FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) - important reminder
School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a concession card, a health care card or if you are a temporary foster parent, please submit an application with a copy of your concession card to the school by 26 June 2015. Primary school student rate is $125 per year. For more information, please see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interview times have been very well attended. Classroom teachers and specialist teachers have had a fantastic response from the parent community. Interviews provide an opportunity to exchange information about student progress in semester one and areas of focus for semester two. Next Thursday students will bring home their mid year report.

Family tax deductions for contributions to our Library and Building Funds
As the end of financial year approaches a friendly reminder to the many families who have made contributions that they are tax deductible. Thank you in advance to families who may wish to make the most of the opportunity for a tax deduction by contributing to the Building and Library Funds before the end of this financial year. The contributions enable planned major and minor School Council projects to be realised to ensure the learning environment is contemporary and well presented for our students.

Help shape the EDUCATION STATE
Join the conversation

The most important thing that we can do as a school community is to make sure we give each and every student a great education and a great start to life. I know from speaking to many of you that you have great ideas for how we can improve the education we provide our students at school, and more broadly how we can improve our school system as a whole. I also regularly hear ideas from our staff, our school council, our local businesses and others in the community on how we can make our education system even better. The Victorian Government has committed to making Victoria the Education State and has recently begun a consultation process – asking for us to share our ideas and experiences, our challenges and solutions – to help us improve our education system across the state. This is an opportunity for all of us to have our say and play a role in shaping what our education system will look like in the years to come. I will be thinking about how I can contribute my ideas to this consultation and I will...
be asking our staff to participate as well. I invite you to join in the conversation, because your ideas and insights – as parents of children currently in our school system – are critical to making sure we get the vision right for our state to become the Education State.
You could also use social media to encourage your family and friends to join the discussion – education impacts everybody, and everyone deserves the opportunity to have their say. The best way to get involved is to go to educationstate.education.vic.gov.au where you can join in the online conversations or register to attend one of the sessions running across the state throughout June and July.

**Sheryl M. Skewes**  
Principal

**Neven Paleka**  
Assistant Principal

**More colored pencils still needed**
We have received a request from one of our past school families to help collect used colored pencils for an orphanage in Hamisi, Kenya called "Crossroadssprings". These pencils will be put into 310 material pencil cases (that will be handmade by the family) with one case given to each child at the school when the family visit the school in early July.

Thank you to all the families who have donated items into the collection box at the office, but we are still in need of more colored pencils (we have enough grey leads) until Friday 26th June.

Visit www.crossroadsspringsafrica.org for information on the orphanage.

**Centenary Fete 2015**
We are still urgently seeking donations of soft drinks and bottled water for the fete. Please keep them coming in. Donations can be left at the office.

Do you know someone who works for a company that may be able to donate to our fete? You would be surprised at what we can make use for! Would you like to sponsor one of our rides or know someone who might? For all enquiries please contact Karen Munn on either 0404 018 445 or munnkaren@hotmail.com

**A night of Stargazing**
We are very excited to announce that The Astronomical Society of Victoria will be holding a night of stargazing at Beaumaris Primary School.

Astronomy for the people is an ASV service that provides telescopes to schools for community viewing sessions.

The best time for school students is when Moon is just prior to the first quarter. This means that the Terminator on Moon is in sharp relief showing the fine structure of the mountains and craters and is not too bright to see the fainter objects. Rug up and join us for this spectacular evening.

WHERE: Beaumaris Primary School Oval (entry Herbert Street)  
WHEN: Tuesday 23rd June  
TIME: 7:30 - 9:30pm  
COST: $5 per person—cash payable on the night, no booking necessary

**Help required!**
At the end of each semester it is important to audit and sort Mathematics equipment to support quality teaching and learning.
We need some volunteers to offer their time on Tuesday 14th July (1pm - 3:30pm) to help with this process. If you can assist, please tear off this slip, write your name and hand it in to the office on Tuesday 23 June. On the day we will all meet together in SALC (Year 5 & 6 building) at 1pm. Please bring any materials with you that can support with labelling.

I am able to assist with the Mathematics Equipment audit/sort on Tuesday 14th July between 1pm and 3.30pm.

Parent Name:__________________________________________________________
Child Name:_________________________________________  Class:_____________________
Contact Number:__________________________________________________________________________
LEVEL LOW DOWN
Foundation

On Monday the Foundation students were visited by Firefighter Paul, Firefighter Carl, Firefighter Cam and Grumpy Mick. Our students learned to ‘Get down low and go, go, go’ if they find the house on fire and full of smoke. They have learned about safe and unsafe fires (ask them), meeting you at the letterbox and calling 000 (zero, zero, zero- not triple ‘o’). Yesterday we had a walking excursion to the Bayside Community Library where we met our friend Carly. She showed us around the library and read us a book called ‘Pig the Pug’. Some students have reserved books if they didn’t take their card with them or don’t yet have their own card. Just ask for Carly if you go to pick up the reserved books as she has put them aside for your child. You can go online and get a library card if your child has not yet got one. We will visit the library again next week. The library has sent home an information booklet with your child for details about the services they offer to the community. The dramatic area of the ‘Make and Bake’ bakery has now been replaced with a Fashion Design School and catwalk. Donations of high heels, glitzy tops, jewellery, scarves, accessories and fashion magazines would greatly be appreciated. We are also desperately seeking a puppet theatre. Performing to an audience and projecting our voice is part of the Performing Arts curriculum.

Year One

Wow, where has this term gone? From all of us in Year 1 we would like to say a big thank you to all of our parent helpers this term, including our wonderful parent reps. We appreciate all of your help during investigations, literacy and ICT and thank you for your time, the kids have loved having you visit our classrooms. This week in maths we started to learn about capacity. Capacity is the amount of something a container can hold, including water and sand. We experimented with different sized containers to find out which one could hold the most. How many small cups of sand do you think it would take to fill up a litre drink bottle? Next week we will be finishing off our procedural writing unit. On Monday 1V, 1R and 1D will be making a class fruit salad to discuss how many steps it takes to make from getting out a bowl to eating the first bite. We ask that each child (if possible) brings a piece of fruit that we can use to cut up and place in our fruit salad bowl. A small piece of fruit is sufficient. Thank you in advance. How many steps do you think will be involved? Next week we will be visiting the Beaumaris library for the last time this term. 1V, 1R, 1W and 1D will walk to the library after lunch on Wednesday. Please remember to return any overdue books. These two photos on the left show how we used pieces of nature to inspire our writing.

Year Two

Super Hero Day!
“I have dressed up as a police officer today. They are my heroes because they protect people and they help people.” Angelica 2C
“I am my Aunty today. She is the best roller derby skater in Australia. She goes to America and skates too!” Lottie 2C
“David Attenborough is my hero. He saves animals. I love animals very much.” Xander 2M
“My Dad is my hero. He is always helpful and kind. He is also really strong!” Sienna 2M
“I love my Dad so much. He plays cricket and he helps me get better at playing cricket.” Ayla 1/2 W
“My hero is Derek Rose. I love his slam dunking. He is great!” Oscar 1/2 W
“I have dressed up as my Mum today because she is lovely and she takes care of me.” Maddie J 2A
“I have dressed up as a nurse today. My grandfather had a heart attack and the nurses helped him.” Violet 2A

Year Three
This week in Year 3, we have been super busy working on our ERP’s for our up and coming Expo which will be held tomorrow. The students have been paired up with a year 5 buddy to discuss their ERP and receive feedback. Each student in Year 3 will also have the opportunity to complete a self-assessment on their ERP and the ERP process. Congratulations to all Year 3 students on their tremendous efforts.

Year Four
This week we would like to highlight a few term 3 key dates important to Year 4
Japanese Lunch Day - Thursday 23rd July
House Athletics - Friday 24th July
History Expo / Oral presentations - Thursday 30th July, 3-4pm.
More information to follow.
The teachers are helping the students to clarify understandings, form questions and resource their ERP. We are pleased to see that the students are now quite involved in gathering a range of information and resources at home, with parents assisting children to translate researched material into their own words. Congratulations to those in Year 4 who have completed or are nearing completion of the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. We are only mid way through the challenge, so there is still plenty of time to get underway. The official "end of challenge" date is September 14th.
Today was Super Hero Day to raise much needed funds for State Schools’ Relief and the Junior School Council wish to thank families for supporting the cause today.
**Year Five**

The Year 5 students looked fantastic dressed up as their Super Heroes. We had an inspiring array of heroes including Albert Einstein, Winston Churchill, Pink and Sam Stosur. AFL champions, basketball players, mums and dads were also a popular choice. A huge thank you to Junior School Council for planning and coordinating this community service event for State School Relief.

Students have been working hard to complete their ERPs in preparation for Expo next Thursday (3.00pm – 4.00pm). We look forward to seeing you there.

Athletics training is well underway. House Athletics will be held early Term 3 and we encourage students to work on their running, jumping and throwing skills during the holidays.

The Year 5 teachers have enjoyed sharing our students learning during interviews this week.

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**Year Six**

This week in Year 6 the students are finalising their ERP’S. The students have worked extremely hard this term and are looking forward to presenting their work. The Year 6 EXPO will be on Tuesday 23rd of June at 9am continuing until 10:15am. Last Friday we went to Beaumaris Public Library. Our students borrowed books, researched and worked on their ERP. We got some wonderful comments from the public and the Liberians about the manners and the excellent behaviour of our students. It has been great meeting the parents this week and getting the opportunity to discuss the students’ progress this semester. Thank you to everyone for booking an interview.
Term 3 2015

Electronics

8 week basic electronic course for fast learners. Children will be introduced to the principles of electronics and creating circuits which are activated by sound, light and water. Contact Claudine Berman on 9578 2245, 0414 249 462 or email claudineberman@gmail.com. All children need to be qualified for the programme.

Come and watch our Bollywood students perform at assembly this Friday on 19th June!

Term 3 enrolments are now open until 23/6/15. Get your form at the office.

Term 3, Tuesdays 14th Jul – 15th Sep 2015
3:30pm – 4:30pm.
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Questions? Call Jag on 0423 080 724

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