FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Student Leaders Investiture

On Wednesday, students, teachers, parents, families and friends attended the investiture of our student leaders for 2015. We have watched the group develop into confident, responsible young people. Congratulations to the students and best wishes as they move into their leadership roles. Saskia and Liam, BPS School Captains in 2009, attended the ceremony. We thank them for their attendance. As past students they related fond memories of their time at our school and encouraged all students to enjoy the moment and strive to be the best they can be.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS: Yiana and Lachie

VICE SCHOOL CAPTAINS: Georgia and Aidan

MURRAY: Milla and Marcus

STURT: Anna and Mitch

MITCHELL: Jana and Mitchell

FLINDERS: Nicola and Peter

Visual Art: Zoe and Miranda

Performing Arts: Ella and Saba

Japanese: Georgia and Rory

Sustainability: Molly and Harriet

Energy: Sacha

Kitchen Garden: Olivia

ICT: Melissa and Nic

Library: Maddie, Milli and Joseph

Media: Lucy, Aaron and Rory

Junior School Council:

5N: Jenna and Blake 5M: Amberley and James

5L: Evie and Spencer

6J: Ruby and Denie 6L: Lea and Phoebe

6P: Mimi and River

Friendship Ambassadors: Jessica, Maddie, Joseph, Zoe, Aaron, Ruby, Rory, Ben, Saba and Tiana

Foundation and Year 6 Working Bee Sunday March 22nd 9-11.30am

We thought we would do things a little differently this year and allocate year levels to Working Bees. Please add this date to your calendar. We hope families can come along and spend an hour or two completing simple chores around the school to ensure the grounds are well maintained for our students.

Bush Dance Friday March 6th

Dust off those dancing shoes and come along to the Bush Dance next Friday night. Our students will have a Bush Dance workshop during the day in preparation for the night. Come along and have some fun.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Neven Paleka
Assistant Principal

DIARY DATES

Monday 2 March
School Photos
Collect a family photo form at the office

Tuesday 3 March
District Swim Carnival 9am-12pm MSAC
Parent Club meeting Staffroom 9.05am

Friday 6 March
Whole School Bush Dance 5.30pm

Monday 9 March
Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 10 March
Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 11 March
Division Swim Carnival

Thursday 12 March
Year 6 Excursion to Immigration Museum

Friday 13 March
National Ride2School Day

Thursday 19 March
Bully Stoppers—National Action Against Bullying: Foundation to Year 6

Friday 20 March
Year 3 students performing at Assembly 3pm

Sunday 22 March
Working Bee 9-11.30am

Monday 23 March
Year Six History Expo 8.45am

Monday 23 to Wednesday 25 March
Year 4 Camp

Wednesday 25 March
Year Five History Expo 9am-10am

Thursday 26 March
SMR Swim Carnival

Friday 27 March
Easter Raffle, Foundation Easter Bonnet Parade

END OF TERM 2.30PM DISMISSAL

Saturday 28 March
Open Gardens Australia
22 Lang Street, Beaumaris Open 28-29 March 10am-4.30pm—BPS Glee club will perform at 10.30am
Bike Shed
Our new bike shed is now fully operational. We request that all students access the bike shed through the sliding gate next to the shed on Emily Street. This gate will open at 8:45am each morning, meaning students no longer need to walk their bikes through the school yard. The shed will be locked at 9:10am and re-opened at 3:20pm

From Admin
Just a reminder that our preferred method of payment is now through the Qkr app by MasterCard. Payment can be made for Fees, Camps, Canteen, Uniform, Year Six Windcheater, RE for year 2 and future activities such as school and fundraising activities. When ordering on Qkr, please make sure your child’s class is correct. To check this please go into payments, canteen or uniform sales and follow the prompt as shown below to amend your child’s class. This makes it much easier to deliver canteen lunch orders and uniform orders.

If you would like help uploading the app from the app store come and see us at the school office. Please ensure all forms ie Privacy Statements, RE, photo forms (family forms available at the office) are returned to school. Photo forms need to be at school by Monday morning 2nd March.

Uniform Shop—Thank you for your patience as we wait for deliveries to fill our back orders. Our sports shirt should be available very soon.

Japanese Host Families
Thank you to the 7 families who have already volunteered to host 2 Japanese students from Minato-ku. This program is very rewarding and can only run with the help from our families. We need 2 more families and would encourage any of our year 5 and 6 families to consider hosting. Please contact the school office if you would like any extra information.

Garden Club tomorrow 9am
The first session of Garden Club will be tomorrow, Friday 27th February, 9am until recess. We'd like to extend an open invitation to everyone to join us, especially our new families. Garden Club is great fun and a friendly, informal way to meet other school families. We meet every fourth Friday at 9am, immediately after school drop off by the green shed in the Kitchen Garden. Tomorrow's fun activities will include weeding, hedge trimming and restocking the borders near the main entrance way. We provide gloves and tools and you may bring your own garden tools (shears, trowels etc) if you prefer. Everybody is welcome to pop by and say hello or join in. Small children welcome with parental supervision. This term we are also looking for volunteers to do a bit of watering during the week. Contact the office to be added to the Garden Club list if you are interested or want to do a bit of gardening.

Thank you to our many gardening volunteers and look forward to seeing everybody tomorrow.
Centenary News
Remember, Saturday 2nd May from 10am to 4pm is our special Open Day to celebrate our 100th birthday. This week we have been sorting, copying, recording and laminating the huge array of class photos which have been donated very kindly by a number of our former students and their families. We have updated our website with a list of photographs which we hold and if you click here you can see which ones we already have and compare them to the ones you have at home. If you have any photographs which are NOT on our list, please email them through to us or drop them in. If you have the names of the students or teachers in any photographs you send, could you please also include them. We have also had an abundance of volunteers put their hands up in the last couple of weeks to help, so a big THANK YOU to everyone who has done so. We are contacting each and every one of you so if you haven't heard from us yet, don't fret, we will call you soon!! Thank you, the Centenary Committee.

Canteen News
The Qkr app is still proving to be a huge success. It seems that more healthy options are being selected when ordering online as we have had a record number of orders for curly apples, carrot sticks, oranges and cheese sticks. We've noticed that the orders for rolls and sandwiches (which we outsource to Swiss Bell Bakery) have also increased. It is great to see that our students are choosing healthier snack and lunch items. Please remember that when you order a frozen item (such as Juicies or Frozen Yoghurts), we don't send those out with the food to the classrooms otherwise they might melt before you've eaten the rest of your lunch. So that you don't miss out on the frozen item that you have paid for, please bring your empty lunch bag back to the canteen before 1.30pm to show us what you've ordered, so that you have time to eat it before the bell rings. Thank you, Ellie Hilton.
Getting kids to school ON TIME!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

“Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!”

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents.

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✔ Establish a morning routine.

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven’t fully prepared for the day.

✔ Identify and remove distractions such as television.

If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✔ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✔ Arrive at school ten minutes early.

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latetimers, whether young or old.

✔ Model a good routine.

It’s pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!
**LEVEL LOW DOWN**

**Foundation**

The Foundation students attended their first assembly last Friday and were very excited. One student asked "What is an assembly?" Another student answered "I don't know- but I am very excited!" Of course they are just miming the words to our National Anthem until we teach both verses! Perhaps you could have a sing along at home to practise! We have lots of students who are enjoying the 'Costume shop' during Investigations. Dramatic play is extremely important for children as it is a major way in which oral language and a range of literacy and numeracy skills are developed. It also helps with decision making, problem solving, persistence, creative and lateral thinking. If you have any costumes (no super heroes please) would really love to add them to our collection.

Here are some photos from this week - Mr. Bailey and Mrs Skewes reading picture story books to our students, Miss Anderson taking part in the Roald Dahl performance on Tuesday and our students in their Japanese lesson with Rika Fujiki – one of our wonderful helpers.

**Year One**

The Year Ones really loved watching the Roald Dahl performance on Tuesday! Some of our favourite parts were: ‘The Twits’, when Mrs Twit put worms in Mr Twit’s dinner! ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’, when Miss Anderson played Charlie! ‘James and the Giant Peach’ was also really interesting to watch as many of us have read the story or seen the movie. We’ve had some really enjoyable conversations about some of the Roald Dahl books we’ve read at home. It might be nice to get them out again and share some reading in the evening together.

We’d like to thank everyone for the generous donations we have received lately. We don’t need any more for the time being. Thanks again, we really appreciate it!
**Year Two**

On Tuesday the Year 2s had a visit from The Wonderful World of Roald Dahl, a performance group from Adelaide. The group performed a variety of short stories from the classic author Roald Dahl. There were some fantastic performances, including 'The Twits', 'The Enormous Crocodile' and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' Some of our students were lucky enough to participate and they spoke clearly and expressively in front of their audience members. Many students have been interested in performing short plays during Investigations. They have been working together to decide on characters, making tickets, arranging seating and performing for their peers. It has been wonderful to see them work collaboratively.

**Year Three**

This week the Year 3’s were a part of another amazing Incursion. The Wonderful World of Roald Dahl performed acts that included short scenes from the Twits, The Enormous Crocodile, James and the Giant Peach and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory plus many more. One student from each class took part in the performance, rehearsing and acting out a small character role. The students performing were absolutely amazing performing their lines and actions to the large audience watching on ever so diligently!

**Year Four**

The Year 4 students were thrilled with the performance provided by the Travelling Roald Dahl Show on Tuesday. Congratulations to the seven Year Four students who took on the responsibility of learning lines in preparation for the performance.

This Friday 27th February is Clean Up Australia Day for schools. We are very pleased to inform you that Year 4 are participating by collecting rubbish at the Beaumaris Community Centre. We will be leaving school at 11.15am and returning at approximately 12.30pm.

We would love you to join us in our efforts to clean up our community, either by walking to and from these locations with us or even meeting us there. It would be great if children could bring along gardening/rubber gloves to wear. We look forward to seeing you on Friday if you can make it.
**Year Five**

The year 5’s have been focusing on narrative writing. They used narrative graphs to develop structure and worked hard on perfecting the ‘sizzling start’. The students are having a lot of fun experimenting writing short stories that pack a punch! Education research projects will be underway next week. Students will be working hard linking their interest to the learning intentions and completing their proposal forms. We are looking forward to our first Expo on Tuesday 24th March, between 8.30 – 9.30 am.

Just a reminder that students need to be at school by 8.30 am on Fridays for inter school sport.

These are the training times for each sport:

- **SOFTBALL** – 8.15 am every Tuesday
- **OZ TAG** - 8.10 am every Tuesday
- **CRICKET** – 1.00 pm every Thursday
- **VOLLEYBALL** – 1.00 pm every Tuesday

Thanks

Pip, Joe and Lou

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**The Dads' BIG BASH**

Beaumaris FAC won the last encounter in a thrilling final over. Can they retain bragging rights in the next game?

**What:** Beaumaris North FAC vs Beaumaris FAC 22 over Cricket Match

**When:** 10.30am Sunday March 1st 2015

**Where:** Beaumaris North Primary School Oval

**Cost:** $5 includes BBQ & drink - (BYOG)

Contact Warren Overton on 0407 274 823 to sign up
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB.......

Parent Club AGM
Thank you to all who attended the AGM on Tuesday. Congratulations and thank you to all who have volunteered for the committee in 2015. The committee members are: Fiona Love – President, Ness Fulton – Vice President, Nadine McFadries – Treasurer, Sarah Patterson – Vice Treasurer, Wendy Savage – Secretary.

Parent Club Meeting for March – 9.05am in Staff Room
A notice to all who wish to attend our first Parent Club meeting for the year next week. All families are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing as many of you as can come.

Family Event Bush Dance
Parent Club have organised a bush dance for all school families to attend. This event is funded by Parent Club and is purely to meet with other families and enjoy and evening together at school. Please see flyer following for details. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

EASTER RAFFLE

HOW THE RAFFLE WORKS?
Each family is asked to donate Easter eggs of various sizes and types which we then use to make up many prizes for the raffle. Last year we had over 100 prizes for the raffle because of the generous donations from our families. Any donations of baskets or other Easter gifts for the prizes would also be appreciated. All donations need to be at school by 27 March, 2015.

Junior School Council members will collect the eggs from classrooms each day.

10 tickets @ $1.00 each are on the reverse of this the notice being sent home next week for each child to sell, extra tickets available from the office.

Tickets and money must be returned by Thursday 26th March, 2015.

The raffle will be drawn at our Easter Assembly. Everyone is welcome to join us at the special assembly featuring our annual Prep Easter Bonnet Parade.

We thank you for your support and hope that you are one of the many lucky prize winners!

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
For information of what is happening in our Community don’t forget to check out the Community Notice board behind the shade house.

♦ Need a mouth guard? - bc dental
♦ Beaumaris Football Club players 2015
♦ Busk with Charlize—FijiOz Foundation
♦ Wallbrink Garden—Open Gardens Australia’s
♦ Mentone Mustangs Basketball Club Winter Season 2015—Registrations Now open
Hello parents, teachers and students,

Firstly Beaumaris Camp Australia wishes to welcome all the new foundation students to the service, we are so excited to expand our program. Last week at Beaumaris OSHC we had ‘Better Buddies’ week. We focused on being really good friends and spoke about what really good friends do and how they act. On that note I would like to thank our older students for working extra hard to make sure our new foundation students feel welcome and a special mention to Zoe and Declan for excelling at this. During better buddies week we made a beautiful African chalk mural with an anti-bulling message, it looked incredible and we all worked together. We also painted a friendship banner to display in our service using our finger prints for the leaves of the tree. Our weekly cooking club on Thursdays has made a flying start with us making wonderful cookies and tonight making lamingtons! Our cooking leader Aurora has been amazing at running the activities and making sure all children are involved.

I would also like to welcome our new addition to Fridays. We are now doing ‘Friday Dance Off’ every week. This is a chance for us to get excited for the weekend, burn off some extra energy and just have some fun! There are always lots of fun and exciting activities happening at Beaumaris OSHC.
WALLBRINK GARDEN
22 LANG STREET, BEAUMARIS

OPEN 28 - 29 MARCH 2015
10am - 4:30pm

$8 entry (children under 18 free)
www.opengarden.org.au
www.facebook.com/OpenGardensAustralia

We are proud to be a part of Open
Gardens Australia’s 2015 program.
Our garden is continually changing.
Come along and see our latest
additions to the garden.
› Garden sculpture by 2 local artists.
› Live music at 11am and 1pm.
› Sausage sizzle 11am–2pm (fund
  raiser for Beaumaris Primary).
› Information about the garden

We are donating our portion of the
ticket proceeds to the Beaumaris
Primary School Garden Club, so
come along and be a part of the fun.

Steve and Karyn Wallbrink