A friendly reminder to all families that **Monday May 25th** is a pupil free day. All government schools can organise four pupil free days/curriculum days each year for teacher professional learning, program planning, analysis of student data and report writing. This will be the fourth and final pupil free day for 2015.

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**Foundation enrolments for 2016**
Enrolments for Foundation 2016 are currently being taken. Thank you to the families who have already lodged an enrolment form. It would be most helpful if parents could return the enrolment form (download from our website or available from the office) prior to the end of Term 2.

**Lockdown Drill and Emergency Procedures**
Today a successful practice drill was conducted with all teachers, students and visitors running through the Department of Education procedures in the event of an lockdown. Our students and teachers are well prepared in the event of an emergency.

**Farewell Mrs O’Dwyer**
With sad hearts we farewell Mrs O’Dwyer who will spend her last day with us tomorrow and then take a well deserved rest to prepare for the birth of her baby. Students, parents and teachers have been so lucky to have Maree as part of the Beaumaris Primary community. She is a warm generous person who has blended great professionalism with a genuine care for her students. We are going to miss her. On behalf of our community we wish both Maree and her husband Dan all the best in the coming weeks. As is the Beaumaris way, people come and go but they often visit and are never far from our thoughts. We all look forward to Maree visiting often in the future.

**Welcome Mrs McSwain**
Welcome to Mrs Meg McSwain who has been appointed to the position of classroom teacher in Year 1D for the remainder of the year. Mrs McSwain is spending time with Mrs O’Dwyer this week to familiarise herself with the students’ learning needs to ensure a smooth transition.

**Education Week Activities at Beaumaris Primary**
**Grandparents and Special Friends Day:** we had a huge turnout of grandparents and special friends on Monday. The numbers of visitors seems to increase every year. Thank you to all the students and teachers who organised seating for our guests at our special morning assembly. Thank you also to the Parent Club for providing the delicious range of cakes and slices for morning tea for the very large crowd. Many of our visitors were very impressed by the behaviour of our students and our student led assembly. Thank you to Glee Club and Mrs Rothberg for entertaining our visitors at assembly and in the hall. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year. Your children are delighted to share their school with you.
Crack the Code-Monday
Mr Tom Prendergast launched the Foundation to Year 6 Crack the Code competition on Monday at assembly and we will announce the winners this Friday at assembly.

Open Classrooms for Mathematics Activities—Wednesday
The rooms were buzzing with visitors and we hope everyone enjoyed the maths activities.

Friendship Lunch and Walk to School Day—Friday
Already this year the students have enjoyed Friendship Lunches with a variety of age groups. The students respond well to eating lunch with students from other year levels to expand their friendships and this is a fun way to end Education Week. Thank you to Mrs Sam Robinson, Miss Alysha Morecroft and Mrs Jenny Fildes for organising the students for this event, (we encourage all families to remember our nude food lunchbox policy).

School Improvement Teams at Beaumaris Primary
Last week the Mathematics and ICT School Improvement Teams provided parents with an overview of their work with our students. This week parents can read about the focus of the English Team for improved student learning covering students from Foundation to Year 6.

English School Improvement Team—Facilitator Mrs Louise Neave
The team is responsible for improving student learning and relative growth across all year levels. In line with our Strategic Plan developed for 2015-2018, the first major Key Improvement Strategy our team will focus on will be increasing student performance in Writing—specifically vocabulary and structure. We have begun a review of current practice F-6 and are working closely with our English consultant Julie Shepard to document and implement an improved whole school writing program supported by a comprehensive writing moderation resource developed in conjunction with our network. Our project team has also begun reviewing the effective assessment of Speaking and Listening across the school.

Ongoing projects from the English Action Plan include:
- Development of an effective English Overview tool linked to AusVELS
- Continue building reading resources to support 3-6 subject focus and guided reading
- Continue building reading resources to support Literature Circles
- Refining our whole school spelling program with the implementation of Single Word Spelling Test (SWST) analysis F-6
- Staff Professional Learning - Running Records
- Introduction of Fountas and Pinnell Running Records in years 5-6 to assist with effective moderation of reading
- Assessment of reading strategies for all students 3-6 using Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies (CARS)

Walk to School Day Friday 22nd May
Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

The objectives of WSTSD are:
- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of public transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

We will also be having a Friendship Lunch on this day promoting healthy eating. So could you please pack a healthy and nude lunch for the day. The students will be placed in mixed groups from Foundation to Year 6.

Walk to School Day Coordinators, Alysha Morecroft and Sam Robinson
Street parking around the school
We respectfully ask parents to consider our school neighbours when parking cars in local streets at the start and end of each day. We had an incident this week when one of our neighbours reported to the school that she had been verbally abused whilst trying to exit her driveway. We remind parents that parking across driveways is illegal and is liable to a fine.

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).

KidsMatter Primary commenced in 2006 as a collaboration between the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, beyondblue, the Australian Psychological Society, and the Principals Australia Institute.
The initiative was piloted in 100 Australian primary schools between 2007 and 2008, and independently evaluated by Flinders University. The evaluation found KidsMatter Primary had a significant improvement upon children’s mental health and wellbeing.

What is KidsMatter?
KidsMatter is a mental health and wellbeing initiative for primary schools and early childhood education and care services – preschools, kindergartens and day care centres.
It’s not a program, but a framework that helps staff, parents and carers to work together to create settings that better support children’s social and emotional wellbeing needs.
KidsMatter has 4 focus areas:
• creating positive school and early childhood communities
• teaching children skills for good social and emotional development
• working together with families
• recognising and getting help for children with mental health problems.
KidsMatter comes with professional learning for staff, resources, and ongoing support throughout implementation. This year the wellbeing team will be implementing component one- Positive School Community

Please take 10 minutes to complete this anonymous survey that will give us vital information about the mental health and wellbeing of our students. This will help identify the initiatives that are working well and those that require further improvement. The link to the survey is at the bottom of the attached letter.

Many Thanks
The Wellbeing Team- Anna Redlich, Jenny Fildes, Catherine Churchward, Anne Thompson, Jo Pyke-Simmons.
For further information please visit the KidsMatter website: https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/
Parent Survey

Information for parents and carers

What is KidsMatter Primary?
KidsMatter Primary is an Australian initiative that aims to improve children’s mental health and wellbeing. It recognises the important role that parents and carers play in the lives of their children and encourages effective working relationships between school staff, parents and carers, and the broader community. For further information, including information sheets especially written for parents and carers, visit the KidsMatter website: www.kidsmatter.edu.au/

What is the survey about?
The survey asks your perspective on your child’s school and what you think is important for the school to consider in better supporting children’s mental health and wellbeing. We expect that it will take approximately 10 minutes to complete the survey.

Why am I being asked to complete this survey?
KidsMatter Primary encourages schools to reflect on how they are doing things - what they are doing well already and also what they can improve to promote children's mental health and wellbeing. It has been recognised that including the voice of staff, students, parents and carers assists the school with planning.

What choice do I have?
Completing this anonymous survey is entirely your choice. Whether or not you decide to participate, your decision will not disadvantage you or your child. However, we hope that you will contribute to helping us improve our school community. Please feel free to discuss any concerns you may have about completing this survey with any of the staff.

How is my privacy protected and what happens to the answers?
The answers provided by parents and carers are completely anonymous and it will not be possible to identify you or your child from your answers. Data is stored electronically by KidsMatter Primary in a password secured database. Only summarised results that align to the four components are used by the school to assist with school planning. KidsMatter Primary may also use data summarised at a state level to inform the national development of KidsMatter.

What do I need to do to participate?
Please read this information statement and be sure you understand its contents before you consent to participate. If there is anything you do not understand, or if you have questions, please talk to a staff member at your child’s school.

If you consent to participate, please complete the survey according to the instructions given by your school, which may either be to fill out the paper-based survey and return it to the school, or complete the online survey at:

Follow this link to complete the Parent Survey.

If you have any queries please see Mrs Anna Redlich

Thank you in advance from the Wellbeing Team
Catherine Churchward
Jenny Fildes
Anna Redlich
Jo Pyke-Simmons
Anne Thompson
Parent Representative: Lesley Oakley
School mornings
How to get kids ready for school without a fight

By Raising Children Network http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school_morning_routines.html

How things go at home in the morning can set the tone for the day ahead. Children who arrive at school feeling calm, relaxed, fed and ready can make the most of the first few hours of the day. Children don’t understand time in the same way as grown-ups. This can make school mornings a stressful time of day for families. Time pressures and competing demands can turn mornings into a combat zone.

Getting along in the morning at home will also help you. Research shows that fighting with children in the morning makes it harder for you to work well. It even increases the risk of you having an accident at work.

Here are some ideas to take some of the pressure out of school mornings – even if things don’t always go smoothly!

The night before
- Try to find out the night before (or even earlier) if there is something special going on at school.
- Prepare lunches and set the breakfast table ready for the morning rush.
- Get your child to have a bath the night before. This means you won’t have to worry about this in the morning.
- You might know something is going to come up that could cause conflict (such as buying lunch or choosing which clothes to wear). Talk about it the night before when everybody has time and is less likely to be stressed.
- Try to read school newsletters and check bags for notes the night before. You could also try to prepare clothes, sign school notes, and get schoolbags ready the night before.

In the morning
- Getting up an extra 15-30 minutes earlier might help things run more smoothly. Also try to allow plenty of time to get from home to school. Rushing can really increase stress levels.
- Good moods can be infectious. Tackle the morning as positively and as optimistically as you can.
- Mornings are easier if your children can do things for themselves. Once your children are old enough, getting dressed on their own, making their own breakfast, and tidying up after themselves can all make things easier.
- If your children are young, remind them what they are meant to be doing and when. Simple ‘to do’ checklists, even with pictures, can help as a reminder.
- Some children get up more easily if they have an alarm clock.
- Try to cut down on distractions. Television is one of the culprits that can distract children from getting ready. Consider leaving it off, unless it’s a special treat for being ready on time.
- Focus on the positives. A rule of thumb here is six positives for every negative. Look for good behaviour and try to ensure that positive comments – praise and encouragement – outweigh instructions and reprimands.
- Use surprises to celebrate cooperation and being ready on time. A treat in the lunch box, or an extra story at bedtime might be all it takes.
- Try not to give your children extra attention for arguing, whining or stalling. Even negative attention is an incentive for them to keep arguing, whining and stalling.
SEASIDE DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday 20 May was the annual Seaside District Cross Country Championship held at Dendy Park, Brighton. We had 72 runners representing our school on the day. It was a glorious Autumn morning with blue sky and sunshine. The day started with the running of the 10 year girls followed by the 10 year boys. These two age groups tackled a 2km course. The 11 and 12 year girls and boys took on a 3km course.

The top 10 runners from a field of 92 go on to compete in the Divisional Cross Country on the 3 June at Cornish College. We had some wonderful individual performances on the day: 10 year girls-Fern 7th, 10 year boys-Declan 10th, 11 year Boys-Spencer 5th, 12 year girls-Milla 5th and Chloe 7th.

Overall Beaumaris Primary School finished in 6th place.

All our students are to be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour, sportsmanship, teamwork, support for each other and effort; Ms Cooper, Mrs Madden, Mrs Ewart and Mr Bailey all commented on how wonderful they were.

A big thank you to the parents who came along and supported our runners on the day and an extra big thank you to Angie (Ben’s mum) who helped out on the course.

Samantha Robinson and Ross Bailey
LEVEL LOW DOWN

Foundation

We were so very pleased to welcome all our Grandparents and special friends to our open morning on Monday. Our Foundation students felt very proud as they took their visitors on a tour all around the school. Then, together, some of the students and grandparents completed a writing activity about their favourite school memory. On Wednesday afternoon we had great fun teaching and playing lots of different maths games with our parents. The Foundation students have also enjoyed participating in ‘Crack the Code’ – trying to solve a maths puzzle. Every day this week, the students were given a new clue to work out the mystery number. The first 2 clues were ‘I am smaller than 10, I am greater than 5’.

We are still collecting small boxes for our construction learning area. Please don’t throw Woolworths dominoes away because we are still collecting them for our maths area.

Year One

In Year One this week we are very sad to say goodbye to our lovely Mrs O’Dwyer who is leaving to have her baby! We wish her lots of happiness and we look forward to meeting her little baby boy or girl. Good luck with everything Mrs O’Dwyer, from all of us in Year One, we will miss you!

This week has been very busy in Year One. On Monday we loved showing our Grandparents and all of our Special People our portfolios and work we have been doing in the classroom. We thank them all so much for making the time to visit us.

We also have enjoyed Education Week and trying to work out the mystery number in ‘Crack the Code’, (remember all entries are due Friday lunchtime at the office). We really enjoyed teaching our families and friends our maths games during Open Afternoon this week including: Race to 100, Magic Number and the Nasty Game. Playing maths games at home is a great way to practice place value and problem solving skills.

We encourage all our students to continue reading at home and talking about their reading to make sense of the meaning. Our CAFÉ strategy that we have been practicing in class is ‘I can use the beginning sounds and ending sounds’. Don’t forget, Monday is a pupil free day.
**Year Two**

To celebrate Education Week we welcomed our Grandparents and special friends into Beaumaris Primary on Monday. We had heaps of fun in our classrooms reading books, playing maths games and showing off our amazing work. We also had parents visit us on Wednesday afternoon to play a variety of maths games.

![Year Two Images]

**Year Three**

This week was a great week for Numeracy. 'Crack the Code!' was the theme of this year’s Education Week. Below are a list of clues the Year Three students have been shown. The students have been given one clue each day to crack the code:

- I AM SMALLER THAN 550
- I AM GREATER THAN 510
- I AM AN ODD NUMBER
- I AM A PRIME NUMBER

There will be a final clue tomorrow. Good luck!

On Wednesday the Year 3 team welcomed parents to see the classrooms in action. It was fantastic to see lots of parents come along and get involved in their child’s learning at school. The children really enjoyed the afternoon,

Harvey 1R beating Mr Paleka in a Maths game during open afternoon.
Year Four

Our educational excursion to the Melbourne Museum last Thursday was most successful. The children represented Beaumaris Primary School very well and were engaged in the supervised viewing and gallery visits organised for them. The highlight was the staff led First Peoples exhibition for the Our Shared History program in the Aboriginal Cultural Centre. The children worked in pairs using ipads to create their own video. It is intended that the work is a useful record of the day that can be used in class for further study of Australia’s “First Peoples” and the impact of the arrival of the Europeans, as in our History Learning Intentions. Thank you to the parents who assisted on the day with class and small group supervision, as well as the organisation of the lunch trolleys.

Year Five

The Year 5 students enjoyed a wonderful afternoon exploring maths with friends and family as part of Education Week. The students rotated through the three Year 5 classrooms and played games such as Make My Number, Race to 1000, Magic Squares and 6 Shooter Calculator Game. They were challenged to think logically, strategically and use a range of strategies.

Can you Crack The Code?

To continue the fun during Education Week, the students have been maths detectives collecting the clues for our Crack the Code competition. The last clue will be revealed Friday morning and winners announced at assembly on Friday. The clues so far are:

- I am smaller than 550
- I am greater than 510
- I am an odd number
- I am a prime number

Good Luck!!

Congratulations to all Year 5 students who participated in District Cross Country.

Year Six

The Year 6s are all working their way through the writing process in relation to Narrative writing. Most of the students have had their teacher conference and are finalising the editing process before publishing. This week for homework students have the exciting task of cooking a meal for their family and using the recipe to work on their equivalent values in Maths. We are all looking forward to seeing the photos of our young Beaumaris Primary School Master Chefs. ERP’s are underway with students completing their research and now compiling the information into their own words. We celebrated grandparent’s day on Monday, it was wonderful meeting the grandparents and special friends within the classroom. This week is Education week and the focus is Mathematics. We are participating in ‘Crack the Code’.
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB......

BPS Cake Stall
Our cake stall will be held outside IGA at the Concourse this Saturday 23rd May from 8.30am.
We would really appreciate if as many families as possible could contribute something for the stall.
Each item provided must be wrapped & ingredients listed. Additional ingredient labels are available from the office.
Baked items can be dropped of any time Friday in the staffroom...there will be cellophane, sticky tape & extra ingredient labels there for last minute wrapping!
Drop off is also welcome at the stall from 8.30am on Saturday coming.
Please like our Facebook event page www.facebook.com/events/1563205427277085/ and share with your friends and family so we can get lots of people there on the day to buy our goodies.
Many thanks in advance on behalf of the Year 1 families!

MARKET STALLS AT FETE
If you are interested in having an external market stall at our Centenary Fete on Sunday 25 October 2015, please contact Leanne Nightingale via email at lnightingale@hotmail.com to advise your interest and what you propose to sell. Prices for school families are $100 and for non-school families $200.00.

FETE
We are still collecting donations to use as prizes and for our Silent Auctions. If you are able to donate a voucher, goods or a service I’d love to hear from you.
If you would like to help sew bunting for our fabulous Centenary Fete please let me know. We already have a wonderful coordinator for this project and she’d love some help.
If you would like to help in any way with our fete please also contact Ness. We have a lot of opportunities for everyone to be involved whether it be an hour of your time or more. We’d love to have you on board and look forward to hearing from you.
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SCHOLASTIC
A reminder that Issue 4 of Scholastic Book cCub is due back Friday 29th May. All children get age appropriate catalogues. However you are able to order from any catalogue. All the catalogues are available in the office foyer. Please feel free to help yourself. Please also remember we can’t accept cash. Please pay by cheque or online by credit card.
Any queries please contact Ness Newell 0424 329008 lochnessmonst71@hotmail.com

WASTESAVERS
A reminder that our initiative “Bag it and Bring it!” runs throughout the year so if you have any good quality clothing to recycle please bring it to school and put it in the special recycling bin opposite lost property. Since first collection on Tuesday 2nd Dec we have already raised $153.10 for our school. So far: 380KG of unwanted or outgrown clothing has been recycled
Please remember if you are having a clean out to save any clothing that can be recycled and help raise funds for our school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK 4DP
Jack 4DP is representing Team Victoria at the 2015 Australian Gymnastics Championships being held at Hisense Arena from the 18th - 30th May. He is competing in the Trampoline Competition which is being held on the 27th - 29th May.
We wish Jack the best of luck!
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CENTENARY YEAR

cake stall

cakes like your nanna used to make!

Come and purchase some of our tasty goodies lovingly home baked by our school community.

SATURDAY
23rd May
OUTSIDE IGA, South Concourse
8.30am ...until sold out!

All proceeds go directly to improving the educational facilities at Beaumaris Primary School.