FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Fundraiser: Cakes like Nana used to bake
Thank you to the parents who baked a huge range of goodies for the Cake Stall in the Concour last Saturday and helped with sales on the day. The stall was a welcome treat for Saturday shoppers and highly successful. The stall raised $2,576. An update of fundraising expenditure to date this year will be provided in next week’s Stop Press.

Enrolments for Foundation 2016
Foundation enrolments are coming in. We ask current families with children entering their first year of school next year to collect an enrolment form from the office and return it by the end of this term. This greatly helps our planning for next year. The year seems to be passing by so quickly!

Education Week: Crack the Code
We had a great response to the Crack the Code challenge last week. All students who entered will receive a certificate of participation. Congratulations to all students who solved the code.

Garden Club
Thank you to Garden Club for their work last week. This group continued to complete garden maintenance around the school and tidied up the Kitchen Garden shed. We really appreciate your support.

SchoolMate
The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day. The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets. SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day. Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example,
designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Foundation to Year 10.

I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability** this year.

The **Data Collection** is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sheryl Skewes on 03 95892619 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.


**Sheryl M. Skewes**  
Principal

**Neven Paleka**  
Assistant Principal

**Garden Club**

Many thanks to the Wendy and Martin and overseas visiting grandparents Bill and Sandra, for their Garden Club work on Friday. The fabulous foursome singlehandedly cleared all the leaves from the kitchen garden, composted, all in preparation for kitchen garden planting. They also had the unenviable task of clearing out the spidery garden sheds. A great job and thank you very much for working so hard in very cold conditions. Especially appreciated as many of the garden team were stuck at home tending sick family members!

Next Garden Club will be on the last day of term, the 26th June and weather permitting we will be planting out the planter boxes in the 3/4 corridor. All parents and preschool children welcome to come and join in the fun!

**Nude Food**

Due to the wonderful response at our Friendship Day Lunch last Friday, we are trialling having no rubbish bins in the yard, as this seems to be the best way to reduce and hopefully eliminate rubbish at school from lunches and snacks.

Nude food is obviously our goal, but if you find it necessary to include any wrappings/packaging in your child’s lunch, from now on it will be coming home in their lunchbox. We will still have a compost bucket in the eating area under the shade cloth for food scraps, which our chickens love, but that will be the only bin in the yard.

Thank you for your support and encouraging our Nude Food philosophy. Lindy McManus

**From the Art Room**

An enormous ‘thank you’ for all the wonderful donations that are dropped in to the Art Room. We simply couldn’t run the program without all your kind gifts. At the moment we are doing a number of painting and printing projects so if you have any additional meat trays or egg cartons, they would be greatly appreciated.
LEVEL LOW DOWN

Foundation

Last Friday we were treated to an in-school visit by CARP productions who came to perform ‘Once upon a Fairy tale’. This is in line with our literacy focus of fiction texts and the elements of a fairy tale. We are learning some beginnings and endings of books, such as, once upon a time, in the dreamtime and they lived happily ever after. This is also in line with our Performing Arts focus of projecting our voice to an audience and performing.

Year One

In Year 1 this week we welcomed Mrs. Meg McSwain as our new Level 1 teacher! She has been very busy getting to know all the students in 1D and is doing a fantastic job. If you see Mrs. McSwain around in the yard, please say hello.

A little bit about Mrs. Meg McSwain

My family is....crazy...about running and also just a little crazy. There are five of us: my husband Chris, and my three children, Claudia (12), Charlie (11), Max (7).

I grew up in.......the gorgeous beachside suburb of Brighton and spent many summers swimming and windsurfing at the local beach. I now live in Elsternwick just near the bustling shopping strip in Glenhuntly Road.

At home I cook.....lots of pasta because my kids can’t get enough of it.

My favourite book is....do I have to name just one? Equal first would be Mao’s Last Dancer and The Happiest Refugee.

My favourite movie is......Pitch Perfect: I just can’t get enough of the singing and dancing.

On weekends I love to......watch my kids play netball, soccer and football and go for long runs along the beach with my friends.

Mrs. Meg McSwain and daughter Claudia

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Year Two

Thank you to the amazing parent helpers who have shared their ‘expertise’ during investigations. It has been particularly delicious! Fiona visited this week to make chocolate balls and Beth helped us make pikelets. YUM YUM!

If you have a special skill or interest you’d like to share with the class we’d love to have you as a parent helper during investigations.

One last request: If you have any old wool around the house, or you’d like to clean out your sewing cupboard, we’d love to have some for our learning centres. Thanks so much!
**Year Three**

This week in Year 3 the students have been writing their E.R.P proposals. They are very excited to start researching their key interest area and present their E.R.P at a later date. All the students have documented the following information:

- key 'personal' interest area
- how their interest links to the History learning intentions
- what they are hoping to find out

**Thomson 3AH:** I’m interested in Aboriginal tools used for hunting. I am interested in this area mainly because I want to find out more about the Aboriginals and how they hunted and which tools they used. My interest links to the diverse cultures of our local area.

**Ollie P 3P:** I’m interested in designing because I like building and designing things. I’m linking my interest to what has changed or remained the same in the local area by researching how houses have changed over time. I’m hoping to find out about the change of materials used in building houses about 100 years ago.

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**Year Four**

The Year 4 students are moving towards an exciting stage of their History work in the "Artist In School" project with Matthew Butler. On Wednesday June 3rd, there will be a showcase of art mediums. That is, visiting artists will demonstrate and assist groups of students with the skill development of various art techniques. The outside artists will set their work up on tables in the SALC and groups of students will rotate around the tables every 10 mins to learn about each art technique. The students will then fill out a list of preference for what art technique they would like to learn and create on their Zaishu. We will also have students working on a film documentary of this History Puzzle Project.

On Thursdays the students are learning to take their fundamental motor skills and apply them into more complicated sports skills, in preparation for the school’s athletics (track and field) program. The skills of running, leaping and throwing were transferred beautifully into the hurdling, discus and shot-put events. Mrs Pearman was particularly proud of her hurdling group who improved step by step through the session!

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**Year Five**

The students have been developing their understanding of fractions in maths this week. By identifying the numerator and denominator they have been working out which fractions can be added together and which ones need to be renamed. Our persuasive writing pieces are being revised and edited in preparation for a good copy. The crack the code participation rate was fantastic with many students being successful code breakers. Well done.

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**Year Six**

In Year 6 we have started Maths Olympiad, well done to the students taking part in the challenge. Students are over half way through the term which means Year 6 ERP Expo will be happening soon. The date will be Tuesday 23rd June at 9am and will continue until 9:50am. Congratulations to all those that participated in cross country last week. Beaumaris Primary School came 5th overall on the day. Thank you to the students, teachers, parents and staff who were there on the day supporting our school. Hoop Time is Tuesday 16th June and students taking part are asked to make sure they are attending all training sessions.
School camp funding provided by Victorian Govt. to help struggling parents

Herald Sun May 21st 2015

Kids shouldn’t miss out on trips with their mates, says Premier Daniel Andrews.

Parents with means-tested concession cards can apply for grants from today to help get their children to school camps or sports events.

The Andrews Government has reintroduced a fund, worth $148.3 million over four years, to help struggling families meet extra costs associated with school.

Parents can apply for a $125 grant for primary school children or $225 for secondary school children. The money will be sent directly to each child’s school, to be used for camps, excursions or sports trips that cost extra to attend.

Premier Daniel Andrews visited a Kinglake camp to make the announcement, saying kids shouldn’t miss out on trips with their mates.

“We’re helping families meet the extra costs of school,” he said.

About 22,000 disadvantaged students at more than 1500 government schools and 650 non-government schools will be eligible for the cash.

Education Minister and Deputy Premier James Merlino said some of his best memories of growing up were of school camps and sports.

He said the money would start to flow from July, but parents should apply from later today.

Details can be found at: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB......

Cake Stall
On behalf of the Year 1 families, a huge thank you to everyone who baked for the cake stall on Saturday. We received an astounding array of baked goods, and raised a total of $2,570.90 - just fantastic! Thank you to all the Year 1 families who helped out on Friday and Saturday. Special thanks also to our office staff, Wendy, Michelle, IGA, Casa Dolce and the Beaumaris locals for their support.

Scholastic Book Club
A reminder that Issue 4 of Scholastic book club is due back tomorrow, 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

Parent Club Lunch
It's hard to believe we are halfway through Term 2! Time for some much needed and deserved downtime. So for those of you that feel like relaxing with some yummy food, nice wines and chilled out company, please join us on Friday 19th June.

Where: THE PARLOR Milkbar and Kitchen
40 Weatherall Rd, Cheltenham.

Time: 12.30 til you need or want to leave......

RSVP 10/6: Keely Houghton 0413 431 974 or keely1houghton@gmail.com
We would love to see you there so please let us know as soon as you can. What better way to spend a Friday arvo!
Thanks
Parent Club

FROM OUR FETE COMMITTEE...

Soft drink/bottled water donations
We are urgently needing donations of branded soft drink cans and bottled water to sell at our fete. There are great supermarket specials out there so please donate to help make this stall a big winner!
We also still need plenty of donations of the following 2nd hand items:
Books, CDs, DVD's, computer games
Trash n treasure;
Designer clothing
School uniforms and Soft toys
We will also be needing all your broken, chipped and/or odd pieces of crockery for our plate smasher stall as well.
Keep a look out for the next fete newsletter with our new logo via email next week.

Silent Auction
We are still collecting donations to use as prizes and for our Silent Auction. 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 Centenary Fete please contact Tara Bertovic, our fabulous coordinator for this project. tara@bertovic.com.au
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.
Ness Newell: lochnessmonst71@hotmail.com  0424 329 008
Good afternoon students, parents and teachers,
We have been having a wonderful time at Outside School Care at Beaumaris lately!
This week we have been engaging with indigenous art for ‘Sorry’ day, we have explored dot painting using our fingers and traditional indigenous colours painting scenery, animals and lots of natural wonders. We love to get the paint out and get a little messy! Special mention to Tristan, Imogen and Amber for their amazing painting on Wednesday evening!

We have also designed our own boomerangs, using lines, dots and a variety of colours. Nikau made two and was very proud to test it out and see if it came back. We also designed our own flags, Georgia and some other children designed lovely OSHC flags for our service.

We have also been specially enjoying a variety of dress ups including wigs, hats, scarfs and costume jewellery! Its so great to see children engaging in imagination play and we heartily encourage these interactions at our service. On that note any families that have extra items that they no longer need or want we would love to take them for a costume box. Dads especially any extra loud, colourful or silky shirts (we all have a few secret fashion shames).

Thanks everyone,
have a wonderful weekend and lets keep our fingers crossed for some more sunny weather next week,
Jessica and Bianca!