FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Centenary Celebrations - Thank you one and all

First and foremost on behalf of all students, staff and parents we extend a huge thank you to Ellie Hilton for the incredible effort she put in over many months to ensure the success of our celebrations. Ellie convened the Centenary Committee, coordinated the volunteers and liaised with local community groups and the end result was just magnificent. Thank you Ellie from all of us!

Thank you to the following families, past and present, for their wonderful support

The following families were a great support leading up to the event and on the day. The attention to detail and teamwork was amazing. Thank you for the time you gave and for all the little extra things that you did in the background to make the celebrations such a success.


Thank you to our invited guests for their contributions on the day.

Mrs Steph Prem, past student and Winter Olympian, Mr Murray Thompson, Member for Sandringham, Mrs Jean Cornford, past student, Mr Tony Falkingham, School Council President.

Thank you to our staff for all their work with our students to build their understanding of the significance of the day and for their assistance with the event.

Cath, Helen and Robyn, the GLEE Club, all teachers, in particular Beth Wilson and Alysha Morecroft, as committee members responsible for photography and food traders.

DIARY DATES

Friday 8 May
Mothers Day Stall

Monday 11 May
Year 1 Jungle Imagination Incursion

Wednesday 13 May
Foundation 2016 Information evening 7-8pm

Thursday 14 May
Year 4 Melbourne Museum Visit

Monday 18 May
Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Friday 22 May
Foundation Incursion Carp Productions Walk Safely to School Day

Saturday 23 May
Parent Club Concourse Cake Stall

Monday 25 May
Pupil Free Day
970 visitors registered at our Open Day, the oldest was 73 yrs. People came from ACT, NSW, QLD, SA as well as Victoria.
Thank you to our school and local community groups for their continuing support.

School Council, Parent Club, BFAC, Alan Jones (local historian); Thompson, O’Brien and Buxton real estate agencies, Rotary Club of Beaumaris, Sandringham Historical Society, Beaumaris Library, Sandringham Secondary College students and teachers, EST, Napolitano Pizza.

Thank You Morning Tea

To all volunteers we extend an invitation to join us at school on Thursday 14th May at 10.30am.

Please RSVP to the school office by Tuesday 12th May.

Education Week

Monday 18th May: Grandparents and Special Friends Visit and Morning Tea—9am to 10.40am

To launch Education Week we extend a warm invitation to Grandparents and Special Friends to come along to share the morning with their family. We look forward to seeing you here for an assembly first thing Monday morning and spending time in the classrooms. The whole school “Crack the Code Competition” will be launched on Monday.

Wednesday 20th May: Open classrooms—2pm-3.15pm Parents are invited to come along to join in a range of Mathematics games in the classroom.

Friday 22nd May: Assembly 3.00pm—“Crack the Code” Winners Announced.

Sheryl M. Skewes Neven Paleka
Principal Assistant Principal

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

We are taking up a collection of jackets, coats and blankets for distribution by the ASRC so if it’s time for a wardrobe/cupboard clean out it would be great if you could do it now and bring along any unwanted, clean items so we can pass them on to people in need. Hopefully as a school we will be able to make a significant contribution to this worthy cause. Perhaps we could even ask family, neighbours and friends if they have any items to contribute too. Please drop your donations off near the kitchen at the grade six end of the SALC building.

Thank you, Lindy McManus & Georgie McLennan

School Uniform

In the colder winter months, if your child needs to wear an additional outer layer to wear whilst outside at recess and lunchtime, we are happy for you to source a plain navy sleeveless fleece vest from the likes of Target, Big W or Best & Less. Alternatively we can make a one off order from Primary School Wear, who supply our uniforms, for one of their Polar Fleece sleeveless vests featuring our embroidered school logo, which cost $45. If you are interested in ordering one of these items please contact the school office (or order via Qkr).

It is great to see that many students from Beaumaris Primary School are participating in the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. The Challenge is a fun way to get the students talking about reading and pushing themselves to read as many books as they can. Prep to Year 2 students have a target to read or experience 30 books. Students from Year 3 up are challenged to read 15 books. Even though the challenge only began in March, at least 35 of our students have already completed it! There is still plenty of time. The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is open until 14th September. See your child’s class teacher if you would like more information or visit the website www.education.vic.gov.au/prc.
Helping students get ready for the NAPLAN tests

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During the second week of May Australian children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The stated purpose of this testing program is to gain an overall picture of educational attainment levels to assist education policy and decision-making.

The program first implemented in 2008 has drawn some criticism from a number of different quarters, particularly in regard to the use of the information gained through the NAPLAN tests. You’ve probably heard a number of different viewpoints expressed in the media over the last few weeks.

One view commonly put forward is that the NAPLAN tests put undue pressure on children to perform in test situations. If so, then perhaps the best approach for parents and teachers is to help them handle the pressure rather than avoid it. The most resilient children and young people are those who are able to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it’s best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

Children and young people take their cues from their parents about how to handle many situations. American psychologist Martin Seligman discovered more than a decade ago, through his research into children’s thinking styles, how closely a child’s explanatory style mimics that of the parent they spend most time around. Optimistic parents beget optimistic kids, just as anxious parents can beget anxious kids. The impact of a parent’s explanatory style seems to be magnified somehow in small families where there are fewer voices to be heard.

As a parent it helps your child, if you take a positive view of the NAPLAN tests. It’s better to see them as learning opportunities for kids as well as opportunities to overcome any anxieties or nerves that these tests may bring on. It’s also worth remembering that many children don’t stress over these tests. The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about.

Whether your child stresses or takes them in his stride here are some tips to help prepare for the NAPLAN tests:

1. **Take your cues from your child:**
   - If your child doesn’t worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn’t exist by incessantly talking about, or worrying about, the test.

2. **Focus on doing their best and trying hard:**
   - Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results. The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than to do well.

3. **Listen to any concerns they have:**
   - If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a ‘get over it’ response. “Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them.” Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which stands with recognising how kids feel.

4. **Give them some relaxation ideas:**
   - Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

5. **Help them retain their perspective:**
   - One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what’s the worst thing that could happen? Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will still rise tomorrow, regardless of how well they do. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise.

A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it’s going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.
LEVEL LOW DOWN

Foundation

Last Thursday we met ‘Senior Sergeant Jason’ who came along to answer all the questions we had about his job as a police officer. He showed us his high visibility protective jacket and all the special police items hidden in the jacket- like REAL handcuffs, portable radio, baton, pepper spray, torch, gun and bullets! Our students found out that as well as catching ‘robbers’ (huge fascination for them!) the police attend car accidents, find lost children, search for people who get lost when they go bush walking and help people in who have an emergency. ‘Senior Sergeant Jason’ actually heard a few stories himself - about a few mums and dads who have found themselves in a bit of trouble because they were going a bit too fast in their cars! (Names withheld!). All foundation students have learned to ring 000 (zero, zero, zero) if they find themselves in an emergency situation. As a matter of safety, please teach your child their full home address if they do not already know it. Learning mum or dad’s mobile number is really important too.

Year One

In Year One we had an amazing day on Centenary Day! We all looked fantastic in our olden day’s clothes. We started our day off by learning some rules that children would have had in 1915. Then we marched outside to assembly and sang ‘God Save the Queen’! We also did some calisthenics. Children in 1915 would have done this every morning before they started their learning. We then had lots of great activities to complete for the rest of the day.

“I had lots of fun on Centenary Day. We did a parade!” – Lara 1D

“My favourite part was when we were marching.” – Gregory 1D

“We sang the national anthem. It was ‘God Save the Queen’”. – Logan 1D

Photos from last week’s visit to Beaumaris Library and year ones having lots of fun in investigations
Year Two

We braved the rain and the cold on Tuesday and headed to the Melbourne Aquarium! We had the most fantastic day! We even managed to stop off at Thomas St Park for a play on the amazing wooden playground.

“My favourite animal at the Aquarium was the giant Japanese spider crab. It was really big. I loved its big claws!” Yani 2A

“I loved sticking my head through the mouth of a great white shark! We saw mini Nemo’s and Dory’s. I loved the shipwreck explorer which was in the mermaid garden. There were 2 golden mermaids with harps.” Dale 2A

“I loved seeing the sharks! My favourite type of shark is a hammer head shark. I know a lot of facts about them” Tom 1/2 W

“I enjoyed feeling the starfish. They felt really bumpy. If a starfish loses an arm they can grow another one back!” Eloise 1/2 W

“My favourite part was learning all about the penguins!” Teddy 2C

“I sat in the boat with the glass bottom. I was scared it was going to break! It was right on top of the giant crocodile.” Ruby 2C

“The sharks were really big and fascinating” James 2M

Year Three

On Wednesday the Year 3’s went on an excursion to Werribee Park. The bus left school at 9am arriving at the mansion just after 10am. After a quick snack, the students were divided into 5 groups to participate in range of activities. The activities were a guided tour of the mansion, travelling around the farm buildings, a Washday tour including taking part in using old fashion equipment to wash clothes and wandering around the glasshouse and lake. The excursion linked in perfectly with our History focus as Werribee Mansion is a living, breathing postcard of 19th century Australia.
Year Four

Thank you to the year 4 families for going to so much preparation in order to make our Centenary celebration / dress up day successful last Friday. The students looked great! They participated in old fashioned games, writing with feather and ink and old literature studies. It was great to see so many faces at our community birthday celebration/ open day on Saturday. Well done to year 4 children involved in Glee Club and those who worked on Matthew Butler’s history surveys. House Cross Country at Beaumaris Campus is scheduled for today and fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us! We will have more to report in next week’s level lowdown. The year 4 teachers have commented that the students’ homework this term has been completed as required, reflecting much thought and effort around our History learning intentions.

Year Five

This week we have used class rotations to develop our strategies for solving maths problems and have refined our persuasive writing skills. The house cross country was a roaring success. The wind roared, and the students succeeded in conquering the blustery conditions over 2 and 3 km. Well done to all participants and a warm thank you to all the hardy parent helpers.

Next week we have our NAPLAN testing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with a make-up day scheduled for Friday.

Year Six

This week at school has been very productive. The groups have been completing their Geography rotations and doing their quiz tests in preparation for their ERP’s. Proposals for ERP’S will be handed out this week and students will start research as part of their homework next week. Winter Sports will be starting this Friday and the entire grade five and six’s are meeting at 8:30am for departure at 8:45am. The celebration of the school’s centenary, was a massive success. Everyone put in an amazing effort into Friday’s school event and it was great seeing everyone dressed for the occasion. This Thursday we will be rugging up and participating in Cross Country. The houses have been working on their chant and it is promising to be a fun, challenging and a team spirited day.
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB......

MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION
NEXT FRIDAY - 8 MAY

Mother’s Day Stall
- Will be held at school next Friday - 8th May.
- All gifts are priced at $7.00.
  The children will be able to choose one gift during their class visit
- Please ensure that each child brings $7.00 
  (payment must be made on the day.)
- Bring a Bag to take the gift home in!
- If any gifts remain at the end of class visits, students will have an opportunity to purchase a second gift.

Coffee Cart
Mums, from 2:30pm a Coffee Cart will be operating prior to assembly— enjoy a complimentary treat.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE by Camp Australia

Service Name: Beaumaris Primary School

Beaumaris Primary School has a Pupil free day on Monday 25th May.

If you would like to book in for the Camp Australia service on this day please visit the Camp Australia website.

We plan to do a lot of fun activities, crafts and games throughout the day, and hope to see you there.

Please note if the service does not have a minimum number of bookings the day will be cancelled so please book in quickly

Thanks the team at Beaumaris Camp Australia
ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 22 MAY

Until they’re ten, children must always hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road

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