Grandparents and Friends Day  Grandparents and friends day at our school was such a wonderful morning where the presence of so many Grandparents truly demonstrated their love and dedication to your grandchildren and how they value their education. The students loved sharing their place of learning and were so proud to show them around their school. Grandparents you have such a special place in students’ lives your unconditional love and support, praise and sharing of wealth of the knowledge is invaluable. A huge thank you to Mrs Layton and the staff for all the organisation and to the ever so reliable parent helpers who assisted with the morning tea. A great day was enjoyed by all.

Create South  Congratulations to our students in Years 4, 5 & 6 years who auditioned for the Gifted and Talented Program CREATE South. Students with particular talents in the Creative Arts had an opportunity to audition to be a part of this fabulous 3 day workshop program which culminates in a professional high quality performance. The program is highly competitive and it’s with great pleasure that we announce the successful applicants from our school Hamish C and Matthew S performing in band; Natasha M singing in the choir; Lily B performing in the drama component and Aliyah S creating the back drops in visual arts. This is a great achievement for our students and show case for our school. We look forward to the performance “Lunacy – Mayhem on the Moon” which will be showcased at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 14th October 2015. Well Done.

Ken Tucker Artwork Prize  Congratulations to David Ziegler on winning the painting “Cronulla Point” painted by Ken Tucker. Many thanks for your support in this funding raising event with money being directed towards our Visual Art project for 2016.

Tell Them From Me – Surveys  To assist us with our planning and to ensure we provide quality teaching, community service and the best possible student outcomes for our students I have signed up our school for the Tell Them From Me Surveys from the NSW DoE Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation. This allows us an opportunity for students, staff and parents to complete surveys about our school and to assist us in partnership with future planning. The Partners in Learning (PIL) Parent Survey for our school has been activated and the survey window is 17 August-16 October. It would be fantastic if all parents could spend a few minutes and complete the survey online through the following link, just copy and paste the link into your browser and it will start automatically. Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent18779&j_password=Bon4507  We greatly appreciate your input and time to ensure we continue to provide the best possible outcomes for your child.

Year 5/6 Camp  Wishing Years 5 & 6 a fantastic time at Berry Sport and recreation camp next week! I know the students are excited and it’s a wonderful opportunity to build friendships and enjoy the company of their peers doing fun outside recreational activities. I hope you have a BERRY good time. We look forward to hear your reflection and I know they will display their wise choices at camp.

Karen Deacon  
Principal
Congratulations to our Respect Values Award recipients

Note: Due to the 5/6 Camp next week, there will be no Junior or Senior Dance lessons on Wednesday morning.

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Principal Patch

Canteen News
Canteen volunteers for next week are:
Mon: Sam Whiteman, Rachel Watson
Tue: Lisa Seaman, Felicity Aitken
Wed: Jenny Fernandez, Kelly Bowers
Thank you for your contribution.
The Canteen Committee

Peer Support Wrap
In Peer Support this week the children were encouraged to attempt new and unfamiliar tasks by trying the best they could. The activity involved the groups being separated into 3 smaller groups and rotating through 3 different tasks. The different tasks helped the children to identify different strengths in each other as well as understanding that everyone's different strengths can be used to solve a problem or complete a task.
Discuss with your child their individual strengths and provide them with opportunities to utilise these strengths during the week. Remind them you will be proud of them in all situations if they always do their best.
Melissa Redmayne, Assistant Principal

Book Week Celebrations
As part of the Book Week celebrations our students will experience a visit from the Sutherland Shire Council librarians tomorrow. This is a "hands-on" fun time for all as they perform, read and engage our students showing the new 2015 short-listed books from our top Australian authors.
On the same day, Friday 4th September our students are being encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character for our Book Parade to be held in the afternoon from 2.30 to 3.20. All parents are welcome to come. Also, don't forget our Bookfair from 2.00-2.30 tomorrow. We will have some great new books available for purchase as a "Donate to our School Library" event. This is a way that we can extend the choices of fantastic new reads for our students.
Last week saw the finalisation day come for 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Ninety of our students participated and completed the challenge. Congratulations to all those students for sticking-with-it to the end! Well done.
It's a busy time for our School Library!
Gaynor Connor, Teacher Librarian
Who Loves Making Noise?

Each year, BBPS encourages student in years 2-6 to consider making beautiful music by joining our wonderful school band. To show students what the band looks and sounds like, the band recently gave a recess concert and of course they kicked off the proceedings for Grandparents and Friends day this week. They will also be playing a tune at assembly this Friday. If your child is considering joining our school band, the following information might be helpful:

Term 3: Week 8
Friday assembly band concert.
Try-out information will be sent home to families.

Term 3: Week 9
Year 2 students to visit the band for an information session. (9.30-9.50)

Term 3: Week 10
Band try-outs will take place in school time on Monday morning 14th September.

Term 4: Week 1
• New students will join the band program, tutorials during class time.

During the “obligation free” try-outs, each student will be individually assessed on their instrument preference as well as their suitability for an instrument. The band tutors will give a recommendation for which instrument best suits them.

All year 2 students will be given an information pack. Interested students in Years 3-6 may collect an information pack from the office. Please complete the new members enquiry form and return to the school office.

I am happy to discuss any aspect of the band program.

Janelle Turner
Band Coordinator

Create South

Create South is a program available to students in years 4, 5 & 6 across Sydney local schools who show talent and interest in performing arts. Areas of speciality include: band, choir, dance, drama, visual arts and technology. This initiative is a three-day workshop, culminating in an integrated, high quality performance.

Congratulations to the 14 BBPS students who tried out for a place. This year had record number of participants go through the audition process. Unfortunately not all students were able to be accommodated, as there are limited places available. If your application was not successful this year, you are encouraged to continue practising your art and apply again next year. As a school community, we congratulate and support 5 of our talented students who were successful in their audition for Create South. Successful applicants are: Hamish C & Matthew S in band; Natasha M in choir; Lily B in drama; Aliyah S in visual arts. This year’s show is titled “Lunacy – Mayhem on the Moon” which will be showcased at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 14th October 2015.

Living Eggs Program

Students have been delighted to watch the chickens hatch from their eggs this week. Lots of questions are being asked and investigative learning is in place!

The chickens visit our school for a fortnight, before being collected by the organising company. There is, however, an opportunity for interested families to ‘adopt a chick’ at the end of the program – Friday 11/9/15. There are considerations to be made before ownership of a young chick. The chicks will continue to grow at an amazing rate and in 4 weeks they will no longer be fluffy but will already look like small hens. During this stage they will continue to need an additional heat source and protection from predators. The gender of these chicks is unknown - they may be a hen or a cockerel. Chicks are unable to be returned if you change your mind.

If you are interested, feel free to collect an information sheet from the office which details important considerations, then write your name & mobile number, student’s name and class on a piece of paper and leave it at the office before Thursday 10th September. In the case where there is an oversupply of would-be adopters, names shall be randomly allocated. Successful families will need to be prepared to collect their adopted chicks on Friday afternoon (11/9/15) after school.

Further queries to be directed to Mrs Janelle Turner.

Father’s Day

It’s Fathers Day on Sunday and this article by Michael Grose - Parenting Ideas is a great illustration of the value of this relationship for both dads and children :) See next page....
Build up Frequent Father Points

Michael Grose looks at the importance of topping up Frequent Father points, and the benefits for both dads and for kids.

A good friend enthusiastically told me how he was looking forward to spending a few days away on his own with his two kids, aged 10 and 13. He was feeling quite chuffed. He was having some ‘dad time’ with his kids. Good on him!

He was doing some memory building & relationship building, as well as having some fun.

He told me that he was aware that his kids were getting older and he knew such opportunities were diminishing.

Gone are the days when the only relationship many men had with their kids was through their wife. She would explain to the kids (‘Your dad’s very busy but he would love to see you play sport but he can’t make it.’) As well, she’d keep him up-to-date with the children’s lives.

Blokes, it seems, are valuing the time they spend with their kids on their own.

Or at least the dads I mix with are. Spending time alone with kids is a great way to build confidence in dads.

And the kids usually just love it.

Mothers can play a role here by encouraging this time between dads and their children. (Most mums I meet welcome this!)

Children usually associate their fathers with activity. When I ask children to tell me about their dads they usually talk about the things that they like to do together with their dads. Playing, walking, fishing, wrestling....the list goes on.

It’s through shared activity and involvement in kids’ lives that dads build up frequent father points. It’s hard to build good connection with kids when you are not there!

Don’t Wait Until Adolescence

These relationships are best built in childhood, when kids just love their dads to bits and want to be around him. It gets trickier in adolescence, but having shared interests developed in childhood gives you a connection point during these sometimes-turbulent times.

Dads also benefit from spending time with their kids. Most health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is a predictor of good health and longevity for men. I’m not sure where the health benefits come from, but I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing about getting into a child’s space. There is a big kid inside most men just busting to get out.

These days we take parenting pretty seriously and it’s easy to forget that one of the fundamentals of raising kids well is to spend some time in your child’s space, doing stuff, or not doing stuff, whatever the case maybe.

So how are your (or your partner’s) Frequent Father Points going? If they need some topping up then you can start by doing something together that they enjoy.

Having a bit of fun together is the best place to start.

Author’s note: Sole mums can take these ideas on-board to have a NO RULES weekend with your kids, where you have a change of routine and activity that can give kids the chance to see you in a different way.

By Michael Grose