use during library lessons through wireless connection.

### **2010 Parent Information Morning**

A large number of parents were on hand to "take a look" at our school. The band, choirs and kindergarten students performed. We expect around 80 students to be enrolled in kindergarten next year.

### **Education Week**

This year's activities focus was on writing using the SmartBoards and other learning activities. Feedback was positive from all involved. It is always fantastic to see the large turn-out of parents and family during Open Day activities.

### **Project Penguin**

Year 5 have begun this course of study with Taronga Zoo staff. Many more learning activities are planned to conclude by the end of term with a showcase of their projects.

### **Forest Learning Community**

WOW – Web of Writers. This project involves all 7 schools. Our year 6 will be mentored by students from The Forest HS in producing a polished piece of writing which will be published in a book and showcased in our MPC at the project's conclusion. The 2 portable banks of laptops and the Computer Room were used to support student's use during the first mentoring session. Amazing stuff!

### **Building the Education Revolution (BER)**

Projects will commence shortly which include electrical circuit upgrade to 3 blocks, changing all single power points to double, connecting the carpark lights to Western Block and continuing the fence down Willandra Road and from Kerry Close to the netball court.

We may also qualify for classroom upgrades, especially the creation of another classroom in Tristram Block and a new/extended Administration Block to compensate for the loss of the STLA rooms and School Counsellor Offices.

### **Ongoing Maintenance Works**

External painting of the library and Red Hill Block has been completed as well as guttering and downpipes to the Admin Block and Pizza Hut. In the near future the remaining blocks will be painted, 150m of playground will be resurfaced, stairs to Tristram Block will be replaced and internal painting of Western and Willandra Blocks will be done.

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Principal

