FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Congratulations to our Hockey Team

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 students who competed in the Mixed Hockey Regional Final on Monday. Whilst the team is not advancing to the next level we are all very proud of their efforts. The team prepared well and were ready for the challenge. We had some close calls with our shots for goals which put our opponents on edge all through the match however they came away the victors on the day. Thank you to all the parents for their support and thank you to Miss Pritchard for the time she spent coaching the team.

School Sport Victoria Raffle tickets at front office to support Katelyn and Amy

Congratulations to Katelyn and Amy for selection into the state team for Touch Rugby. We invite our school community to support the cost of their participation in the competition in Adelaide in November by purchasing raffle tickets distributed by School Sport Victoria to assist team members.

Parent Club School Disco Friday August 21st

This is always a special event for our students. It is a great way to start the weekend. Thank you to Parent Club and the band of volunteers who organise the night and for their help with supervision next Friday.

Sue Fine Mathematics Consultant Year 1 and 2 Parent Information session

Next Wednesday parents are invited to a session with Sue. She will explain the teaching of the mathematics curriculum in Year 1 and 2 and ways in which parents can support their child at home. A flyer was sent home with Year 1 and 2 students yesterday.

Beaumaris Primary Students and Families make a difference in the lives of others!

We hope everyone enjoys the letter from Crossroadssprings Primary School, Hamisi, Kenya after receiving our donation of pencils. Bridie Murphy and Tony and Alice Prowse extend a thank you to everyone for their donations.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Neven Paleka
Assistant Principal

Kids Matter Communication

Questions as generated from Kids Matter parent survey responses:

This week we will address some queries about communication between school and home.

Can parents have direct access to teacher’s email addresses?

It is a Victorian Department of Education recommendation that teacher’s personal emails are not provided to parents. All email communication with your child’s classroom teacher should be sent to the office for distribution by the office staff.

Does the school have an anti-bullying policy?

Yes, Beaumaris Primary does have an anti-bullying policy. It was updated by the Wellbeing team last year and ratified by our school council. It can be found on our website For further information please click on the link below.


Thank you, The KidsMatter Action Team, Catherine Churchward, Jenny Fildes, Anna Redlich, Lesley Oakley, Jo Pyke-Simmons, Anne Thompson

DIARY DATES
Please refer to term newsletters for more detail on year level important dates: http://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/page/110/term-newsletters

CANTEEN
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Tuesday 18 August
Year 4 Hands on Science

Thursday 20 August
Year 6 Debating at Brighton SC
Year 3 Media Roadshow Incursion

Friday 21 August
Parent Club School Disco

Friday 21 & 28 August
Year 6 Family Life

Wednesday 26 August (NEW)
House Athletics years 4,5,6

Wednesday 2 September
Father’s Day Stall

Friday 4 September
Father’s Day Footy Breakfast

Thursday 3 September
Year 6 Science Expo
2.10pm—3.20pm
Annual Nude Food Picnic on oval at 12.15pm (free dress day, gold coin donation)

Monday 7 September
Whole School Dress Rehearsal
Book Fair begins—ends on Thursday 10 September

Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10 September
Year 6 performance ‘Aladdin Jnr’

Sunday October 25th
Thank You So Much!

Dear Beaumaris Primary School Community, family and friends,

A note to express a huge thank you from the students of Crossroadssprings Primary School, Hamisi, Kenya for your generous donation of coloured pencils and stationery items.

The response to the donation of “colour” of the students – each given 8 pencils in a “pencil wrap” – was remarkable for us to watch and be a part of. The students were full of delight, wonder, enthusiasm and joy!

Many students got to work “colouring” the past 6 months of grey lead work in their exercise books! They happily “shared” when a colour was scarce, and waited in line patiently to use their teachers’ pencil sharpeners when necessary.

Being a part of this was such a special gift. A big thank-you to Milla and her sister Edie for their hard work and the school staff and teachers for their generosity of spirit towards this cause.

With kind regards and thanks from
Bridie Murphy and Tony and Alice Prowse

Canteen News

The Snack Shack is the new name for our canteen. The competition winners are Lucy Clement (6P) and Hayley Love (1R) and both students will receive a free lunch order this term. Thank you to everyone who entered - there were some wonderful suggestions.

We now would like the students to design a sign, which can be placed above The Snack Shack’s roller door. All design suggestions need to be delivered to the office by Friday 21st August.

The Snack Shack will continue to be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays this term and, starting next week, will offer bananas on the menu for 80c each. Other healthy suggestions are being considered, so stay tuned for some menu changes later in the term.

Can parents please remind their children that if they order a frozen item in their lunch order, such as an icypole or a frozen yoghurt, it will NOT be distributed to the classroom with the rest of their lunch (it will melt) and that they must bring their lunch bag back to The Snack Shack after the bell rings at the commencement of lunch time to receive their frozen item.

Thank you, Ellie Hilton.

SANDRINGHAM COLLEGE—SEAL PROGRAM 2016

Sandringham College is very pleased to announce that we have a limited number of placement available in our SEAL program for Year 7 entry into 2016.

On Wednesday 9th September we are running a SEAL entry exam for any Year 6 students who may have missed the opportunity to sit the exam the first time around in April. Applications close 31 August.

For the SEAL Entry Exam Application form and additional information about our SEAL program please direct parents to this link: SEAL Application 2016 (Under curriculum\SEAL on our website)

We would also greatly appreciate this information running in your next newsletter or on your website please.
Encouragement, Not Just Praise

It may sound strange to consider not always praising our children. However, constant praise that implies everything is always “great, wonderful, fantastic and good” sometimes becomes a bit overdone. Using encouraging phrases often helps children to keep trying even when things aren’t “great”. It also acknowledges that the effort, the attempt, the act of having a go and working on something is worthy of acknowledgment, even if it doesn’t always work out.

Encouragement helps build resilience and self-esteem and models for children that it is productive and constructive to have a go - even if you don’t always achieve the intended outcome. Praise and encouragement are both lovely for children but encouragement is often underdone and praise is often overdone.

Finding the balance is the key!

Some examples of encouraging phrases and comments:

- I can see you have tried hard with that today.
- I like the way you have had a go.
- I can see you have had to try really hard with that.
- I like the way you kept trying.
- I wonder if there is another way you could try to make that work.
- I enjoyed playing together with you today.
- I know you are finding this hard. Perhaps there is another way...
- How do you feel you went with that today?
- Can you think of another way to do this?
- I love the effort you have put into this today.
- You have worked really hard and tried really well with this today.
- I know it isn’t quite how you thought it would be, but you really persisted and tried hard.
- I like the way you have picked up your things and packed away today.
- I appreciate you collecting the mail. Thanks.
- I like it when we read together and you have a go at the words.
- I thought we all worked well together today as a family.
- We might have to try and problem-solve this so we can work it out.
- Would you like to tell me about this today and how it went?
- I know you are finding this frustrating. How else might you try or what else can you do?
- I would like you to have a go at this and I will help if you are stuck.
- I would like you to try before I help you. I think you will be able to make a start.
- I like the ideas you have. Can you think of an idea now that might help?
LEVEL LOW DOWN
Foundation
This week we have been learning all about the acronym CAFE. We use the CAFE strategies as a part of our whole school reading program. CAFE stands for Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expanding vocabulary. To be a great reader your child must understand the text (including inferential text), read the words accurately, read fluently and expand their vocabulary. We also use the CAFE strategies for children to self assess their reading. Ask your child to explain CAFE to you.

During investigations some children have been working on making boats that will float. We have been waiting weeks for a storm to create some big puddles for us to race our boats in. The students signed up to take part in the race - creating names and numbers for their boat, discussed different (waterproof) elements, had one race, then added new parts to their boats (like bubble wrap bases and sails to catch the wind) before we had our final race! The lighter boats made of plastic worked well and the heavy cardboard ones sunk a little bit!

Year One
Last Friday we went to Scienceworks, it was fantastic! We raced Cathy Freeman in Sportsworks, worked together to build towers with bricks in the Nitty Gritty City and watched the Guess Again show. We had a great time and learnt lots of new and interesting things about science. A huge thank you to our parent helpers who helped the day run smoothly.

Some of our favourite things were:
“Making the skeleton move on the bike”-Sienna
“Using the wheelbarrow in the Nitty Gritty City”- Taro
“Building with the blocks in the Nitty Gritty City”- Nicolas

Our focus this term is observing how materials and chemicals change when mixed together, ie: melting chocolate, making slime. If you have any great materials or books at home or you have some science knowledge that you think would be useful in the classroom please let your child’s classroom teacher know.

Year Two
In Year 2 this week we have been learning about money. Students have been ordering money, trading money, calculating change and making their ultimate lunch order. Many learning centres throughout the classroom contain money, such as the train station, as well as the maths learning centres.

Last week the Year 2 students finished off their persuasive texts. Students were given the task to write a persuasive text about areas in the school that could be improved. Many impressive persuasive texts were written, such as; push taps in the toilets to save water, renovating the playground, longer school days so there is more learning and play time and no school uniform.

The Year 2 classes have continued their Beaumaris local library visits this term with great enjoyment. Some great series of books that students are reading at the moment in Year 2 are: Billy B Brown, the Treehouse books, Zac Power, Juliet Nearly a Vet, The Kaboom Kid, Aussie Bites and Aussie Nibbles.
Year Three

Meanwhile in Level 3...

We continue to build our understand of multiplication. Students have been making arrays to help recall and understand their multiplication facts. We have also been using our knowledge of place value to multiply with some larger numbers. In Measurement and Geometry our homework task this week to investigate items at home that have a mass equal to, less than and greater than 1kg.

We have begun writing procedure texts for a range of purposes. We are focussing on using the correct language, structure and voice appropriate to the text. I’m told that 3E have written procedure texts for some very interesting potions.

In Science, we are beginning to think about the learning intention we are most passionate about linking to our interest. Even though we won’t start planning for at least another week, it is beneficial to start thinking about what we could do for an Educational Research Project.

Year Four

Congratulations to the whole school for the wonderful effort that everyone has been put in towards helping to keep our school yard free from rubbish. Waste warriors have been assigned to each class and they are responsible for sorting the lunch rubbish from their class. We are doing very well managing our canteen wrappers as well, and have made drastic reductions to the amount of rubbish we are sending to landfill. Please check out our slideshow on our sustainability page to see what we are doing.

Alex. S – Every time I see some rubbish, I stop and think for a minute about how, if no one ever bothered to put rubbish in the bin, the Earth would be covered with it. So I really like the Sustainability program.

Evie. S – I have been bringing my lunch in containers but, if I do have any rubbish, I put it in my pocket or lunch box and take it home. The only rubbish I see around the school are chip and popcorn packets. I really like our BPS Sustainability slideshow.

Declan J – Every day, when I have an apple, I leave my apple core in my lunch box. Every day I try my best not to litter in the school yard.

Year Five

This week we have extended our Literature Discussion Group roles to include Succinct Summarisers, Character Captains, Vocabulary Vocalists and Travel Tracers. With these new foci we are able to explore our class novels in new ways to extend our reading comprehension and challenge ourselves as members of a reading group. In maths we are exploring the variety of ways we can complete multiplication problems as well as practising the multiplication algorithm. As scientists we dived into the swampy water of Boonaroo Bay (Narelle Oliver - The Best Beak In Boonaroo Bay) to replicate experiments that quantified the efficiency of a range of bird beaks. We learned that repeated trials are an important part of collective valuable data.

Year Six

This week in Year 6 it has been extremely busy. The debating teams have been picked and the students are getting there debates together to compete on the 20th August. We have been very busy with rehearsals leading up to the school production. This week is the finishing of our science rotations and we are starting our proposals on Friday for term three ERP’s. In Maths we are exploring decimals through multiplication and division by non-zero whole numbers. In literacy we are completing our "Big Write" for procedural text. Family life is starting this week and will continue for the next two Fridays. Out Athletics sports day is on Wednesday 26th August, lets hope the sun will be shining for this great event.
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB......

Mother's Day Pressies for sale
We have a few items left from our fabulous Mother's Day stall. If you would like to buy anything in the attached pictures for yourself or for a pressie they are on sale from the school office. All items are $7. Many thanks, Parent Club
Coming Soon:  
New Vacation Care Program at  
Beaumaris Primary School

Dear Families,

In response to the needs of your school community, we are excited to announce that a vacation care program will commence on Monday 21st September 2015.

We will partner with your work community to deliver a tailored vacation care program that is focused on bringing out the very best in kids. The program combines active games with structured and unstructured play, quiet time and a healthy snack. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic and experienced Camp Australia educators who are on a mission to make kids smile.

Child Care Benefit & Rebate

Get 50% or more off daily program costs with the Child Care Benefit and Rebate. Almost all Australia families are eligible. For more information on rebates & to find out what you are entitled to, contact the Family Assistance on 13 61 50

If you have any further questions, you can call our friendly Customer Service Team from Monday to Friday (8:00am-6:00pm AEST) on 1300 105 343.

We look forward to seeing you Vacation Care soon!

Yours sincerely,

Chelsea Daly  
Camp Australia  
Operations Manager

JOIN THE FUN
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program:  

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